

10 October 2024

FOI Ref 17206

Request - You asked us the following:

With regard to the Removal, Storage and Disposal of Motor Vehicles (amendment) Regulations 2023 (commencement date: 6 April 2023) charges for recovery and storage. Please:

1. provide a copy of your vehicle storage & removal policy; the procedure relating to recovery and storage charges i.e. the date from which these commence taking into consideration forensic examination, that the vehicle may not be release immediately etc.
2. provide a copy of your standard letter to the owner/keeper/insurer of a vehicle recovered and in storage that sets out their recovery process, the charges incurred etc.
3. advise what amount/proportion of the charges levied by your recovery operator are remitted to your constabulary

I am seeking the information , the figures you are paid by the operator either by way of affiliate, rebate or any other arrangement that sees the operator make a payment to you for these services. Please provide the information since 01/01/2023.

We received your request on 29/08/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

Staffordshire Police holds the requested information.

- 1. provide a copy of your vehicle storage & removal policy; the procedure relating to recovery and storage charges i.e. the date from which these commence taking into consideration forensic examination, that the vehicle may not be release immediately etc. – **Withheld, please see below.**
- 2. provide a copy of your standard letter to the owner/keeper/insurer of a vehicle recovered and in storage that sets out their recovery process, the charges incurred etc. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying files entitled 'FOI 17206 RTRA Letter, FOI 17206 PPA Letter, FOI 17206 Scenarios Tables Letter and FOI 17206 Unil 2 Seizure'.**
- 3. advise what amount/proportion of the charges levied by your recovery operator are remitted to your constabulary – **Disclosed, £30 per vehicle that receives a statutory payment.**
- I am seeking the information , the figures you are paid by the operator either by way of affiliate, rebate or any other arrangement that sees the operator make a payment to you for these services. Please provide the information since 01/01/2023. - **Disclosed, £298,170.**



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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.

- [Vehicle recovery | Staffordshire Police](#)

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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