

11 June 2026

FOI Ref 22995

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

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act and would like to request the following information from your police force.

Please provide the following information for each of the calendar years 2023, 2024 and 2025:

1. How many offences under Section 30 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (riding a cycle whilst unfit through drink or drugs) were recorded by your force?
2. If held separately, how many of those offences resulted in a charge or prosecution?
3. If held separately, how many of the total offences recorded involved an electrically assisted pedal cycle (e-bike)?

If your force records these offences under different descriptions or offence categories, I would be grateful if you could provide the closest available recorded information.

Where any of the requested information is held but not recorded in exactly the format requested, I would be grateful if you could provide the closest available recorded information.

If any part of this request exceeds the appropriate cost limit under Section 12 of the Act, I would be grateful if you could advise and assist me in refining the request so that it may be answered within the statutory limit.

Should you consider any exemptions applicable, please specify which exemption(s) you are relying upon and explain why they apply.

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:

SP holds the requested information.

Please provide the following information for each of the calendar years 2023, 2024 and 2025:

1. How many offences under Section 30 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (riding a cycle whilst unfit through drink or drugs) were recorded by your force? – **Disclosed, nil.**
2. If held separately, how many of those offences resulted in a charge or prosecution? – **Not applicable.**



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3. If held separately, how many of the total offences recorded involved an electrically assisted pedal cycle (e-bike)? – **Not applicable.**

Please be advised the data has been extracted from our custody/arrest system for the arrest reason 'Riding pedal cycle under the influence of drink or drug', this has returned nil arrests.

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.

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.



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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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