

6 May 2026

FOI Ref 22772

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request information from you relating to offences for failing to comply with a red traffic light signal. For the purposes of this request, I am referring to offences where a driver fails to stop at a red traffic light on a public road. Where possible, please exclude offences relating solely to other signal types such as level crossings or temporary roadworks signals. I would be grateful if you could provide the following:

Q1. The total number of offences recorded for failing to comply with a red traffic light signal in each of the following calendar years: 2023, 2024, and 2025.

Q2. The total number of offences recorded for the same offence from 1 January 2026 to 31st March.

Q3. Where available, the top five locations, roads or junctions within your force area where the highest number of these offences were recorded.

Q4. Where available, a breakdown of offences by time of day. For example, grouped into bands such as: Morning (5am to 11:59am) Afternoon (12pm to 4:59pm) Evening (5pm to 8:59pm) Night (9pm to 4:59am)

Q5. Where available, the number of offences recorded in each month for the most recent full calendar year.

Q6. Where available, the total number of penalties issued for these offences, including Fixed Penalty Notices, prosecutions, or driver education courses.

If available, please indicate whether the figures provided include offences detected via automatic enforcement cameras. If any element of this request is likely to exceed the Section 12 cost limit, please advise which parts can be provided within the limit. Please provide the information in an Excel spreadsheet or CSV format if possible. If you require any clarification regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

SP received your request on 15/04/2026 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 question 6 of this request. For the period requested, there have been more than 300 offences recorded for failing to comply with a red traffic light signal. To determine the total number of penalties issued for these offences,

the record for each offence 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 5 - 10 minutes to review each record to answer this request, this would equate to between 25 and 50 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, based on offences detected via automatic enforcement cameras only:

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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 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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