



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

Our Ref: FOI 21622
Your Ref: FOI 21579
Date: 28 July 2025

Internal Review

Re: Request for internal review of response to application for information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, original request first notified to Staffordshire Police on 16/07/2025

We refer to the above request which was expressed in the following terms:

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)

Further to the above, we also note the following comments made within your request for Internal Review.

Your response stated that *no information* on this topic is held at all, but other police forces have at least been able to confirm if they are, or are not, using the software described. Please can you revisit the original request and confirm usage (or not), as well as provide the details requested if you are using these two types of software?

Our Response

Upon review of your request for information under the Freedom of Information provision referenced above and all corresponding communication, we are of the opinion that the response issued, alongside all clarification provided, fully answers the terms of your request.

Please be advised that all FOI requests and response letters are published on the Staffordshire Police website although personal details are not included.

If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner to investigate. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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/>

Central Disclosure Unit Management Team
Central Disclosure Unit
Staffordshire Police



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

A safe and confident Staffordshire