

22 July 2025

FOI Ref 21579

Request - You asked us the following:

This is a request for information under the FOI Act 2000.

I am seeking information about software trialled and/or deployed by your force. For background context to assist you, here are the definitions of the two types of software I will refer to:

1) Geographic predictive policing systems: These are systems which focus on places and seek to predict whether crime will occur there, profile the area as a high-risk crime area, or crime 'hotspot'. The software uses historic crime data to predict where crimes are more likely to occur in the future.

2) Individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment systems: These are software systems which focus on individuals, seeking to predict their likelihood or risk of certain behaviour, such as committing a crime or criminalised act. These systems are also sometimes referred to as individual risk assessment systems. Police in the UK use these systems to give individuals a risk score, such as low, medium or standard, or high.

Here is my request:

In the year 2020, did your force trial geographic predictive policing software?

If yes, what year was this software first introduced?

In the year 2020, did your force use geographic predictive policing software as an ongoing tool?

If yes, what year was this software first introduced?

In the year 2020, how much budget was spent on trialling geographic predictive policing software?

In the year 2020, how much budget was spent on using geographic predictive policing software as an ongoing tool?

Please provide the name(s) of any geographic predictive policing software trialled in 2020?

Please provide the name(s) of any geographic predictive policing software used in 2020 as an ongoing tool?

Please also provide answers to the above questions for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 (to date)

In the year 2020, did your force trial individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software?

If yes, what year was this software first introduced?

In the year 2020, did your force use individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software as an ongoing tool?

If yes, what year was this software first introduced?

In the year 2020, how much budget was spent on trialling individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software?

In the year 2020, how much budget was spent on using individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software as an ongoing tool?

Please provide the name(s) of any individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software trialled in 2020?

Please provide the name(s) of any individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software used in 2020 as an ongoing tool?

Please also provide answers to the above questions for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 (to date)

We received your request on 16/07/2025 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.

- In the year 2020, did your force trial geographic predictive policing software? – **No information held.**
- If yes, what year was this software first introduced? – **No information held.**
- In the year 2020, did your force use geographic predictive policing software as an ongoing tool? – **No information held.**
- If yes, what year was this software first introduced? – **No information held.**
- In the year 2020, how much budget was spent on trialling geographic predictive policing software? – **No information held.**
- In the year 2020, how much budget was spent on using geographic predictive policing software as an ongoing tool? – **No information held.**
- Please provide the name(s) of any geographic predictive policing software trialled in 2020? – **No information held.**
- Please provide the name(s) of any geographic predictive policing software used in 2020 as an ongoing tool? – **No information held.**
- *Please also provide answers to the above questions for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 (to date)* – **No information held.**
- In the year 2020, did your force trial individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software? – **No information held.**
- If yes, what year was this software first introduced? – **No information held.**
- In the year 2020, did your force use individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software as an ongoing tool? – **No information held.**



- If yes, what year was this software first introduced? – **No information held.**
- In the year 2020, how much budget was spent on trialling individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software? – **No information held.**
- In the year 2020, how much budget was spent on using individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software as an ongoing tool? – **No information held.**
- Please provide the name(s) of any individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software trialled in 2020? – **No information held.**
- Please provide the name(s) of any individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software used in 2020 as an ongoing tool? – **No information held.**
- *Please also provide answers to the above questions for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 (to date)* – **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

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



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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
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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