

11 March 2026

FOI Ref 22611

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

I am researching recorded "school break-ins" over the past five years.

Definition

For the purpose of this request, please interpret "school break-ins" as:

Recorded burglary or attempted burglary offences (business and community / non-residential burglary) where the recorded premises or location type is a school or educational establishment (including primary, secondary, and sixth-form/FE colleges where identifiable).

If your recording system uses alternative location classifications, please use the closest equivalent and briefly explain how this maps to the definition above.

Time period

Please provide data for the last five complete calendar years:
2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 (inclusive).

If only available by financial year, please provide the closest five-year period and specify which period has been used.

Requested information (CSV/XLSX format preferred)

For each year in scope, please provide:

1. Recorded offences
 - Total number of recorded offences matching the definition above within your force area.

In addition, where held in a structured format:

- Number of completed burglaries
- Number of attempted burglaries (or nearest equivalent classification)

2. Geographic area (structured fields only)

For each offence (or aggregated annually if preferred), please provide the structured geographic field(s) already held in your crime recording system, such as:



- Local authority area
- Postcode outward code (e.g., "OX1")

I understand that full addresses or full postcodes may engage personal data exemptions; I am only requesting structured geographic identifiers held in your system that can be disclosed.

If specific fields cannot be released, please specify which are held but exempt.

3. Outcomes

For the same offences, please provide the number assigned to each recorded outcome type per year (e.g., charge/summons, investigation complete – no suspect identified, evidential difficulties, etc.).

If Home Office outcome types are used, please specify the outcome categories.

4. Stolen property

Where held in structured format, please provide:

- The categories of stolen property recorded
- The total number of offences per category (annual totals acceptable)

If property value is recorded in a structured field, please also provide:

- Total recorded estimated value of stolen property per year
- Number of offences with a value recorded

I am not requesting narrative descriptions or manual review of individual case files.

If any element of this request would exceed the cost limit, please advise which specific part is problematic and provide the remaining information that can be disclosed within the statutory limit.

Clarification received:

I would be happy for question four to be removed.

SP received your request on 03/03/2026 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 data for the last five complete calendar years:
2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 (inclusive).

For each year in scope, please provide:



- 1. Recorded offences
Total number of recorded offences matching the definition above within your force area.
In addition, where held in a structured format:
Number of completed burglaries
Number of attempted burglaries (or nearest equivalent classification)- **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled FOI 22611 Burglary of Educational Establishments Data.xlsx**
- 2. Geographic area (structured fields only)
For each offence (or aggregated annually if preferred), please provide the structured geographic field(s) already held in your crime recording system, such as:
Local authority area
Postcode outward code (e.g., "OX1") - **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled FOI 22611 Burglary of Educational Establishments Data.xlsx**
- 3. Outcomes
For the same offences, please provide the number assigned to each recorded outcome type per year (e.g., charge/summons, investigation complete – no suspect identified, evidential difficulties, etc.).
If Home Office outcome types are used, please specify the outcome categories. - **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled FOI 22611 Burglary of Educational Establishments Data.xlsx**
- 4. Stolen property
Where held in structured format, please provide:
The categories of stolen property recorded
The total number of offences per category (annual totals acceptable)
If property value is recorded in a structured field, please also provide:
Total recorded estimated value of stolen property per year
Number of offences with a value recorded – **Question withdrawn.**

Please be advised that we have retrieved these results from a search of our crime recording system for non-residential burglary offences whereby the location address contains the words, 'School, University, College or Academy'. These results were then manually reviewed for relevant locations.

Please note that this data has been provided to the best of the ability of SP, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software. Additional offences/incidents may have been recorded during these timescales but are awaiting finalisation and input onto these systems and would not be present within this dataset.

Every effort is made to ensure that the data presented is accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that this has been extracted from multiple sources, developed for specific policing purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the terminology of this request. Therefore, the data presented is subject to the inaccuracies and idiosyncrasies inherent in any large-scale recording system.

Consequently, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

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 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.

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



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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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