

2 June 2026

FOI Ref 22844

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

How many people detained under UK immigration legislation powers have been held in your force's police cells from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2025?

Please disaggregate by year, by police station and by length of detention, using the following lengths of detention:

- a. Up to 24 hours
- b. 24-48
- c. 48-72
- d. 72-96
- e. 96 - 120
- f. 120 hours plus

Of those held:

1. How many were released without restrictions?
2. How many were released on immigration bail?
3. How many were transferred to another place of detention?

SP received your request on 06/05/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below SP's response.

SP holds/does not the following requested information.

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3. How many were transferred to another place of detention?

– **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.

*We have made numerous exhaustive attempts to obtain the data you have requested from the relevant data holders within the force. However, following all attempts, we have been unable to receive a satisfactory response from the data holder with which to provide a response to your request.

Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

If you are unhappy with this response you can 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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