

13 November 2024

FOI Ref 17370

Request - You asked us the following:

FAO of the Chief Constable

1. Have you or your authority ever instructed your officers, through word of mouth or written instruction, to only recommend and/or make the public aware of Police CPI Ltd (trading as Secured by Design) certified crime prevention products? Y or N? If yes, please supply copies of the instructions.
2. Have you or your authority ever given permission to Police CPI Ltd for the names of the latter's employees, purporting to be serving Designing Out Crime Officers, to be listed on your website, and/or under your authority's name on their website? Y or N?
3. In the past 2 years, have you or your authority or any organisation you are aware of made any assessment of Police CPI Ltd.'s capabilities with regard to the technical expertise necessary, and their qualifications to assess and certify all crime prevention products to be brought to the attention of the public and victims by your officers. Y or N? If yes, please provide copies of these assessments.
4. Have you, the Chief Constable, responsible for the expenditure of taxpayers' money to purchase services from Police CPI Ltd. ever sat on the board of that private company while employed as a police officer. Y or N?

We received your request on 15/10/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

Staffordshire Police holds/does not hold the requested information.

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4. Have you, the Chief Constable, responsible for the expenditure of taxpayers' money to purchase services from Police CPI Ltd. ever sat on the board of that private company while employed as a police officer. Y or N? – **Withheld, please see below.**

For questions 1 to 3, please note that information is defined in section 84 of the Act as 'information recorded in any form'. The Act therefore only extends to requests for recorded information. It does not require public authorities to answer questions generally; only if they already hold the answers in recorded form.

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.

- <https://www.policecpi.com/about-us>
- <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/03816000/officers?page=2>

Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Staffordshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing within two months of the date of receipt of this email, and should be addressed to:

foi@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

Central Disclosure Unit
Staffordshire Police HQ
PO Box 3167
Stafford
ST16 9JZ



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The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Central Disclosure Unit within two months of the Force's response to the original FOI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Central Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within 20 working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

ICO Website for complaints link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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