

11 March 2025

FOI Ref 17789

Request - You asked us the following:

Dear Sir,

I have tried repeatedly since my original arrest on 28th Dec 2024 to obtain information about the functionality of the fixed breathalyser @ Cannock Police Station. It's the only one in the room where my photos DNA and fingerprints were taken by Officer Avery.

I need to know was it the only one in the station?

Have the issues with it that night been filed by PC Avery and his unnamed fellow officer which were witnessed by PC Salt?

How many samples were taken in that 12 month period?

How many were rejected as either non compliance or mechanical error or failure?

When was the machines last service?

Did that service raise any issues large or small?

Were those issues fixed/addressed before I tried to use it?

How old is that machine?

What is the recommended lifespan?

Has it a service history I am allowed to have checked?

On the day in question is took 2 separate officers at least 3 attempts each to make it work. PC Salt saw this.

Please consider this a Freedom of info request.

We received your request on 06/02/2025 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.

- I need to know was it the only one in the station? - **Disclosed, yes - it is the only one at Watling.**
- Have the issues with it that night been filed by PC Avery and his unnamed fellow officer which were witnessed by PC Salt? – **No information held.**
- How many samples were taken in that 12 month period? – **No information held.**
- How many were rejected as either non compliance or mechanical error or failure? – **No information held.**
- When was the machines last service? – **Disclosed, 27/11/2024.**
- Did that service raise any issues large or small? – **No information held.**
- Were those issues fixed/addressed before I tried to use it? – **No information held.**



- How old is that machine? – **No information held.**
- What is the recommended lifespan? – **No information held.**
- Has it a service history I am allowed to have checked? – **No information held.**
- On the day in question it took 2 separate officers at least 3 attempts each to make it work. PC Salt saw this. – **No information held.**

Advice and assistance

Please note that the FOI Act 2000 only extends to requests for recorded information. It does not require public authorities to create information to answer questions generally; only if the information is already held in recorded form. The Act does not extend to requests for information about policies or their implementation, or the merits or demerits of any proposal or action - unless, of course, the answer to any such request is already held in recorded form.

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.

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.



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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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