

17 October 2024

FOI Ref 17282

Request - You asked us the following:

I am emailing to make a Freedom of Information request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please can you provide the following:

1. How many trained Dog Legislation Officers did the force have in each year 2021, 2022 and 2023?
2. How many trained Dog Legislation Officers does the force currently have?

We received your request on 20/09/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Staffordshire Police's response to your enquiry is as follows:

Staffordshire Police holds the requested information.

- 1. How many trained Dog Legislation Officers did the force have in each year 2021, 2022 and 2023? – **Disclosed, please see below:**

2021 – 3
2022 – 3
2023 – 3
- 2. How many trained Dog Legislation Officers does the force currently have? – **Withheld, please see below.**

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.

- 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.

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.

- In relation to question 2, please see the below link.
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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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Central Disclosure Unit