

5 February 2026

FOI Ref 22423

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

I am writing under the Freedom of Information act to request data you have recorded on exposure offences/investigation.

Specifically, I request the following information. Please use the table templates.

1) How many new exposure investigations were opened, how many exposure investigations were finalised, how many of the finalised investigations had a named investigating officer allocated, and how many were linked to an attending officer, in each calendar year from 2019 to 2025? I specifically mean offence title of exposure, rather than the wider offence category of exposure and voyeurism. See below table for clarity:

YEAR

EXPOSURE INVESTIGATIONS OPENED

EXPOSURE INVESTIGATIONS FINALISED

OF THE FINALISED EXPOSURE INVESTIGATIONS, NUMBER WHICH WERE ALLOCATED TO A NAMED INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OF THE FINALISED EXPOSURE INVESTIGATIONS, NUMBER WHICH WERE LINKED TO AN ATTENDING OFFICER

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

2024

2025

2) How many of the exposure investigations which were finalised each year were closed within a day of being opened? How many were finalised within a week of being opened? For simplicity please base this on dates rather than hours. i.e. opened on 1st of month and closed by the 2nd (date + 1) or opened on 1st and closed by the 8th (date+7) for example. See below table:

YEAR

EXPOSURE INVESTIGATIONS FINALISED WITHIN 1 DAY

EXPOSURE INVESTIGATIONS FINALISED WITHIN 7 DAYS

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

2024



2025

3) Of the exposure investigations finalised each year, please break down by offence outcome per year (outcome 1-22 or other/na), where for example type 1 includes 1A/alternative offence etc. See below table:

INVESTIGATION OUTCOME

(EXPOSURE OFFENCE FINALISED IN YEAR)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
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Other/NA							
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Clarification received on 23/01/2026

I have received some requests for clarification about the question 'OF THE FINALISED EXPOSURE INVESTIGATIONS, NUMBER WHICH WERE LINKED TO AN ATTENDING OFFICER'. What I meant by this is "was a police officer physically deployed to attend and investigate the offence (at any point over the course of the investigation)".

I have been told that this should be an easily retrievable data point on NICHE. If this is not the case for your force or computer system and if it is likely to invoke a section 12 then please exclude this part of the question.

SP received your request on 20/02/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

SP holds the requested information.

- 1) How many new exposure investigations were opened, how many exposure investigations were finalised, how many of the finalised investigations had a named investigating officer allocated, and how many were linked to an attending officer, in each calendar year from 2019 to 2025? I specifically mean offence title of exposure, rather than the wider offence category of exposure and voyeurism. – **Partially disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 22423 Exposure Offences Data'. Please be advised that the part regarding attending officers has been removed as clarified by the applicant.**
- 2) How many of the exposure investigations which were finalised each year were closed within a day of being opened? How many were finalised within a week of being opened? For simplicity please base this on dates rather than hours. i.e. opened on 1st of month and closed by the 2nd (date + 1) or opened on 1st and closed by the 8th (date+7) for example. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 22423 Exposure Offences Data'.**
- 3) Of the exposure investigations finalised each year, please break down by offence outcome per year (outcome 1-22 or other/na), where for example type 1 includes 1A/alternative offence etc. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 22423 Exposure Offences Data'.**

Please be advised that the allocated investigating officer in regards to question 1 has been included where there has been an 'Officer in Case'.

Please note that this data has been provided to the best of the ability of SP, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software. Additional offences may have been recorded during these timescales but are awaiting finalisation and input onto these systems and would not be present within this dataset.

Every effort is made to ensure that the data presented is accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that this has been extracted from multiple sources, developed for specific policing purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the terminology of this request. Therefore, the data presented is subject to the inaccuracies and idiosyncrasies inherent in any large-scale recording system.

Consequently, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

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 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 SP 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 twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to forty 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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