

6 October 2026

FOI Ref 23485

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

Thank you for taking the time to review my request and suggest amendments. I have attached an updated version in line with your recommendations.

1. 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:

OUTCOME

VICTIM AGE

VICTIM GENDER

VICTIM ETHNICITY

2. 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:

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3. 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:

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4. 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:

OUTCOME

VICTIM AGE

VICTIM GENDER

VICTIM ETHNICITY

SUSPECT AGE

SUSPECT GENDER

SUSPECT ETHNICITY

SP received your request on 06/10/2026 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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- - How many offences were recorded between 1st January 2025 and 31st December 2025. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 23485 Refinement of FOI 23474 Image-Based Abuse Offences Data.xlsx'.**
- - Of these offences how many involved victims aged between 10 and 18 years old. – **Partially disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 23485 Refinement of FOI 23474 Image-Based Abuse Offences Data.xlsx'.**
- Of the offences where victim's were between the age of 10 and 18 years old:
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4. 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. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 23485 Refinement of FOI 23474 Image-Based Abuse Offences Data.xlsx'.**
 - - How many offences of requesting the creation of purported intimate image of adult have been recorded since 6th February 2026. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 23485 Refinement of FOI 23474 Image-Based Abuse Offences Data.xlsx'.**
 - Of those offences:
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Please note that there are a number of offences that are still being investigated so with regard to these cases we are citing Section 30(1)(a)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Investigations conducted by Public Authorities.

The following exemption has been applied:

In accordance with Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a refusal notice for parts of this particular request.

- Section 30(1)(a)(b) – Criminal Investigations

Section 30 is qualified and class based and, as such, we are required to apply the public interest test.

Public Interest Test

Factors favouring disclosure under Section 30(1)(a)(b)

Disclosure of the information would improve the public’s knowledge and understanding of the investigatory process and, as all police investigations are publicly funded, would show how public funds are being spent.

Factors favouring non-disclosure under Section 30(1)(a)(b)

Disclosure of the requested information would prejudice how investigations are carried out in the future. SP is charged with enforcing the law, preventing and detecting crime and protecting the communities SP serves. Any release of information relating to ongoing investigations could prejudice and undermine those investigations. The prevention and detection of such matters could therefore be hindered and therefore risk interference with evidence, which could have detrimental impact on future investigations. In addition, the right to a fair trial could be undermined.

Balance test

Disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act is a release of information to the world in general and not an individual applicant. Having considered the public interest factors SP are required to determine whether on balance the factors favouring disclosure outweigh those which are against disclosure. It is SP’s view that the factors favouring disclosure do not outweigh those which favour non-disclosure.

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

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, taking into account 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/>

Freedom of Information
Information Access Team