

19 September 2024

FOI Ref 17044

Request - You asked us the following:

1) The College of Policing requirements for Information Management specify that each UK police force must have an Information Management Strategy (IMS):

<https://www.college.police.uk/app/information-management/management-police-information/common-process-managing-police-information#information-management-strategy>

Please provide a copy of your local Police Force's IMS.

2) Please provide your Policy relating to the Management of Intelligence. As an example, I have attached Surrey's and Sussex's Policy.

3) Do you use the same system for crime and intelligence recording? What are the name(s) of the system?

4) In accordance with the National Intelligence Model, all intelligence should be handled using the 3x5x2 grading system, in which three source gradings exist; Reliable, Untested and Unreliable. In order to supplement National documents, an example of which I have attached and information available from National Policing College, via weblink: <https://www.college.police.uk/app/intelligence-management/intelligence-report> — what internal written material on the subject of intelligence has been produced by your Police Force (i.e. Guidance/a Handbook/Aide Memoire/Page on your Intranet or similar in nature) and is available to assist your officers? Please provide a copy of the information

We received your request on 15/07/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds the following requested information.

1. The College of Policing requirements for Information Management specify that each UK police force must have an Information Management Strategy (IMS):
<https://www.college.police.uk/app/information-management/management-police-information/common-process-managing-police-information#information-management-strategy>
Please provide a copy of your local Police Force's IMS. – **No information held.**
2. Please provide your Policy relating to the Management of Intelligence. – **Information held.**
3. Do you use the same system for crime and intelligence recording? What are the name(s) of the system? – **Information held.**
4. In accordance with the National Intelligence Model, all intelligence should be handled using the 3x5x2 grading system, in which three source gradings exist; Reliable, Untested and Unreliable. In order to supplement National documents, an example of which I have attached and information available from National Policing College, via weblink: <https://www.college.police.uk/app/intelligence-management/intelligence-report> — what internal written material on the subject of intelligence has been produced by your Police Force (i.e.

Guidance/a Handbook/Aide Memoire/Page on your Intranet or similar in nature) and is available to assist your officers? Please provide a copy of the information – **Information held.**

Staffordshire Police discloses/withholds the following information.

2. Please provide your Policy relating to the Management of Intelligence. – **Partially disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17044 Management of Intelligence – Intelligence Management Policy.PDF'**
3. Do you use the same system for crime and intelligence recording? What are the name(s) of the system? – **Withheld.**
4. In accordance with the National Intelligence Model, all intelligence should be handled using the 3x5x2 grading system, in which three source gradings exist; Reliable, Untested and Unreliable. In order to supplement National documents, an example of which I have attached and information available from National Policing College, via weblink: <https://www.college.police.uk/app/intelligence-management/intelligence-report> — what internal written material on the subject of intelligence has been produced by your Police Force (i.e. Guidance/a Handbook/Aide Memoire/Page on your Intranet or similar in nature) and is available to assist your officers? Please provide a copy of the information – **Partially disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17044 Management of Intelligence – Intelligence Management Policy.PDF'**

The above information has been withheld for the following reasons:

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

The information can already be found within the public domain.

To release personal or third-party information 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.

Personal and third-party information cannot be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

Disclosure under Freedom of Information is a release of information to the world in general and not an individual applicant.

The following exemptions have been applied:

- Section 21(1) - Information reasonably accessible by other means.

Section 21 is an absolute, class-based exemption and as such there is no requirement to quantify the harm that may arise from the disclosure, nor is there a requirement to perform a Public Interest Test.



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- Section 40(2) Personal Information

Section 40(2) 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.

Public Interest Test

Not Applicable

Advice and assistance

In order to comply with our obligations under Section 16 of the Act, the obligation to provide advice and assistance, please find below links to the information requested.

- <https://nicherms.com/2020/06/22/staffordshire-police-go-live-with-the-nicherms-police-intelligence-platform/>

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

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