

21 February 2025

FOI Ref 17757

Request - You asked us the following:

Thanks for the response to my request (FOI 17711), which was rejected on cost grounds. Would it be possible to answer the questions for a reduced time period, say a week - such as the first week of January 2025?

CLARIFICATION RECEIVED ON 05/02/2025

Okay sure that's fine thanks

ORIGINAL REQUEST

Could you please send me a list of all of the minutes - for meetings attended or convened by your force's chief constable - between the time period of 1 September 2024 to 31 December 2024. Please describe the nature of the meeting, who attended the meeting (with their job titles), the location of the meeting and attach any receipts for food, drinks consumed at the meetings.

By "meeting", I am referring to schedule roundtables/discussions/meetings/conferences etc... For example, these could be meetings with police union representatives, MPs, chief constables from other forces etc.

We received your request on 03/02/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

Staffordshire Police holds some of the requested information.

- Thanks for the response to my request (FOI 17711), which was rejected on cost grounds. Would it be possible to answer the questions for a reduced time period, say a week - such as the first week of January 2025? – **Partially disclosed, there was one meeting involving the Chief Constable at Staffordshire Police titled 'Chief Officer Team' on 10/01/2025. There were no expenses claims, receipts or travel arrangements. The people in attendance were the Chief Constable, Deputy Chief Constable, ACC Stuart Ellison, Assistant Chief Officer John Bloomer, Service Director People and OD Naomi Roberts and Head of Corporate Communications and Engagement Caroline Tozer. There were also no minutes recorded just comments from the meeting, please see the following:**

479	10/01/2025	1	COT/SLT Temp Cover	CC, DCC, ACC SE, JB, Naomi, Caroline T	Updates	CC – Decision for SB to step into ACC acting position to cover BR during period of absence. ***** to be asked around back filling as acting
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						Chief Supt. CT to arrange suitable comms.
480	10/01/2025	2	CCC Meeting/PRRB/SRRB	CC, DCC, ACC SE, JB, Naomi, CT	Discussion	COT discussed the provided PP.
481	10/01/2025	3	Precept	CC, DCC, ACC SE, JB, Naomi, CT	Updates	CC – To bring the next EMB – Efficiency plan /SRO /Governance plan.
482	10/01/2025	4	Response support unit - Name	As above	Discussion	Local Police Support Unit – Managed under the Demand Management CI. NPG working group/Task and Finish group to be set up to feed into Local Policing Board.

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Please note that the data is from 6th January 2025 until 12th January 2025 as clarified with the applicant. A name has been removed from the data and is labelled as '*****', please see the below exemption.

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

The following exemption has 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 40(2) Personal Information

Section 40(2) 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.

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:

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.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker 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 Decision Maker 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.



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4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant 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 details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

ICO Website for complaints link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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