

11 October 2024

FOI Ref 17170

Request - You asked us the following:

I am writing to you Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and request you provide information on the following:

1. Data on the requirement and use of face masks in your Force Control Room during the period March 2020 to January 2022.
2. Provide copies of all risks assessments, including originals and any amendments made during that period in relation to wearing of face coverings in your force control room.
3. Provide information on adjustments made for disabled staff who were unable to wear a face covering and the associated risks assessments for this.

I would like you to provide the information in email and electronic format:

We received your request on 19/08/2024 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.

- 1. Data on the requirement and use of face masks in your Force Control Room during the period March 2020 to January 2022. **Disclosed, in accordance with the guidelines for COVID limits that were given at the time by the Government. All staff have the option to wear face masks, if they wish to and are supported by management.**
- 2. Provide copies of all risks assessments, including originals and any amendments made during that period in relation to wearing of face coverings in your force control room. - **No information held.**

Please note, we do not have any information due to our email retention policy.

- 3. Provide information on adjustments made for disabled staff who were unable to wear a face covering and the associated risks assessments for this – **Disclosed, Supervisors conducted risk assessments if a person was deemed clinically vulnerable or unable to wear face coverings. Control measures included a 2-metre distance, covid screens, working from home, shielding, allocating specific offices when feasible, and covid secure signage. We provided see through masks for those who had hearing impairments and depended on being able to lip read.**



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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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