

25 February 2026

FOI Ref 22562

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

I am requesting the following information held by your constabulary for the periods:

- 1 January to 31 December 2025
- 1 January to 28 February 2026

Please provide a breakdown of the data for each council area or policing district within your constabulary's jurisdiction, where applicable.

For each council area/district, please provide:

1. Motorhome-related road traffic collisions

The total number of recorded road traffic collisions involving motorhomes or motor caravans during each period, along with a breakdown by severity (fatal, serious injury, slight injury). Please also confirm the month in each period that recorded the highest number of motorhome-related collisions.

2. Causes of motorhome collisions

The leading recorded causes or contributory factors for collisions involving motorhomes during each period. Where available, please include causes such as driver error or inattention, speeding, poor weather conditions, vehicle defects or mechanical failure, and driver fatigue. Please also indicate the month in which the leading cause resulted in the highest number of motorhome-related collisions.

3. Seasonal trends

Monthly totals for motorhome-related collisions during each period, to identify any seasonal patterns.

4. Driver age groups

The number of motorhome-related collisions involving drivers in the following age groups during each period:

- Under 25 years old
- 25–64 years old
- 65 years old and over

5. Motorhome-related enforcement

Where vehicle type is recorded, the total number of enforcement actions involving motorhomes during each period, including where applicable:

- Speeding offences
- Vehicle defect or roadworthiness offences
- Weight or loading-related offences
- Insurance-related offences

If possible, please provide the data in a spreadsheet format (e.g. CSV or Excel), with separate columns for each council area or district and period to allow for easier analysis.

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:

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 SP can readily retrieve information from our systems to answer this request. For the time period requested, there have been in excess of 8,800 RTC (road traffic collision) incidents. Although there is a 'vehicle style' field on the incident management database, this is not a compulsory field to complete and therefore contains a lot of blank fields. When filtered for 'motorhome' and 'motor caravan' this only returns 15 incidents therefore the data would not be a true representation of the information being requested. In order to ascertain whether a 'motorhome' or 'motor caravan' was involved in the incident, the record for each one would require a manual review. Additionally, to obtain the further information being requested, each incident would again have to be checked manually. 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 440 hours. To achieve this task would therefore exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold of the FOI Act by a 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.

Unfortunately, SP cannot suggest a way in which your request could be simplified or pared down to bring it within the confines of the time and cost threshold.

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:



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

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 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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