

4 March 2026

FOI Ref 22568

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

This is an information request in regards to motoring speed offences

The relevant comparable sample set for this information request should be considered to be the same as the group described in the third bullet point of section 1.1 'Main Findings' of the official gov.uk statistics released on internet-link "Police powers and procedures: Roads policing, to December 2023 - GOV.UK" (in this particular aggregated example is presented as the amount of 2,324,542)

This information request does not include notices for penalties arising from other motoring related offences such as lapsed insurance

For the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2025 (five calendar years in total), how many in total:

- (A) Notices of Prosecution* for speeding offences were issued by the police
- (B) Notices of Prosecution* that were cancelled following issuance (for whatever reason)
- (C) Offers for driver awareness courses were made as part of the penalty for a Notice of Prosecution*
- (D) Conditional fixed penalties paid in regards to Notices of Prosecution*
- (E) Cases that were settled in court

*If your force uses different terminology for any of the categories above, please provide the closest equivalent data and indicate the terminology used. Please have regard to the type of notice being contemplated in this information request : defined as type of notices issued by the police (as described at the beginning of this information request) falling within the definition contained in Police powers and procedures: Roads policing, to December 2023 - GOV.UK (ie. section 1.1 'Main Findings' states ".... recorded motoring offences [....] for speed limit offences...."

To help the police discharge its section 16 FOIA obligations : this question seeks to ascertain how many speeding offences were generated by the camera network (see note below regarding fixed versus mobile camera network sub-groups) during the period in question, and of those that were not cancelled (for whatever reason), how many resulted in driver awareness courses, settlement by way of acceptance of conditional offers of fixed penalties directly with the police, and how many had to be settled in court. Furthermore, logically the totals in the response should add up as follows:

(C) plus (D) plus (E) = (A) minus (B)

Please answer (A) to (E) above for two separate groups of equipment : (A) fixed speed cameras; and (B) mobile speed cameras (eg. either handheld or in a mobile van). This means : I would like to know (A) to (E) for the fixed camera network; and I would also like to know (A) to (E) for the mobile camera network

SP received your request on 23/02/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

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

The following exemption has been applied:

- Section 12(1) where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.
- Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the prescribed limit'.

The above information has been withheld for the following reasons:

There is no method by which SP can readily retrieve information from our systems to answer parts of this request. For the time period requested, there have been in excess of 266,200 speeding offences, in order to ascertain whether these were captured on either a fixed speed camera or a mobile speed camera, the record for each one would require a manual review. To extract this data would therefore require a very labour-intensive manual trawl through each record.

From dip sampling, it has been estimated that it would take approximately 2 minutes to review each record to answer this request, this would equate to over 8,873 hours. To achieve this task would therefore exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold of the FOI Act by a considerable margin.

Advice and assistance

Section 16 of the Act places an obligation upon the Authority to provide advice and assistance, to comply with this obligation please see below.

In order to refine your request, data can be provided for all speeding offences recorded in the time period requested broken down by outcomes i.e. cancelled, fine paid, prosecuted or training course attended.

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.



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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, 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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