

9 March 2026

FOI Ref 22617

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

1. Please provide the number of intimate image abuse / 'revenge porn' offences reported to the police force each year between:

- o 1st July 2021- 30th June 2022
- o 1st July 2022-30th June 2023
- o 1st July 2023-30th June 2024
- o 1st July 2024-30th June 2025
- o 1st July 2025-28th February 2026

Note: by intimate image abuse / 'revenge porn', we mean sharing or threatening to share private sexual photographs or films without the consent of the person or people depicted, which for cases from 31st January 2024 is a criminal offence under section 66(b) of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, as inserted by the Online Safety Act 2003.

For cases prior to 31 January 2024, offences were convicted under section 33 of the Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 and included a requirement for intent to cause distress. All the above includes 'deepfakes', which are digitally created and altered content in the form of fake images, videos and audio recordings.

2. Please provide the number of how many of the intimate image abuse / 'revenge porn' offences reported to the police each year between 1st July 2021-30th June 2022, 1st July 2022-30th June 2023, 1st July 2023-30th June 2024, 1st July 2024-30th June 2025 and 1st July 2025-28th February 2026 resulted in the following outcomes:

- * Outcome type 1 (charged/summonsed)
- * Outcome type 14 (evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action)
- * Outcome type 15 (evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action)
- * Outcome type 16 (evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action)

1. Please provide the number of intimate image abuse / 'revenge' porn offences that specifically involved threats to share private sexual photographs or films as opposed to recorded crimes in which these photographs or films had already been shared in the following periods:

- o 1st July 2021- 30th June 2022
- o 1st July 2022-30th June 2023
- o 1st July 2023-30th June 2024
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2. Please provide the number of intimate image abuse / 'revenge porn' offences that specifically included threats to share private photographs or resulted in outcome types 1, 14, 15 and 16 for the following periods:

- o 1st July 2021- 30th June 2022
- o 1st July 2022-30th June 2023
- o 1st July 2023-30th June 2024
- o 1st July 2024-30th June 2025
- o 1st July 2025-28th February 2026

1. Where possible, please supply data on the sex of victims who reported intimate image abuse / 'revenge porn' offences for the following periods:

- o 1st July 2021- 30th June 2022
- o 1st July 2022-30th June 2023
- o 1st July 2023-30th June 2024
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- o 1st July 2025-28th February 2026

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SP received your request on 05/03/2026 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 occurrences prior to 31/01/2024, there is no specific offence for 'threats to share private sexual photographs or films'. This information would likely be held within the occurrence log of the offence. Therefore, in order to determine whether the offence involved a threat to share private sexual photographs or films, the outcome and the victim gender of each offence, the record for each offence would require a manual review. There are over 260 offences recorded prior to 31/01/2024 that may contain this data. 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 10 minutes to review each record to answer this request, this would equate to over 43 hours. To achieve this task would therefore exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold of the Freedom of Information 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.

If your request was refined, SP would be able to provide the following information:

1. Please provide the number of intimate image abuse / 'revenge porn' offences (all intimate image abuse offences) reported to the police force each year between:

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3. Please provide the number of intimate image abuse / 'revenge' porn offences that specifically involved threats to share private sexual photographs or films (Threaten to share intimate photograph or film. Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 66B) as opposed to recorded crimes in which these photographs or films had already been shared in the following periods:

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4. Please provide the number of intimate image abuse / 'revenge porn' offences that specifically included threats to share private photographs (Threaten to share intimate photograph or film. Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 66B) that resulted in outcome types 1, 14, 15 and 16 for the following periods:

- 31st January 2024-30th June 2024
- 1st July 2024-30th June 2025
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6. Where possible, please supply data on the sex of victims who reported threats to share private sexual photographs or films (Threaten to share intimate photograph or film. Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 66B) for the following periods:

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Please be advised that the following offences would be provided:

- Share photograph or film of person in intimate state without consent. (From 31/01/2024 onwards)
- Threaten to share intimate photograph or film. (From 31/01/2024 onwards)
- Disclose private sexual photographs with intent to cause distress. (Prior to 31/01/2024).

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

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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