

16 September 2024

FOI Ref 17086

Request - You asked us the following:

Please can you answer the following questions.

1. Do you have AEDs (defibrillators) in your workplace?
2. If yes, where are your AEDs stored? (e.g. in vehicles, in offices/stations, outside of building in a cabinet)
3. How many AEDs do you have?
4. What make & model are the AEDs please?
5. How old are the AEDs or what year were they purchased?
6. When would you look to replace your AEDs?
7. Who in the force deals with the maintenance of equipment such as AEDs?
8. Who is in charge of purchasing equipment such as AEDs?
9. Where do you purchase AEDs from?

We received your request on 24/07/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds the following requested information.

- 1. Do you have AEDs (defibrillators) in your workplace? – **Information held.**
- 2. If yes, where are your AEDs stored? (e.g. in vehicles, in offices/stations, outside of building in a cabinet) – **Partial Information held.**
- 3. How many AEDs do you have? – **Partial Information held.**
- 4. What make & model are the AEDs please? – **Partial Information held.**
- 5. How old are the AEDs or what year were they purchased? – **Partial Information held.**
- 6. When would you look to replace your AEDs? – **Partial Information held.**
- 7. Who in the force deals with the maintenance of equipment such as AEDs? – **Information held.**
- 8. Who is in charge of purchasing equipment such as AEDs? – **Information held.**
- 9. Where do you purchase AEDs from? – **Information held.**



Staffordshire Police discloses the following information.

- 1. Do you have AEDs (defibrillators) in your workplace? – **Disclosed, yes.**
- 2. If yes, where are your AEDs stored? (e.g. in vehicles, in offices/stations, outside of building in a cabinet) – **Partially disclosed, all the defibrillators are located in buildings, except for the Working at Heights Team which is located in their vehicle.**
- 3. How many AEDs do you have? – **Partially disclosed, 25 Defibrillators are located in Police Station, Police Buildings and the Operational Units.**
- 4. What make & model are the AEDs please? – **Partially disclosed, Samaritan 500P Defbrillator with CPR Advisor.**
- 5. How old are the AEDs or what year were they purchased? – **Partially disclosed, please see below:**

12 defibrillators were purchased on 26 Jul 2022

11 defibrillators were purchased on 03 Mar 2023

2 defibrillators were purchased on 08 Apr 2024

- 6. When would you look to replace your AEDs? – **Partially disclosed, the defibrillators purchased have a 10 year life period and are not due for review till 2032.**
- 7. Who in the force deals with the maintenance of equipment such as AEDs? – **Disclosed, Currently the Health & Safety Department are responsible for the maintenance of these listed defibrillators. However, the Samaritan 500P Defbrillator has an automated device checking system installed, these defibrillators 'self-check' every week.**
- 8. Who is in charge of purchasing equipment such as AEDs? – **Disclosed, purchase of defibrillators are made via our Contracts & Purchasing Departments.**
- 9. Where do you purchase AEDs from? – **Withheld.**

The following exemptions have been applied:

- **Section 43 – Commercial Interests**

This is a class based qualified exemption which means there is no requirement to provide evidence of harm but a public interest test needs to be considered.

Public Interest Test

Factors favoring disclosure

Disclosure of the requested information would allow the public to be aware of how public funds are spent or allocated and thereby would provide transparency and accountability, showing that funds from the public purse are used appropriately and proportionally.

Factors favoring non-disclosure

Through disclosure of the requested information, Staffordshire Police would find that its negotiating position would be greatly impaired through the release of details that would not only likely be prejudicial to Staffordshire Police but also to the agencies/companies involved. Releasing this information would be expected to have a detrimental effect on their ability to be competitive in the future and would be exceedingly likely to deter further enterprises submitting offers for tender in the future. This then would impede Staffordshire Police obtaining the most competitive or appropriate services in the future and negatively impact upon the public purse.

Balance test

It is the responsibility of Staffordshire Police, when dealing with commercial businesses, to not only protect their commercial interest but also that of Staffordshire Police. Commercial interests must be protected so that the best possible value for money is obtained through open competition, both for businesses and Staffordshire Police. This would not be achieved if full details were to be made available to the market.

Having considered the public interest test factors, we are required to determine whether, on balance, the factors favoring disclosure outweigh those which are against disclosure. It is our view that the factors favoring disclosure do not outweigh those which favor withholding the details. Therefore, Staffordshire Police declines to provide the information for the reasons stated above.

Please note that this data has been provided to the best of our ability, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software.

Every effort is made to ensure that the data presented is accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that this has been extracted from multiple sources, developed for specific policing purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the terminology of this request. Therefore, the data presented is subject to the inaccuracies and idiosyncrasies inherent in any large-scale recording system.

As a consequence, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, so as to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

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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Please be aware that although we have been able to gather some information, we have made many, thorough attempts to obtain all the information you have asked for from the force's pertinent data holders. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, we have not been able to obtain a sufficient answer from one of the data holders to address your request. As a result, the data disclosed is partial data to your request.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your information request, you can make an appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

The easiest way to lodge your appeal is via their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Alternatively you may wish to contact them via post and The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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:

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Or by Post to:

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

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