



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

FOI ref no: 14599

10th August 2022

Freedom of Information request: reference 14599 first notified to us by email on 22nd July 2022.

Thank you for your recent request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as detailed below:

I want to know how long body camera footage is retained for before it is overwritten.

Staffordshire Police's response to your enquiry is as follows:

Staffordshire Police does hold the requested information.

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BWV (body worn video) is retained depending on what it is recorded for:

- **BWV is retained for 30 days if it is non evidential footage.**
- **Evidential footage for minor offences is retained for 6 years.**
- **Evidential footage for more serious offences is retained for 10 years.**
- **Evidential footage for serious offences for example Murder is retained for 99 years.**
- **Stop search footage is retained for 56 weeks.**

The following link regarding disposal and retention schedules may be of use:

<https://www.staffordshire.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/downloads/staffordshire/privacy/retention-schedule.pdf>

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this email and should be addressed to:

foi@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

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Staffordshire Police HQ
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Please remember to quote the reference number in any future communications.

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