

6 July 2026

FOI Ref 22993

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

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

If not all questions can be answered within the time limit, please answer the questions in order until the limit is reached. If questions 2 and 3 cannot be answered within the time limit, please skip them and move onto question 4.

1. On how many occasions has your force issued a Notice of Impending Prosecution (NIP) in the following financial years?

- i) 2021/22
- ii) 2022/23
- iii) 2023/24
- iv) 2024/25
- v) 2025/26

2. How many properties in your area are currently suspected as being "Notice of Impending Prosecution (NIP) Farms"?

A NIP farm is an organised scheme where individuals or groups take payment in order to help individuals avoid motoring offences.

3. How many of these properties in question 2 are suspected by police to be the subject of cuckooing?

4. How many properties have been named on 20 or more separate occasions as the driver's address by someone in receipt of a Notice of Impending Prosecution between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2026?

5. How many properties have been named on 50 or more separate occasions as the driver's address by someone in receipt of a Notice of Impending Prosecution between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2026?

6. How many properties have been named on 100 or more separate occasions as the driver's address by someone in receipt of a Notice of Impending Prosecution between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2026?

7. What is the most amount of times a single property has been named as the driver's address by someone in receipt of a Notice of Impending Prosecution between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2026?

8. How many people have been charged in connection with operating a suspected NIP farm in each of the following financial years. Please provide details of which offence(s) they were charged under.

- i) 2021/22
- ii) 2022/23
- iii) 2023/24
- iv) 2024/25



v) 2025/26

9. How many people have been charged on suspicion of using NIP farms to avoid prosecution in each of the following financial years. Please provide details of which offence(s) they were charged under.

- i) 2021/22
- ii) 2022/23
- iii) 2023/24
- iv) 2024/25
- v) 2025/26

10. How many of the people in question 8 were prosecuted. Please break down the figures by the following financial years:

- i) 2021/22
- ii) 2022/23
- iii) 2023/24
- iv) 2024/25
- v) 2025/26

11. How many of the people in question 9 were prosecuted. Please break down the figures by the following financial years:

- i) 2021/22
- ii) 2022/23
- iii) 2023/24
- iv) 2024/25
- v) 2025/26

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request. Please be in touch in the first instance if you have any questions.

SP received your request on 10/06/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below SP's response.

SP holds/does not hold the following requested information.

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 - iii) 2023/24
 - iv) 2024/25
 - v) 2025/26 – **Unknown.***
- 2. How many properties in your area are currently suspected as being "Notice of Impending Prosecution (NIP) Farms"? A NIP farm is an organised scheme where individuals or groups take payment in order to help individuals avoid motoring offences. – **Unknown.***



- 3. How many of these properties in question 2 are suspected by police to be the subject of cuckooing? – **Unknown.***
- 4. How many properties have been named on 20 or more separate occasions as the driver's address by someone in receipt of a Notice of Impending Prosecution between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2026? – **Unknown.***
- 5. How many properties have been named on 50 or more separate occasions as the driver's address by someone in receipt of a Notice of Impending Prosecution between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2026? – **Unknown.***
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- 8. How many people have been charged in connection with operating a suspected NIP farm in each of the following financial years. Please provide details of which offence(s) they were charged under.
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- v) 2025/26 – **Unknown.***

Advice and assistance

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

*SP at this time are unable to extract this data. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your information request, you can make an appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The easiest way to lodge your appeal is via their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

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