27 October 2026 **FOI Ref 23508**

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

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:
The number of drink driving offences recorded for the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date.

a. Please can this be broken down by age, age and gender, and month of offence for each year.
b. If time allows, please also provide the number of offences broken down by age and time of day, e.g. 12am - 1am, 1am, - 2am, etc.
c. If you're unable to break down by hours of the day, please provide for day time / night time offences, e.g. 7pm - 7am, 7am - 7pm

If any part of this request would exceed the appropriate cost limit under section 12 of the Act, I would be grateful if you could contact me to discuss how it might be narrowed, rather than refusing it outright.
I would prefer to receive the information as: spreadsheet/CSV where the information is structured data.

CLARIFICATION Received:
Thank you for explaining. Yes, please proceed with the drink driving arrest figures for 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date.
My main priority is the age breakdown for each year, particularly identifying arrests involving drivers aged 17–24 and comparing these with arrests involving drivers of all ages.
Please provide individual ages where possible. If you use age bands, please provide those available, identifying the 17–24 age group separately if possible. Please include arrests where age is unknown in the overall totals.
We would welcome as much of the remaining requested data as you can provide within the cost limit, prioritised as follows:

1. Annual arrest totals and age breakdowns.
2. Age and gender breakdowns.
3. Age and month breakdowns.
4. Age and time-of-day breakdowns, using daytime/night-time bands if hourly figures are unavailable.

We do not wish to incur any charges. If necessary, please omit the lower-priority breakdowns. If further narrowing is needed to provide the information free of charge, please let me know.
Please also confirm whether the figures count arrest events or unique individuals, and the cut-off date used for 2026. A spreadsheet or CSV would be ideal.

SP received your request on 09/10/2026 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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- **Disclosed: Please see the accompanying file entitled, 'FOI 23508 Drink Driving Data.xlsx'**

This data has been provided to the best of the ability of SP, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems and 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 figures presented are accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that data is 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.

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 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 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/

Freedom of Information
Information Access Team