

I am writing to ask for information held by your Police force under the provisions of the FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 (FOIA), ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004 (EIR) and other legislation.

My request relates to all offences recorded by your force in respect of Theft Act (various and associated legislation) offences:

Theft of fish (including Carp)

Attempted theft of fish (including Carp)

Handling of stolen fish (including Carp)

To assist you my interest is in fish stolen, etc., from private waters, rivers, lakes, reservoirs, ponds and canals across England.

I ask that you release information for all such offences recorded over the period 2004-2016 relating to:

1. Number and details of offences recorded each year
2. Number of these offences investigated
3. Alleged value of fish involved
4. Outcomes from the investigations of any offences to include
 - (i) Proceeded against (to court)
 - (ii) Warned/Cautioned/Restorative Justice or other community resolution
 - (iii) Undetected/No further actioned

CLARIFICATION

My interest is in theft etc., from fisheries primarily. This would include lakes, reservoirs etc. I have no interest in garden ponds or the like.

For the time period 2004 – 2016 we have one crime recorded during 2016 regarding theft of fish from a lake to the value of £60 this is recorded as undetected.