



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

28 January 2025

FOI Ref 17611

Request - You asked us the following:

On the evening of 28th/29th December 2024 I was taken to Cannock police station by PC [REDACTED] and another officer because I'd been involved in a minor RTA at [REDACTED]. I could not provide a sample of breath at the scene. I was taken to Cannock to give a sample of breath to their "fixed" breathalyser in the room where fingerprints and other such documents are compiled.

The unnamed PC with officer [REDACTED] tried repeatedly to set up the machine but was unable to do so. PC [REDACTED] was not allowed to as he said he hadn't received the training. A 3rd officer PC [REDACTED] also tried repeatedly to set up the machine. On approx. the 4 attempt he said it was ready.

After multiple tries I couldn't provide a sufficient sample of breath. This could be due to a breathing issue which I'd reported to:

Clinical Nurse Specialist [REDACTED]
at my regular dermatology/ autoimmune clinic at:

Nightingale Hospital
London Road
Derby
DE12QY

It could have also been down to multiple strokes, anxiety issues from PTSD. I have briefly received therapy for the latter.

However, suspicion must also fall on the machine it's self. 2 very professional officers struggle repeatedly to get it to work seems the machine might be past it's best and not good enough to provide categorical evidence in my case.

As an FOI I would like the maintenance, fault reports, issues raised by PC [REDACTED] and any other officers about the machines ability to keep functioning the age of the machine and how long such a machine should be in service also was it brand new when Cannock had the machine.

This email should also have been sent to the CPS at Cannock Magistrates Court.

We received your request on 31/12/2024 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.

As an FOI I would like the maintenance, fault reports, issues raised by PC [REDACTED] and any other officers about the machines ability to keep functioning the age of the machine and how long such a machine should be in service also was it brand new when Cannock had the machine. – **Disclosed - the machine was calibrated on the 27th November 2024. It is due to recalibrated again in May 2025.**

Please be advise that no further information is not held that fits the criteria of the request..

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.

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



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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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