

16 June 2025

FOI Ref 21380

Request - You asked us the following:

I am writing under the freedom of information act 2000 to request the following information:

- How much of your constabulary's budget was spent on procuring restraints, tasers, and incapacitant chemicals from January 2020 to December 2024.

o Could I possibly receive these figures broken down by type of equipment and by year, please.

- How much of your constabulary's budget was spend on training to use each of these types of equipment from January 2020 to December 2024.

o Could I please receive this information broken down by training for each type of equipment, and by year.

I am treating this as a public interest request to foster transparency and trust with public services. I am also providing my name and contact details as outlined by the act for a valid request.

The act stipulates that I should receive a full response within 20 working days of you receiving my request.

S16 of the act also says that as the relevant public authority, you should provide me with any assistance needed to refine my request should it exceed any cost/time limits.

Could I please receive an acknowledgement that my request has been received?

We received your request on 22/05/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

Staffordshire Police holds some of the requested information.

- How much of your constabulary's budget was spent on procuring restraints, tasers, and incapacitant chemicals from January 2020 to December 2024. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 21380 Expenditure on Equipment Data'.**

Please note, we only hold this data in financial years.

- Could I possibly receive these figures broken down by type of equipment and by year, please. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 21380 Expenditure on Equipment Data'.**
- How much of your constabulary's budget was spend on training to use each of these types of equipment from January 2020 to December 2024. – **No information held.**

Please note, this is done internally, and we don't track the cost of this.

- Could I please receive this information broken down by training for each type of equipment, and by year. – **Not applicable.**

Please note that this data has been provided to the best of our ability, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software.

Every effort is made to ensure that the data presented is accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that this has been extracted from multiple sources, developed for specific policing purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the terminology of this request. Therefore, the data presented is subject to the inaccuracies and idiosyncrasies inherent in any large-scale recording system.

As a consequence, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, so as to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

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

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



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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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