



23 June 2026

FOI Ref 23018

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to please request information relating to smoking and vaping fines at football stadiums within your area of responsibility.

Please provide the following information for the period 1st January to 31st December 2025:

1. The total number of fines, fixed penalty notices, penalty notices, or other formal financial penalties issued for smoking or vaping at the bet365 Stadium, home to Stoke City.

2. Where available, please provide a breakdown of all offences, including fines, penalty notices or other formal financial penalties by the following:

- The number issued by month
- The financial value of each issued

If your records distinguish between smoking-related and vaping-related offences, please provide this breakdown separately where possible.

I would appreciate it if you could provide this information in Excel format.

If the information is already publicly available, please provide a link or reference to where it can be accessed.

If any part of this request requires clarification or if any aspect cannot be provided, please let me know, and I will be happy to assist.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

SP received your request on 16/06/2026 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 the period 1st January to 31st December 2025:

- 1. The total number of fines, fixed penalty notices, penalty notices, or other formal financial penalties issued for smoking or vaping at the bet365 Stadium, home to Stoke City. – **Disclosed, nil.**



- 2. Where available, please provide a breakdown of all offences, including fines, penalty notices or other formal financial penalties by the following:
 - The number issued by month – **Not applicable.**
 - The financial value of each issued – **Not applicable.**

If your records distinguish between smoking-related and vaping-related offences, please provide this breakdown separately where possible. – **Not applicable.**

I would appreciate it if you could provide this information in Excel format. – **Not applicable.**

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.

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.



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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.

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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