

3 September 2026

FOI Ref 23289

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

I appreciate that ViSOR is a live system and cannot be backdated. I am therefore not asking for a historic date. Please run the report on the date you process this request and simply state that date in your response.

1. On the date this request is processed, how many registered sex offenders was your force responsible for? Please state the date on which the report was run.

2. Of the offenders at Question 1, how many are currently recorded as wanted, circulated as missing, or otherwise of unknown whereabouts?

(For clarity, I am asking about any offender your force cannot currently locate, however that status is described on your systems. Some forces record these individuals as "wanted" on the basis that they have breached their notification requirements, rather than as "missing". Either classification, or both combined, is what I am seeking.)

3. Of the offenders at Question 2, how many have been of unknown whereabouts for more than 12 months? Please also state the longest single period for which any individual offender has been outstanding.

4. Of the offenders at Question 2, how many are assessed as being managed at MAPPA (i) Level 1, (ii) Level 2 and (iii) Level 3?

5. Of the offenders at Question 2, how many are believed to have left the United Kingdom?

SP received your request on 21/08/2026 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.

1. On the date this request is processed, how many registered sex offenders was your force responsible for? Please state the date on which the report was run. – **Disclosed, on 03/09/2026 – 2188.**
2. Of the offenders at Question 1, how many are currently recorded as wanted, circulated as missing, or otherwise of unknown whereabouts? – **Disclosed, on 03/09/2026 – 17.**
3. Of the offenders at Question 2, how many have been of unknown whereabouts for more than 12 months? Please also state the longest single period for which any individual offender has been

outstanding. – **Disclosed, on 03/09/2026 – 5. The current longest period for which an individual has been outstanding is since 08/07/2019.**

4. Of the offenders at Question 2, how many are assessed as being managed at MAPPA (i) Level 1, (ii) Level 2 and (iii) Level 3? – **Disclosed, 16 managed at MAPPA Level 1, 0 at MAPPA Level 2, 0 at MAPPA Level 3. 1 offender is currently unassessed.**
5. Of the offenders at Question 2, how many are believed to have left the United Kingdom? – **Disclosed, 2 are believed to have left the UK, 2 are known to have left the UK.**

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.

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

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.



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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/>

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