



STAFFORDSHIRE  
**POLICE**

**Our Ref:** FOI 23120  
**Your Ref:** FOI 23087  
**Date:** 13/07/2026

### **Internal Review**

**Re: Request for internal review of response to application for information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, original request first notified to Staffordshire Police on 06/07/2026.**

**SP refer to the above request which was expressed in the following terms:**

Please provide me the following information:

- Number of deaths within your force area by those aged under 21 within the last 5 years that the police attended (This means the physical Presence of Uniformed Officers)
- Please provide a breakdown of this figure year by year and separate it into Gender (at Birth)
- For those that took place in public, please provide me a list of the recorded locations

**Further to the above, SP also note the following comments made within your request for Internal Review.**

I am writing to request a review to the response to my FOI request

This is on the basis that I believe that you can conduct keyword searches to ascertain the data requested, and therefore you can conduct many hundreds of searches at once, and this would eliminate the need for manual review. Because I require only a dataset, no redaction would be required, and therefore I believe you could complete the request in time.

### **SP Response**

An internal review is an opportunity to review the initial questions posed within the original Freedom of Information request. Upon reviewing your request for information under the Freedom of Information provision referenced above and all corresponding communication, SP are of the opinion that the response issued, alongside all clarification provided, fully answers the terms of your request.

SP also confirm that the application of all exemptions outlined within this response are fully justified, and that the explanations and rationale for their application conveyed clearly and unequivocally.

To clarify, as advised in your original response the information requested would require a manual review of more than 4840 incidents to answer the specific questions posed, in particular to identify the age of the deceased, gender and where the police have attended. To ascertain whether the victim was under the age of 21, the gender and to identify if the event took place in public, the record for each occurrence would require a manual review. This would equate to over 242 hours. There is no way to retrieve the data requested without completing a manual trawl. To achieve this task would exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold of the Freedom of Information Act. As advised in the response sent to you, SP would be able to provide data from 01/10/2021 (the date from which the data is held) to 06/07/2026 broken down by year where the call type description is recorded as Sudden Death 18 years and over or Sudden Death Under 18 years, and where an officer was resourced. If you do wish to receive the information highlighted, please submit a further FOI request.

Please be advised that all FOI requests and response letters are published on the Staffordshire Police website although personal details are not included.

If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner to investigate. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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