



STAFFORDSHIRE  
**POLICE**

Our Ref: FOI 15414  
Your Ref: FOI 15175  
Date: 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### Internal Review

**Re: Request for internal review of response to application for information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, original request first notified to Staffordshire Police on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**

#### Original Request received on 18/01/2023 (15175)

*Can I please ask how many payments and the combined total of payments have been made for compensation claims from your police force in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022? Can these be sent as separate annual totals?*

*Further, can I have the details - within the limits of privacy and protection - for any individual compensation payments over £50,000 within these years. If, for instance, a compensation has been granted for a death in custody, could the reason, gender and age of victim, prison and total compensation be cited? If any of these would violate the FOI and as such result in a rejection, please redact and proceed on the others.*

*I'd also like this separated into police officer compensation and civilian compensation please.*

#### Clarification received on 09/02/2023

*Applicant asked if they require this to include motor claims. Also asked if by "civilian compensation" they mean police staff.*

*yes please, I'd like this to include all compensation claims, and with regards to the second "civilian" would mean claims made to members of the public, as a separate entity from police / police staff, if that makes sense.*

#### Request for Internal Review received on 17/03/2023 15414)

*I'm requesting an internal review of this request because I do not believe that basic information regarding public and employer liability claims, which has to be referred to the IOPC on a yearly basis, is not easily retrievable. I'm happy to refine this further, and to exclude the question regarding payments over £50,000*

*relating to specific incidents, but this is not information that most police forces have struggled to collate, considering that all I'm asking for is yearly totals, no specific details or further information. I'd have thought this would fall well under the threshold for a cost limit exemption in this instance.*

Applicant emailed on 22/03/2023 with the following:

*To clarify we are able to provide a yearly breakdown of compensation payments made for all claims apart from motor claims in full for the requested 5-year period (2018 to 2022). In addition, a further breakdown can be provided for payments made to police officers, police staff members and members of the public as requested.*

*We are also able to provide a total figure for all motor claim settlements for each of the 5 years but because of time and cost issues, we are unable to provide a further breakdown [of police, staff and general public] for these motor claims.*

*Would you be willing to accept this information as described above?*

Clarification/Response sent by applicant on 23/03/2023

*This would be completely fine, thank you very much for this.*

**As you have accepted the refinement offered (without the further breakdown for motor claims) and now that you have withdrawn the requirement for the £50,000+ payments, we have been able to process your request and provide the requested information within the time and cost threshold.**

**Please see the attached spreadsheet 'FOI 15414 Internal Review of FOI 15175 Compensation Claims Data'.**

**Please note that some data is being withheld from disclosure as I am citing the following exemption:**

**Section 44(1)(c) Information Covered by Prohibitions on Disclosure.**

**Section 44 is an absolute class-based exemption and there is no requirement to carry out a public interest test.**

**Please be advised that all FOI requests and response letters are published on the Staffordshire Police website although personal details are not included.**

If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner to investigate. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:



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