



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

25 September 2026

FOI Ref 23430

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

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information relating to reports of sexual offences occurring on trains within your policing area.

Please provide the following information for the financial years 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26:

1. The total number of reported sexual offences recorded as having taken place on board a train
2. A breakdown of these offences by offence type, where available, including:
 - Sexual assault
 - Sexual assault by penetration
 - Rape
 - Indecent exposure
 - Sexual harassment
 - Other sexual offences
3. Where available, please provide the number of offences involving:
 - A passenger being sexually assaulted by another passenger
 - A passenger being sexually assaulted by a member of railway staff
 - A passenger being sexually assaulted by another person known to them
 - An offender whose relationship to the victim was unknown
4. Please provide the number of recorded offences that resulted in:
 - An arrest
 - A charge
 - No further action
 - An ongoing investigation

Please provide your response in Excel/Sheets format if possible, and let me know if any amendments are needed.

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:

SP does not hold the requested information.

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.

The British Transport Police is a national special police force that polices the railway network of Great Britain. Please visit the following link to request information from this force:

<https://www.btp.police.uk/rqo/request/ri/request-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 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