

9 August 2024

FOI Ref 16571

Request - You asked us the following:

- 1) What is your force's policy with regards to the phrase "From the river to the sea"?
- 2) Where your force's policy is that this statement is not always unlawful, under which circumstances could it be unlawful?
- 3) Where your force's policy is that this statement is not always unlawful, under which circumstances could it be lawful?
- 4) If there is no formal policy: please instead share any instructions, emails, or other documentation that may have been shared with officers with regards to what action should be taken when this statement is used by members of the public.

We received your request on 26/02/2024 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.

The above request has been rejected for the following reasons:

There is no method by which we can easily identify or locate whether information is held within Staffordshire Police systems to answer this request. This is due to the fact that all officers, local policing teams and staff within Staffordshire Police would need to be contacted; additionally, in depth email searches would also need to be performed force wide for any such documentation, instruction, emails or other communications that may have been shared with officers, should this exist.

The following exemptions have been applied:

- **Section 12(2) In order to identify whether or not information is or isn't held would exceed the cost threshold in accordance with Section 12(2) of the Freedom of Information Act as in order to satisfy S1(1)(a) of the Act would exceed the cost threshold.**

Advice and assistance



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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.

Unfortunately, we cannot suggest a way in which your request could be simplified or pared down in order to bring it within the confines of the time and cost threshold.

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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