

26 August 2026

FOI Ref 23301

Request - You asked Staffordshire Police (SP) the following:

I am making a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for specific data from your police force in relation to:

* The number of children (aged 17 years and under) arrested at a place of education for the following years:

- 2020/21
- 2021/22
- 2022/23
- 2023/24
- 2024/25

* For each year, please provide a breakdown by:

* Age of the child at the time of arrest (where recorded)

* Sex of the child

* Offence category or type for which the arrest was made (e.g. assault, drug offences, weapons offences, public order)

* Whether the child was subsequently charged, released under investigation, given a caution, or had no further action taken

* Whether your force holds a specific policy or guidance document relating to the arrest of children on school premises, and if so, the title of that document. Please also provided a copy if possible.

If your force does not collect the data requested above, please confirm this.

SP received your request on 24/08/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

SP holds/does not hold the requested information.

- The number of children (aged 17 years and under) arrested at a place of education for the following years:
 - 2020/21
 - 2021/22
 - 2022/23
 - 2023/24
 - 2024/25 – **Disclosed, 1 in 2024/25.**
- For each year, please provide a breakdown by:
 - Age of the child at the time of arrest (where recorded)
 - Sex of the child
 - Offence category or type for which the arrest was made (e.g. assault, drug offences, weapons offences, public order)

- Whether the child was subsequently charged, released under investigation, given a caution, or had no further action taken – **Withheld.**

- Whether your force holds a specific policy or guidance document relating to the arrest of children on school premises, and if so, the title of that document. Please also provided a copy if possible. – **No information held.**

The following exemption has been applied:

In accordance with Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a refusal notice for parts of this request.

- Section 40(2) Personal Information

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption which means that there is no need to quantify the harm that may arise from the disclosure; neither is it subject to a public interest test.

To release personal or third-party information held by SP, would breach the data protection principles; namely –

- Data is lawfully and fairly processed.
- Processed in line with an individual's rights.
- Data is secure.

Personal and third-party information cannot be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

Disclosure under Freedom of Information is a release of information to the world in general and not an individual applicant.

Please be advised that all Freedom of Information request responses are published on the SP website although personal details are not included.

Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from SP, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing within two months of the date of receipt of this email, and should be addressed to:

IAT@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

Information Access Team



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

Staffordshire Police HQ
PO Box 3167
Stafford
ST16 9JZ

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Information Access Team within two months of the Force's response to the original FOI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing. The review will be conducted by a supervisor who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Information Access Team will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within 20 working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The independent Supervisor will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, considering the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Supervisor will reply to the appellant with the result of the review. If the appellant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following link:
<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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Information Access Team