

31 October 2024

FOI Ref 17331

Request - You asked us the following:

I wish to make a Freedom of Information request, in regards to the status of the proposed dedicated Fire Arms Range to be built at Weston Rd.

Without affecting the security and integrity of the Staffs Police, can you release any information, in regards to the status of this project.

I further request for any information, in regards to the status and operational compliance of the Armed Response Teams, in regards to the criteria laid down by the National Police Firearms Training Curriculum (NPFTC).

I ask this latter question, because it appears that Staffs Police deem it a necessary requirement to spend some 16.8 million pounds on the establishment, to maintain the status of the Armed Response Teams.

We received your request on 07/10/2024 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.

- Without affecting the security and integrity of the Staffs Police, can you release any information, in regards to the status of this project. – **Disclosed, this project has been through the Royal Institute of British Architects project lifecycle. We are coming to the end of RIBA Stage 4 'Technical Design' which has finalised a detailed design for the building, building systems and the surrounding site. In parallel with this we have run a tender exercise to identify a main contractor for the build. We will shortly be initiating period of work covered by a Pre-Construction Services Agreement during which the main contractor will engage with their supply chain to cost all of the work packages required to create the facility. At the end of this period we will have a fully costed plan which will allow the Staffordshire Police, and the Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner to take a decision on whether to progress to build the facility. This decision is expected to be taken spring 2025.**
- I further request for any information, in regards to the status and operational compliance of the Armed Response Teams, in regards to the criteria laid down by the National Police Firearms Training Curriculum (NPFTC). – **Disclosed, the training for Staffordshire Police's Armed Response Officers is carried out under a licence provided by the College of Policing. The force has recently been inspected by the College of Policing and our licence has been extended. All Armed Response Officers are trained and accredited in line with the College of Policing training curriculum.**



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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.

- **All decisions taken through Police and Crime Commissioner Governance forums, including those pertaining to the Firearms Range, are available to the public on the PFCC's website:**
<https://staffordshire-pfcc.gov.uk/transparency/decisions/>

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

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