

29 August 2025

FOI Ref 21756

Request - You asked us the following:

1. Do officers working in sexual offences investigation units (such as Public Protection Units, Rape and Serious Sexual Offences Units, or Child Protection Units) receive any additional pay, allowances, or financial enhancements compared to other officers of the same rank within your force?
2. If yes, please provide details of the type of payment or allowance, the amount, and the circumstances under which it is awarded.
3. If no such payments exist, please confirm that all officers in these units are paid in line with standard police pay scales only.

We received your request on 18/08/2025 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. Do officers working in sexual offences investigation units (such as Public Protection Units, Rape and Serious Sexual Offences Units, or Child Protection Units) receive any additional pay, allowances, or financial enhancements compared to other officers of the same rank within your force? – **Disclosed, no.**
- 2. If yes, please provide details of the type of payment or allowance, the amount, and the circumstances under which it is awarded. – **Not applicable.**
- 3. If no such payments exist, please confirm that all officers in these units are paid in line with standard police pay scales only. – **Disclosed, Officers assigned to these areas are remunerated in accordance with the standard police pay scales, applicable to their rank and role.**

Please be advised that all Freedom of Information request responses are published on the Staffordshire Police website although personal details are not included.

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:



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

foi@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

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

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.

1. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing. The review will be conducted by a Supervisor 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 Supervisor 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.

2. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Supervisor will reply to the appellant with the result of the review. If the appellant 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 link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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