

2 June 2026

FOI Ref 22910

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

1. From 1 January 2022 to 1 April 2026, broken down by year, and month, how many of the following crimes were reported to your force with a location marker of 'petrol station', 'forecourt', 'service station' or similar term indicating the [reported] incident took place at a petrol filling station:

- Theft
- Robbery
- Armed robbery
- Burglary
- Attempted burglary
- Arson
- Attempted arson
- Assault
- Criminal damage

2. Please provide clear-up rates/tables for those incidents over the same period, broken down by year, and month.

3. Please also indicate how many (if any) offences were classified as 'organised retail crime' if this marker is one used by your constabulary, breaking these markings down by calendar year, and offence type listed above.

4. Separately, while I appreciated the specific offence of 'assault on a retail worker' only came into force on 29 April 2026, please tell me how many reports of such alleged incidents your force has so far recorded in total (not just at petrol stations).

Clarification received on 02/06/2026:

For Q2 please provide the outcomes for offences in Q1.
Please disregard Q3.

SP received your request on 21/05/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

SP holds/does not hold the requested information.

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Theft
Robbery
Armed robbery
Burglary
Attempted burglary
Arson
Attempted arson
Assault
Criminal damage – **Partially disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 22910 Petrol Filling Stations Data.xlsx'.**

2. Please provide clear-up rates/tables for those incidents over the same period, broken down by year, and month. For Q2 please provide the outcomes for offences in Q1. – **Partially disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 22910 Petrol Filling Stations Data.xlsx'.**
4. Separately, while I appreciated the specific offence of 'assault on a retail worker' only came into force on 29 April 2026, please tell me how many reports of such alleged incidents your force has so far recorded in total (not just at petrol stations). – **No information held.**

Please note that there are a number of offences that are still being investigated so with regard to these cases we are citing Section 30(1)(a)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Investigations conducted by Public Authorities.

The following exemption has been applied:

In accordance with Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a refusal notice for parts of this particular request.

- Section 30(1)(a)(b) – Criminal Investigations

Section 30 is qualified and class based and, as such, we are required to apply the public interest test.

Public Interest Test

Factors favouring disclosure under Section 30(1)(a)(b)

Disclosure of the information would improve the public's knowledge and understanding of the investigatory process and, as all police investigations are publicly funded, would show how public funds are being spent.

Factors favouring non-disclosure under Section 30(1)(a)(b)

Disclosure of the requested information would prejudice how investigations are carried out in the future. SP is charged with enforcing the law, preventing and detecting crime and protecting the communities SP

serves. Any release of information relating to ongoing investigations could prejudice and undermine those investigations. The prevention and detection of such matters could therefore be hindered and therefore risk interference with evidence, which could have detrimental impact on future investigations. In addition, the right to a fair trial could be undermined.

Balance test

Disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act is a release of information to the world in general and not an individual applicant. Having considered the public interest factors SP are required to determine whether on balance the factors favouring disclosure outweigh those which are against disclosure. It is SP's view that the factors favouring disclosure do not outweigh those which favour non-disclosure.

Please be advised that 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, taking into account 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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