

23 September 2024

FOI Ref 17119

Request - You asked us the following:

You published the following news item on 30/7/24 concerning PC Daniel Jones:

'A police officer has been sacked after an investigation found he 'inappropriately touched' a colleague and made sexual comments while on duty. PC Daniel Jones, a Staffordshire Police response officer, was fired following a three-day misconduct hearing which concluded on Wednesday (July 24).'

I searched your website for the relevant misconduct hearing outcome and got:

' Sorry! Your search did not find any results.'

<https://www.staffordshire.police.uk/foi-ai/af/accessing-information/published-items/?q=&dt=Misconduct+outcome>

Please provide a copy of the misconduct hearing outcome for PC Daniel Jones.

We received your request on 01/08/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds the following requested information.

- Please provide a copy of the misconduct hearing outcome for PC Daniel Jones. – **Information held.**

Staffordshire Police discloses/withholds the following information.

- Please provide a copy of the misconduct hearing outcome for PC Daniel Jones. – **Withheld.**

The above information has been withheld for the following reasons:

This information is to be published fully in the near future.

The following exemptions have been applied:

In accordance with Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information act, this letter represents a refusal notice for this particular request as the following exemptions have been applied.

- Section 22(1)(a) – Information intended for future publication

Section 22 is a qualified class-based exemption and as such requires the application of a Public Interest Test.

Public Interest Test

Factors favouring disclosure for Section 22

To release the information that is held at this particular time would provide the public with an awareness of the most recently collated data serving to enhance public knowledge of the subject

Factors favouring non-disclosure for Section 22

Although the information is available, any data that is researched and prepared will need to be checked and authorised to be fit for release. As the information requested is due to be published in the near future the additional time and resources that would be required cannot be justified.

Balance Test

In this case a decision has been made to publish this information the near future. Section 22 allows for circumstances when it is reasonable and correct for public authorities to delay the provision of information until it is made generally available through publication. The additional resources expended by the force to deal with this request at this time would therefore not be in the public interest.

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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