



5 October 2026

FOI Ref 23474

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

For the offence of taking/making/distributing indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children under the Protection of Children Act 1978 (section 1) and possessing an indecent image or pseudo-photograph of a child under the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (section 160):

How many offences were recorded between 1st January 2025 and 31st December 2025.

Of these offences how many involved victims aged between 10 and 18 years old.

Of the offences where victim's were between the age of 10 and 18 years old:

CASE IDENTIFIER

VICTIM AGE

VICTIM GENDER

VICTIM ETHNICITY

SUSPECT AGE

SUSPECT GENDER

SUSPECT ETHNICITY

OFFENCE

CRIME OUTCOME

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CASE

For the offence of sharing or threatening to share intimate photograph or film under Sexual Offences Act 2003 (section 66B):

How many offences were recorded between 1st January 2025 and 31st December 2025.

Of these offences how many involved victims aged between 10 and 18 years old.

Of the offences where victim's were between the age of 10 and 18 years old:

CASE IDENTIFIER

VICTIM AGE

VICTIM GENDER

VICTIM ETHNICITY

SUSPECT AGE

SUSPECT GENDER

SUSPECT ETHNICITY

OFFENCE

CRIME OUTCOME

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CASE

For the offence of voyeurism additional offences under Sexual Offences Act 2003 (section 67A):

How many offences were recorded between 1st January 2025 and 31st December 2025.

Of these offences how many involved victims aged between 10 and 18 years old.

Of the offences where victim's were between the age of 10 and 18 years old:

CASE IDENTIFIER

VICTIM AGE

VICTIM GENDER

VICTIM ETHNICITY



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SUSPECT AGE
SUSPECT GENDER
SUSPECT ETHNICITY
OFFENCE
CRIME OUTCOME
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CASE

For the offence of creating purported intimate image of an adult under Sexual Offences Act 2003 (section 66E) and requesting the creation of purported intimate image of adult under Sexual Offences Act 2003 (section 66F):

How many offences of creating purported intimate image of adult have been recorded since 6th February 2026.

How many offences of requesting the creation of purported intimate image of adult have been recorded since 6th February 2026.

Of those offences:

CASE IDENTIFIER
VICTIM AGE
VICTIM GENDER
VICTIM ETHNICITY
SUSPECT AGE
SUSPECT GENDER
SUSPECT ETHNICITY
OFFENCE
CRIME OUTCOME
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CASE

SP received your request on 02/10/2026 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 local police systems to answer this request. For the first 3 sets of offences where the victims are recorded as being between the ages of 10 and 18, it is not possible to retrieve the data relating to the suspect/offender ages, genders or ethnicities without conducting a manual review of each occurrence. This would entail the manual review of over 140 occurrences. Further review would also need to be conducted to review occurrence summaries to check for personal information that should not be disclosed.

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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 23 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:

1. The number of offences of Take/ make / distribute indecent photographs or pseudo- photographs, of children between 01/01/2025 and 31/12/2025, broken down by outcome and victim age, gender and self-defined ethnicity.
2. The number of offences of Sharing intimate photograph or film to cause alarm, distress or humiliation, or for sexual gratification, Threaten to share intimate photograph or film and Share photograph or film of person in intimate state without consent between 01/01/2025 and 31/12/2025, broken down by outcome and victim age, gender and self-defined ethnicity.
3. The number of offences of Voyeurism additional offences (upskirting) between 01/01/2025 and 31/12/2025, broken down by outcome and victim age, gender and self-defined ethnicity.
4. The number of offences of Create purported intimate image of adult and Request creation of an image or the inclusion/exclusion of a thing into a purported intimate image of an adult between 01/01/2025 and 31/12/2025, broken down by outcome, victim age, gender and self-defined ethnicity and suspect/offender age, gender and self-defined ethnicity.

Please be advised that SP are unable to provide descriptions of each occurrence as this would engage Section 12 within the refined request. In addition, if the above data was requested through a refined request, the data would be provided in aggregated tables to avoid the disclosure of personal or identifying information.

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

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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Information Access Team