

13 May 2026

FOI Ref 22829

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request information relating to drink-driving offences.

For the purposes of this request, please include offences relating to driving or attempting to drive while over the legal alcohol limit, as well as being in charge of a vehicle while over the limit.

Q1.Daily breakdown Please provide the total number of drink-driving offences recorded per day (by date) for the following periods: 20 November – 18 December 2022 14 June – 14 July 2024

Q2.Year-on-year comparison (same periods) Please provide the total number of drink-driving offences recorded during the following date ranges (20 November – 18 December and 14 June – 14 July), for each of the years listed below: 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025

Q3.(Optional) Hourly breakdown Where available, please provide a breakdown of drink-driving offences by hour of day (0–23) for the periods listed in Q1 only. If providing this information would exceed the cost limit, please prioritise Q1 and Q2 and disregard this question.

Q4.(Optional) Drug-driving offences Where readily available, please provide the total number of drug-driving offences (i.e. driving or being in charge of a vehicle while over the prescribed drug limit) for: 20 November – 18 December 2022 14 June – 14 July 2024

If readily available, please also provide totals for these same date ranges in the following years: 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025

If providing this information would exceed the cost limit, please prioritise Q1 and Q2 and disregard this question. Please provide the data in Excel or CSV format where possible.

Clarification received on 12/05/2026

Further to my request, I would be happy for the data requested to relate specifically to arrests connected to drink-driving and drug-driving, rather than recorded offence/crime data.
We are also happy for Q3 regarding hourly breakdowns to be disregarded where this would exceed cost limits.

SP received your request on 05/05/2026 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.

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- **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 22829 Drink Driving Offences Data'.**

Please be advised that with regards to drink driving the data has been provided for the arrest reasons of 'In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drink', 'Drive whilst unfit through drink', 'Attempt to drive vehicle whilst unfit through drink', 'Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit', 'In charge of motor vehicle – alcohol level above limit' and 'Attempt to drive motor vehicle – alcohol level above limit'.

With regards to drug driving the data has been provided for the arrest reasons of 'Attempt to drive vehicle whilst unfit through drugs', 'Drive a vehicle whilst unfit through drugs', 'In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drugs' and 'In charge of a motor vehicle with proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit'.

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 arrests 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



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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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