

17 February 2026

FOI Ref 22522

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

Please could you provide the relevant information for the period between 1 January 2019 until 31 December 2021.

For each report concerning drink spiking, please could you provide the following:

1. A monthly breakdown of the numbers of drink spiking reports filed.
2. The age group of the person who filed the drink spiking report, categorised as follows: 11-20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61+.
3. The gender of the victim.

Please could I have the response in an Excel spreadsheet. In regards to 1), 2), and 3) , I would like it in this format:

Column A: Months (January, February, March, etc...)

Column B: Number of males per month

Column C: Number of females per month

Column D: Age group 11-20

Column E: Age group 21-30

Column F: Age group 31-40

Column G: Age group 41-50

Column H: Age group 51-60

Column I: Age group 60+

SP received your request on 12/02/2026 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.**

- Please could you provide the relevant information for the period between 1 January 2019 until 31 December 2021.
- For each report concerning drink spiking, please could you provide the following:
  1. A monthly breakdown of the numbers of drink spiking reports filed.
  2. The age group of the person who filed the drink spiking report, categorised as follows: 11-20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61+.
  3. The gender of the victim.
- **- Partially disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 22522 Drink Spiking Data'. Please see the below exemption.**

**Please note that there are offences still being investigated so regarding these cases SP are citing Section 30(1)(a)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Investigations conducted by Public Authorities.**

Please be advised that a search has been conducted for the offences of 'Administering a substance with intent,' 'Administering poison with intent to injure or annoy' and 'Administering poison so as to endanger life' and each one has been manually checked to ensure it is related to drink spiking specifically.

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.

**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 30(1)(a)(b) – Criminal Investigations
- Section 30 is qualified and class based and, as such, SP are required to apply the public interest test.

**Public Interest Test**

**Factors favouring disclosure under Section 30(1)(a)(b)**

Disclosure of the information would improve the public's knowledge and understanding of the investigatory process and, as all police investigations are publicly funded, would show how public funds are being spent.

**Factors favouring non-disclosure under Section 30(1)(a)(b)**

Disclosure of the requested information would prejudice how investigations are conducted in the future. SP is charged with enforcing the law, preventing, and detecting crime and protecting the communities SP serve. Any release of information relating to ongoing investigations could prejudice and undermine those investigations. The prevention and detection of such matters could therefore be hindered and therefore risk interference with evidence, which could have detrimental impact on future investigations. In addition, the right to a fair trial could be undermined.



## **Balance test**

Disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act is a release of information to the world in general and not an individual applicant. Having considered the public interest factors SP are required to determine whether on balance the factors favouring disclosure outweigh those which are against disclosure. It is the view of SP that the factors favouring disclosure do not outweigh those which favour non-disclosure.

## **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](mailto: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



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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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