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Your Ref: FOI 21656
Date: 18 August 2025

Internal Review

Re: Request for internal review of response to application for information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, original request first notified to Staffordshire Police on 29/07/2025.

We refer to the above request which was expressed in the following terms:

Given the following statement made by the U.N. representative.

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<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2025/jul/25/uk-ban-palestine-action-odds-international-law-un-rights-volker-turk>

In that case.

1) On what legal grounds was the severely disabled young man in a wheel chair arrested on Saturday 26th July 2025 outside the Elbit factory Shenstone Staffordshire? Photographs have gone around the world as an example of policing at odds with International Law. This is causing both embarrassment and consternation in Staffordshire. It may also have other legal consequences where the taxpayer has to pay a bill for breaches of International Law committed in the Staffordshire County Council area.

2) Which police officer gave the order for that arrest?

3) What political order was given for that arrest by who?

4) Who was the lead police officer on duty that day on the ground?

5) Who was silver command?

6) Who was gold command?

7) What guidelines were used?

8) Given the young man is severely disabled what guidelines were used for his specific arrest and detention?

9) It is clear from video and photographic evidence that the young man was not given opportunity to wheel himself. Why was it necessary to lift his wheel chair at all? Why couldn't the chair simply be pushed? How many police were used to lift his wheelchair?. Since an arrestee should be treated the same as a fully abled bodied person The Equality Act 2010 applies - reasonable adjustments - What ramp did you have to enable the wheel chair user to wheel himself into the police van? What was its specifications? And - How could he have been given an option if no ramp exists?

- 10) What station was the arrestee taken to? How many ramps does that police station have? where?
- 11) On what charge?
- 12) Given the arrestee's disability has he been given access to independent medical care? Please state if they are registered - who with?
- 13) Has he been given access to an independent qualified care assistant? Please state if they are registered - who with?
- 14) How many times has this arrestee seen a medical professional?
- 15) How many times has he seen a care assistant during the day and night time?
- 16) Do you have a detailed observation sheet available for inspection by his own legal/medical team? From medical practitioners? From the care assistants? from the police?
- 17) How long has he been kept away from his own legal help? On what grounds, please state which section, sub section and paragraph please?
- 18) Has he been taken to hospital for any treatment?
- 19) Has he received any of his normal medical, physiotherapy and other medical or social assistance whilst detained?
- 20) Which police station/s has he further been taken to or transferred to since his arrest? Why?

Thank you for your kind consideration of the above questions.

Further to the above, we also note the following comments made within your request for Internal Review.

I am writing to request an internal review of Staffordshire Police's handling of my FOI request 'UK's obligations under international human rights law'. I am requesting an internal review, with particular focus on the public interest test, which I think has overlooked some important points in favour of disclosure.

1) Your assessment of International Law is in direct conflict with the assessment by the U.N.'s Human Rights Commissioner. It cannot be in The Public Interest for that assessment to be ignored by Staffordshire Police. This law was not addressed in your response at all.

2) You fail to address competing laws which favour a response specifically The Equality Act 2010. I fail to see how counting wheel chair ramps for example has anything to do with any other law. Is it in The Public Interest to evade that law.

3) Is this just a bid to use the Terrorism Act to avoid engaging with any other laws and civil society as it suits you. Is that in the Public Interest and was that and only that considered in this Public Interest Test.

5) Christopher Noble Chief Constable of Staffordshire National Lead police for Protest Policing ex overt counter terrorism at the RUC has been suspended from duties on a serious matter. As Chief Constable he sanctioned this arrest of a severely disabled man when other forces have turned away from conducting such arrests of people obviously and clearly incapable of being of any harm to civil society. That appears a severe error of judgment. Is that in the Public Interest and has that been included in the Public Interest Test. And if not him who was responsible. Get to the bottom of this. That is certainly in The Public Interest and those questions must be answered as part of The Public Interest Test.

4) The taxpayer is likely to be held accountable for these breaches of International Law commitments and its consequences. Will that compensation come out of the Staffordshire policing budget. Have you considered that point in your Public Interest Test.

For points one to five you have failed to address salient parts of what is in The Public Interest and must be addressed as part of The Public Interest Test.

Thank you for your kind consideration of the above points for review.

Our Response

We have now carried out an Internal Review and as a result, we are revising our response as follows:

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

Staffordshire Police can neither confirm or deny that it holds the information you requested as it believes that the duty under s1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the duty to confirm whether the public authority holds information of the specified description) does not apply.

- **Section 40(5) Personal Information**

Section 40(5) is an absolute exemption which means that there is no need to quantify the harm that may arise from the disclosure; neither is it subject to a public interest test.

To release personal or third-party information held by Staffordshire Police, would breach the data protection principles; namely –

- **Data is lawfully and fairly processed.**
- **Processed in line with an individual's rights.**
- **Data is secure.**

Personal and third-party information cannot be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

Disclosure under Freedom of Information is a release of information to the world in general and not an individual applicant.

Please disregard the original response letter that was sent to you on 7th August 2025 (21656).

Please be advised that all FOI requests and response letters are published on the Staffordshire Police website although personal details are not included.

If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner to investigate. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:



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