



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

14 August 2024

FOI Ref 16908

Request - You asked us the following:

I would like you know who was the police officer that told Sgt ***** that I went out to children with a baseball bat.

We received your request on 23/05/2024 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 can neither confirm or deny that it holds the information you requested as it believes that the duty under s1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the duty to confirm whether the public authority holds information of the specified description) does not apply

The following exemptions have been applied:

- Section 40 (5) – Personal Information

Section 40(5) is an absolute exemption which means that there is no need to quantify the harm that may arise from the disclosure; neither is it subject to a public interest test.

To release personal or third-party information which may or may not be held by Staffordshire Police would breach the data protection principles, namely –

- Data is lawfully and fairly processed.
- Processed in line with an individual's rights.
- Data is secure.

Public Interest Test

Not Applicable

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.



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An individual can access personal information which Staffordshire Police may hold, by making an application under the Right of Access (formerly known as Subject Access) provision of the Data Protection Act 2018.

<https://www.staffordshire.police.uk/rqo/request/ri/request-information/ir/ask-for-delete-change-information/>

For incidents in which Staffordshire Police may or may not have had dealings with you, please see: <https://www.staffordshire.police.uk/fo/feedback/complaints/complaints/complain-about-the-police/>

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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