

5 November 2024

FOI Ref 17297

Request - You asked us the following:

Dear Staffordshire Police,

A recent HMICFRS inspection report refers to a decision you made not to require officers to activate BWV outside the planned use of force:

'The force has also decided not to require officers to activate BWV outside the planned use of force. As such, there is no specific requirement for BWV to be activated if use of force is deployed spontaneously due to a change of circumstances during an incident. The force has taken legal advice, as this practice isn't in line with National Police Chiefs' Council guidance, which states that: "When officers are using any police powers (such as power of arrest, stop and search, use of force), due to the level of scrutiny some of these powers can attract, then body-worn cameras must be activated, unless there is a justifiable reason not to.'" (p9)

<https://hmicfrs.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/news/news-feed/staffordshire-police-has-made-improvements-but-further-changes-needed/>

1. Please provide the date the new policy became effective and full details of the information communicated to officers informing them of the change.
2. Please provide full details of the rationale for the change.
3. Please provide copies of any reports or other information held (minutes?) concerning the impact of the policy change.

We received your request on 26/09/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

Staffordshire Police does not hold the requested information.

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2. Please provide full details of the rationale for the change. – **No information held.**
3. Please provide copies of any reports or other information held (minutes?) concerning the impact of the policy change. – **No information held.**

Next steps



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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:

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

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