

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Decision notice

Date: 29 August 2024

Public Authority: Staffordshire County Council

Address: 1 Staffordshire Place

Stafford

Staffordshire

ST16 2DH

Request:

The complainant requested the following information from Staffordshire County Council on 10 April 2024:

"I would like to request the following information:

- 1) From the 1st January 2024 until the 10th April 2024 how many potholes have been reported via the Staffordshire County Council website?
- 2) How many potholes reported between the 1st January 2024 and the 10th April 2024 been inspected?
- 3) How many potholes that were inspected between the 1st January 2024 and the 10th April 2024 have been repaired?
- 4) How many potholes inspected between the 1st January 2024 and 10th April 2024 were deemed as repair not needed?
- 5) How many potholes reported during 2023 (1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023) are still awaiting inspection as of 10th April 2024?
- 6) How many potholes reported during 2023 (1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023) are still awaiting repair as of 10th April 2024?"

Commissioner's Decision:

A public authority will breach section 10 of FOIA if it fails to respond to a request within 20 working days. Based on evidence available to the Commissioner, by the date of this notice the public authority has not issued a substantive response to this request. Therefore the Commissioner finds a breach of section 10.

Steps:

The public authority must provide a substantive response to the request in accordance with its obligations under FOIA.

The public authority must take this step within 30 calendar days of the date of this decision notice. Failure to comply may result in the Commissioner making written certification of this fact to the High Court pursuant to section 54 of FOIA and may be dealt with as a contempt of court.

Right of Appeal:

Either party has the right to appeal against this decision notice to the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)
GRC & GRP Tribunals,
PO Box 9300,
LEICESTER,
LE1 8DJ

Tel: 0203 936 8963

Fax: 0870 739 5836

Email: grc@justice.gov.uk

Website: www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber

Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

**Information Commissioner
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