

1 October 2024

FOI Ref 17202

Request - You asked us the following

I have searched your website for details of upcoming misconduct hearings without success.

Your page titled 'Misconduct hearings' contains links to three pages: 'About misconduct hearings', 'Attend misconduct hearings' and 'Misconduct hearing outcomes':

<https://www.staffordshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/mis/misconduct-hearings/>

Unusually, your page does not have a link to 'Upcoming misconduct hearings', like other forces, eg West Midlands Police:

<https://beta.westmidlands.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/mis/misconduct-hearings/>

In 2018 you responded to a similar request by engaging Section 21. You provided a link in that response; however, when I click on the link it leads to nothing (page not found):

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/public_admittance_to_misconduct

Please provide full details of how you notify the public of upcoming misconduct hearings when required to do so by the person chairing or conducting the hearings.

We received your request on 28/08/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds the following requested information

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The above information has been withheld for the following reasons

In accordance with Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a refusal notice for this particular request.

The information can already be found within the public domain.



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The following exemptions have been applied:

- 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.

- All upcoming hearings will be listed on the below page:
<https://www.staffordshire.police.uk/police-forces/staffordshire-police/areas/staffordshire-police/mis/upcoming-misconduct-hearings/>

However, please note as soon as the hearing has finished the listing will expire.

Unfortunately, we are also unable to determine why the link does not work and cannot investigate how this was obtained originally due to the timespan since this request was made and our retention of FOI requests.

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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