

23 September 2026

FOI Ref 23421

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

Under the FOI Act, please provide me with the number of antisocial behaviour incidents including 'quad bike', 'bike', 'scrambler' and 'moped' in offence summary in each of 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26?

For each year, please provide a breakdown for the total number of references in antisocial behaviour incident offence summaries of each: 'quad bike', 'bike', 'scrambler' and 'moped'

In 2025/26, out of the number of antisocial behaviour incidents including 'quad bike', 'bike', 'scrambler' and 'moped' in offence summary, please provide me the number which resulted in a police pursuit.

SP received your request on 23/09/2026 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 financial year 2025/26, there have been in excess of 1,800 anti-social behaviour incidents relating to bikes, quad bikes, scramblers or mopeds. To determine whether the number of incidents which resulted in a police pursuit, the record for each incident would require a manual review. To extract this data would therefore require a very labour-intensive manual trawl through each record.

From dip sampling, it has been estimated that it would take approximately 5-10 minutes to review each record to answer this request, this would equate to over 150 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.



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If the final part of your request was withdrawn, SP would be able to provide the following:

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However, please be advised that the accuracy and reliability of these searches cannot be guaranteed as only the incident log of the report is searched. If this term is mentioned elsewhere (i.e. within any associated crime report, statements etc) these will not be returned in the results. Additionally, if the term is misspelt within the incident log, this will not be returned. To provide accurate results would require manually interrogating each incident within the specified timeframe to establish its relevance to your request.

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 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



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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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