

21 February 2025

FOI Ref 17796

Request - You asked us the following:

Okay fine thanks, please proceed in the way you have suggested.

ORIGINAL REQUEST

Please answer the following questions for the calendar year of 2024.

Please send me all the Documents, specifically reports, executive/ministerial briefings, statistics, audits, correspondence, including emails, that are in connection with the number of police officers in your force that left your force in 2024 and/pr 2023, and the reasons for the departures, including attrition through retirement / left the service/medical reasons/ transferred out/forced to leave. If they have quit, please state the reason why.

We received your request on 07/02/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

Staffordshire Police holds the requested information.

- Staffordshire Police offered the following refinement:
- In order to refine your request, data can be provided for the total number of leavers in financial years along with the leaving reason.
- Okay fine thanks, please proceed in the way you have suggested. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 17796 Refinement of FOI 17718 Documents and Correspondence Data'.**
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Please be advised that the data has been provided for the number of Officers who have left the force and the reasons why for the financial years 2023/2024 and 2024 up to 31/01/2025 as clarified with the applicant. Please note that the 'administrative' and 'involuntary' reasons relate to secondary reasons for

leaving the force for example being managed by formal stage of policy, proven/not proven, conduct/performance/attendance etc.

Please note that this data has been provided to the best of our ability, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software.

Every effort is made to ensure that the data presented is accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that this has been extracted from multiple sources, developed for specific policing purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the terminology of this request. Therefore, the data presented is subject to the inaccuracies and idiosyncrasies inherent in any large-scale recording system.

As a consequence, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, so as to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

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:

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



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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.

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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