
Police, Fire & Crime Panel – Public Question

Questions Posed:

Question 1

What are the crime statistics in Staffordshire for the last three years Oct 2020 - Sept 2021, Oct 2021 - Sept 2022 and Oct 2022 to Sept 2023 broken down under appropriate offence types (including minor offences), within areas in the county, please include what percentage are committed by our own and foreign nationals within the information?

Question 2

What crimes have been downgraded from main offence types into minor offences in the last three years and are not being investigated by Staffordshire Police if they do not meet a threshold in terms of cost or severity?

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Commissioner Response:

Question1

These operational statistics would be better serviced through an FOI request to Staffordshire Police, advice on how to do this is in the following link:

[Request information about the police | Staffordshire Police](#)

However, although not matching the exact timeframes as requested by Mr Riley, there is validated annual data made publicly available, which can be sourced from ONS Crime Statistics on the following link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1170938/prc-csp-mar16-mar23-tables-200723.ods

This data details the areas in the county, covers all offence types as requested, and stretches back several years. Caution is to be applied comparing year on year data as there are occasional changes to crime recording principles that forces are legally required to implement.

The recorded crime detail in the link above does not record the outcome of the crime, this is a different data set and is available publicly at Force Level only, available on the following link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1170941/prc-outcomes-open-data-mar2023-tables-200723.xlsx

Police are only required to record offender ethnicity, this information does not therefore answer Mr Riley in terms of nationality of offenders. Detail on ethnicity of those at different stages of the Criminal Justice process can be found on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/ethnicity-and-the-criminal-justice-system-statistics-2020>

Question 2

Crime classification and validation can be extremely complex with a requirement for significant operational expertise in this area. This operational data and the complex context that may need to be provided would be better serviced through an FOI request to Staffordshire Police, advice on how to do this is in the following link:

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