

24 October 2024

FOI Ref 17288

Request - You asked us the following:

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

This request relates to the Police Force's use of psychics (by which I mean all types of psychics, clairvoyants, 'remote viewers', mediums, astrologers, mind-readers, etc.)

3. In the last three years, how many times has the police force actively engaged with a psychic for the purpose of using their services?

2. In the last three years, how many times has the force paid for the services of a psychic in relation to a criminal case?

3. In the last three years, how many times has the police force been contacted by psychics offering to help with a criminal investigation?

4. Does the police force have any written policy regarding the use of psychics in criminal investigations? If so, please provide me with a copy.

We received your request on 24/09/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

Staffordshire Police holds some of the requested information.

- 1. In the last three years, how many times has the police force actively engaged with a psychic for the purpose of using their services? – **Disclosed, nil.**
- 2. In the last three years, how many times has the force paid for the services of a psychic in relation to a criminal case? – **No information held.**
- 3. In the last three years, how many times has the police force been contacted by psychics offering to help with a criminal investigation? – **Disclosed, one.**
- 4. Does the police force have any written policy regarding the use of psychics in criminal investigations? If so, please provide me with a copy. – **No information held.**

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.

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

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