

3 July 2026

FOI Ref 22999

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

I am requesting detailed information relating to crime, anti-social behaviour, and police staffing levels for Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Please provide the following:

1. Crime Data – Newcastle-under-Lyme

For the most recent three full calendar years (2023, 2024, 2025) and the latest available 2026 data, please provide:

1. The total number of recorded crimes in Newcastle-under-Lyme.
2. A breakdown by crime category, including but not limited to:
 - Violence and sexual offences
 - Public order
 - Criminal damage and arson
 - Burglary
 - Robbery
 - Shoplifting
 - Vehicle crime
 - Drugs
 - Possession of weapons
 - Theft (all types)
 - Other crime categories used internally
3. The geographic boundary used to define “Newcastle-under-Lyme” for these statistics (map, shapefile, or written description).
4. Any changes to boundaries or reporting areas during this period.

2. Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Data



For the same time periods (2023–2026 YTD), please provide:

5 The total number of ASB incidents recorded.

6. A breakdown by ASB type (e.g., nuisance, personal, environmental).

7. The number of incidents recorded as:

- ASB – non-crime
- Public order – non-crime
- Concern for welfare
- No crime
- Intelligence-only logs

8. Any internal guidance or policy changes relating to ASB recording during this period.

3. Police Officer and PCSO Numbers

For the Newcastle-under-Lyme area, please provide:

9. The current number of warranted police officers assigned to Newcastle-under-Lyme.

10. The current number of PCSOs assigned to Newcastle-under-Lyme.

11. The number of officers and PCSOs assigned in each of the last three years.

12. The number of officers/PCSOs actually available for duty (i.e., excluding long-term sickness, restricted duties, secondments, training, etc.).

13. Any staffing changes, reallocations, or reductions affecting Newcastle-under-Lyme since 2023.

4. Additional Information

14. Any internal reports, briefing papers, or statistical summaries relating to crime or ASB trends in Newcastle-under-Lyme produced between 2023–2026.

15. Any documents explaining changes in crime recording practices or ASB categorisation during this period.

SP received your request on 11/06/2026 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 police systems to answer parts of this request. For the time period requested, there will have been multiple reports, briefing papers and statistical summaries relating to crime and/or ASB trends in Newcastle-under-Lyme. This information is recorded on various platforms hence it would require manual searches to locate and assess the data in order to ascertain whether it relates to the request.

For example, each weekday (excluding bank holidays) a Daily Management Meeting report (DMMR), is produced. Each one would require a manual review which, from dip sampling, would take 20 minutes per report. With 253 reports per year this would equate to 84 hours and this figure does not take into consideration any other part of the request.

To achieve this task in isolation, would therefore exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold of the Freedom of Information 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.

In order to refine your request, data can be provided for question 1 all parts in full, question 2 all parts including the recorded ASB categories that SP record for incidents and question 3 parts 9 to 12.

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

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



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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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