

20 February 2026

FOI Ref 22474

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

1, How many non-domestic burglaries were recorded by your force in the following CALENDAR years? 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

2, How many non-domestic burglaries were reported to Opal as recorded by the following CALENDAR years? 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

I know that the above stats are held as they have been given to Opal for internal purposes and have been advised by the NPCC to apply for them via an FOI of every police force.

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

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

SP holds some of the requested information.

- 1, How many non-domestic burglaries were recorded by your force in the following CALENDAR years? 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 – **Withheld, please see below.**
- 2, How many non-domestic burglaries were reported to Opal as recorded by the following CALENDAR years? 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 – **Partially disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 22474 Non-Domestic Burglaries Data'.**

Please note that SP began reporting to Opal on 01/01/2024. As a result, the disclosed data covers the period from 01/01/2024 to 17/02/2026. The data provided relates specifically to offences where the crime type is classified as Burglary – Business & Community. Additionally, the data supplied to Opal is based on the occurred date, and therefore it may not be directly comparable with the data requested in Question 1.

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 this particular request.

- Section 21(1) - Information reasonably accessible by other means.

Section 21 is an absolute, class-based exemption and as such there is no requirement to quantify the harm that may arise from the disclosure, nor is there a requirement to perform a Public Interest Test.



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Advice and assistance

In order to comply with our obligations under Section 16 of the Act, the obligation to provide advice and assistance, please find below links to the information requested.

[Police recorded crime and outcomes open data tables - GOV.UK](#)

Once you have clicked on the above link, please select 'Police record crime open data, Police force area tables'.

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



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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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