

3 July 2026

FOI Ref 23036

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

1. Please provide the number of offences recorded by your force under each of the following CJS offence codes, for each of the last three financial years (2023/24), (2024/25) and (2025/26):
CJ88151 – Possess offensive weapon on school/further education premises
CJ88152 – Possess article with blade/sharply pointed article on school/further education premises
CJ88155 – Threaten a person with a blade/sharply pointed article on school premises
CJ88155B – Aid/abet a person to threaten with a blade/sharply pointed article on school/further education premises
CJ88156 – Threaten a person with an offensive weapon on school premises
CJ88156B – Aid/abet a person to threaten with an offensive weapon on school/further education Premises
2. For the 2025/26 time period, please also provide a breakdown of the type of weapon or article involved in each recorded offence (for example, kitchen knife, lock knife, machete, replica firearm, or other specified item), to the extent this is held in a structured or readily retrievable format. If complying with part 2 in full would exceed the appropriate cost limit under section 12 of the Act, please provide what can be supplied within the limit (for example, the most common weapon types recorded, or a sample of the most recent 20 cases), and advise how the request could be narrowed to bring it within the limit.

Clarification received on 23/06/2026

Yesterday I sent you the following question below using CJS offence codes relating to weapons cases on school premises. I am now aware that using Home Office offence codes may assist so I'd like to amend the question so that instead of the CJS codes in the question below they are all replaced with the following HO Codes:

HO code 008/27 – Having an article with a blade or point on school/further education premises

HO code 008/28 – Possession of other offensive weapon on school/further education premises

HO code 008/62 – Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school/further education premises

HO code 008/63 – Threaten with an offensive weapon on school/further education premises

Please note I am still asking for a three year breakdown and also in Q.2 I am seeking details about what these weapons might have been in the most recent year.

SP received your request on 23/06/2026 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

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HO code 008/63 – Threaten with an offensive weapon on school/further education premises – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 23036 Weapon Offences Data'.**
2. For the 2025/26 time period, please also provide a breakdown of the type of weapon or article involved in each recorded offence (for example, kitchen knife, lock knife, machete, replica firearm, or other specified item), to the extent this is held in a structured or readily retrievable format.
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As agreed, this data has been extracted from SP Crime/Occurrence recording system for your requested HO codes.

Please note that these figures have 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 figures presented are accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that data is 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.

As a consequence, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, so as to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

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 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.



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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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