

11 February 2026

FOI Ref 22477

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

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide data relating to offences on roads in England for the most recent three calendar years available.

Specifically, I request:

1. A breakdown of roads or local authority areas ranked by the total number of reported hit-and-run incidents per calendar year (2023, 2024, 2025). Please break this down by severity - fatal, serious injury, slight injury, damage-only.
2. How many of these hit and runs did the offenders go unpunished - ie, they evaded capture.
3. Please provide specific details for this - date and time of accident, who was knocked down etc...
4. Could you please also provide data for how many deaths have been recorded per year (2023, 2024, 2025) on each road where more than one fatal collision took place. If possible please note how many people died as a result of each collision, and how many children died
5. Where possible could you confirm what kind of vehicle was driven - and what brand and make of car if known
6. Could you also confirm how many accidents took place on the roads involving police cars. Please break this down by - No. of claims, Damages Paid, Police Force Legal Costs paid, Claimant legal costs paid, Total paid

SP received your request on 03/02/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

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

The following exemption has been applied:

- Section 12(1) where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.
Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the prescribed limit'.



The above information has been withheld for the following reasons:

There is no method by which we can readily retrieve information from our systems to answer this request. There is no specific incident category for 'hit and run' or similar incidents, these would be recorded as RTC's (road traffic collisions). For the time period requested, there have been in excess of 28,620 RTC incidents, in order to ascertain whether these involved a 'hit and run' and your requested details of the incident, the record for each RTC would require a manual review.

To extract this data would therefore require a very labour-intensive manual trawl through each record. From dip sampling, it has been estimated that it would take approximately 3 minutes to review each record to answer this request, this would equate to over 1,431 hours. To achieve this task would therefore exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold of the FOI Act by some considerable margin.

Advice and assistance

Section 16 of the Act places an obligation upon the Authority to provide advice and assistance, to comply with this obligation please see below.

In order to assist in refining your request, data could be provided for the total number of road traffic collisions per year and how many claims have been recorded for 2023 ,2024 and 2025.

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 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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