

12 June 2025

FOI Ref 21358

Request - You asked us the following:

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act. I would like to request the following information:

Please provide copies of FOI requests that were referred by this police force to the NPCC Central Referral Unit from 1st January 2024 to the current day.

If you feel that a substantive response to this request is not possible within a reasonable time frame, I would be grateful if you could contact me and provide assistance as to how I can refine the request. If you need any clarification, please contact me. I look forward to receiving a response in 20 working days. Many thanks.

We received your request on 15/05/2025 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.

- Please provide copies of FOI requests that were referred by this police force to the NPCC Central Referral Unit from 1st January 2024 to the current day. – **Partially disclosed, please see below:**

Staffordshire Police publish all Freedom of Information responses on their website; however, the following requests were submitted to NPCC Central Referral Unit but were withdrawn by the applicant prior to a response being provided. For the remainder please see the exemption provided below.

1. FOI 16689 - My research project involves insight from the public, of their knowledge of the the stop and search policies. I would like to find out from the police force what training is received, is effective and any possible comments that would enhance my findings into the fairness of the stop and search.
2. FOI 17132 - 1. Any documents you hold, or notes of meetings or discussions, or audio or video recordings, that describe your approach or discussions about your approach to naming or describing in public the suspects and perpetrators of crime.

2. Any documents you hold, or notes of meetings or discussions, or audio or video recordings, that describe your approach or discussions about your approach to consulting community leaders and organisations prior to anticipated public order operations.

The following exemption has been applied:

In accordance with Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a refusal notice for this particular request.



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- Section 21(1) - Information reasonably accessible by other means.

Section 21 is an absolute, class-based exemption and as such there is no requirement to quantify the harm that may arise from the disclosure, nor is there a requirement to perform a Public Interest Test.

Advice and assistance

In order to comply with our obligations under Section 16 of the Act, the obligation to provide advice and assistance, please find below links to the information requested.

- Please be advised that there have been 32 FOI requests referred to the NPCC Central Referral Unit during the timeframe requested. Please find attached the link to access the below FOI requests which can be found on our publications part of our website, if you type the numbers below into the search box, the FOI requests will appear:
[Published items | Staffordshire Police](#)

FOI Requests

16262,16550,16601,16365,16538,16822,17131,17146,17128,17032,16906 ,17135,16474
16735,16813,16999,16795, 17134,17126,17151,17130,17887,17501,17565,17331,16465,17540,
17578,17603,17039

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



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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
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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