Freedom of Information request ref 01/FOI/26/4309
We received your request on the 01/07/2026.

Request

You asked us:

For the period 1st Jan 2025 - 30th Jun 2026, how many people have been charged under the Vagrancy Act 1824. Please provide a breakdown by month and by section of the Vagrancy Act 1824. If this is too costly, please just provide a breakdown by month.

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Our response:

A search of the Force records management system, Niche, shows that from 01/01/2025 to the 30/06/2026 British Transport Police has applied an outcome to 86 crimes relating to the Vagrancy Act 1824, Section 3 and 4.

Only one offence had an outcome of 'Charged'. This was in April 2025 for a 'Public Order – Begging (Z80) offence (Section 3).

Please note:

- Not all crimes are solved by way of charging – other criminal justice outcomes are available.
- Each crime has one outcome.
- There may be more than one suspect per crime, and one crime may have several suspects.