

16 August 2024

FOI Ref 16507

Request - You asked us the following:

1. Training conducted by Staffordshire Police to law enforcement officials of third countries
We would be grateful if you could provide a list of all the places of detention, police forces, security forces and military forces from non-UK countries to which Staffordshire Police personnel have provided training, from 1st January 2019 till 31st December 2023.

Please provide details on the foreign entity listed to receive the training, the dates of the training conducted and details of the training provided. Please specify for any training involving the use of equipment, the type of law enforcement equipment and weapons (e.g. handcuffs, leg restraints, other restraints (please identify), Taser, chemical irritant sprays, batons, launchers firing single kinetic impact projectiles, launchers firing multiple kinetic impact projectiles etc.) that the foreign law enforcement officials were being trained in.

Please disaggregate this data according to training provided by calendar year.

Please also highlight whether such training has been conducted in the UK or in a third country.

Please provide all information in a machine readable format.

2. Acquisition of law enforcement equipment and weapons by Staffordshire Police
We would be grateful if you could provide details of the law enforcement equipment and weapons that has been acquired by Staffordshire Police from 1st January 2019 till 31st December 2023.

Please specify the type of law enforcement equipment and weapons acquired during this period (e.g. handcuffs, leg restraints, other restraints (please identify), Taser, chemical irritant sprays, batons, less lethal launchers, single kinetic impact projectiles, multiple kinetic impact projectiles etc.); the date or dates of the acquisition of each equipment/weapon type; the amount (i.e. number of items) and cost (in pounds sterling) of each equipment/weapon acquisition; the purposes for which each equipment/weapon type was acquired and the company/country from the equipment/weapon was acquired.

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We received your request on 12/02/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

In accordance with Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a refusal notice for this particular request.

Staffordshire Police discloses/withholds the following information.

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The above information has been withheld for the following reasons:

There is no method by which we can easily retrieve information from our systems to answer questions 2 of this request. Within our systems there exists no mandatory field within which the country of origin for purchased equipment would be recorded. A review of each invoice that fulfils the criteria of this request would be required in order to ascertain this information and the data manually collated and extracted. Further cross referencing and analysis of various financial systems, budgets, and stakeholder engagements would then be required.

Extracting this data would necessitate a labour-intensive manual search across all transactions, to achieve this task would therefore exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold of the FOI Act by some considerable margin.



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The following exemptions have been applied:

- **Section 12(1) where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.**
Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the prescribed limit'.

Advice and assistance

Section 16 of the Act places an obligation upon the Authority to provide advice and assistance, in order to comply with this obligation please see below.

In order to assist in refining your request, should you limit your request to a single year it may be possible to provide a list of transactions; containing supplier, amount and the item description of each purchase. However, please note further exemptions may apply.

Next steps

You can ask us to review our response.

If you would like us to carry out a review of our response, please let us know within two months of the date of receipt of this email, review requests should be addressed to:

foi@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

Central Disclosure Unit
Staffordshire Police HQ
PO Box 3167
Stafford
ST16 9JZ

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

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