

27 February 2025

FOI Ref 17893

**Request - You asked us the following:**

Further to FOI made to Northants OPFCC  
[https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/nick\\_adderley\\_developed\\_vetting](https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/nick_adderley_developed_vetting)

This matter has regrettably been moved to private correspondence to evade transparency and scrutiny. In an email of 26th February 2025, Stuart McCartney of Northants OPFCC confirms that a letter was sent from Staffordshire Police to Northants OPFCC stating that Nick Adderley had passed Developed Vetting in 2017.

Please provide the following information:

- 1) Please provide the name of the employee who drafted this letter and sent this to Northants OPFCC to support the application of Nick Adderley in 2018
- 2) Please confirm what systems and checks were performed by the employee to verify that vetting had both been paid for and passed to support making such a statement.
- 3) Please confirm if the employee who authored this statement, something that is now known to be wholly false, is still employed either with Staffordshire Police or supporting roles within Staffordshire OPCC.

We received your request on 26/02/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

**Staffordshire Police does not hold the requested information.**

- 1) Please provide the name of the employee who drafted this letter and sent this to Northants OPFCC to support the application of Nick Adderley in 2018 – **No information held.**
- 2) Please confirm what systems and checks were performed by the employee to verify that vetting had both been paid for and passed to support making such a statement. – **No information held.**
- 3) Please confirm if the employee who authored this statement, something that is now known to be wholly false, is still employed either with Staffordshire Police or supporting roles within Staffordshire OPCC. – **No information held.**

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](mailto: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.

### **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



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

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