

1 May 2025

FOI Ref 17924

Request - You asked us the following:

I am submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to request the following information regarding the use of BriefCam video analytics software and AI-based surveillance tools by your constabulary:

1. Does your force currently use or has it previously used BriefCam video analytics software?
 - o If yes, in what capacity has it been used (object tracking, video summarization, facial recognition)?
 - o If yes, please provide the date of the start (and of the end if relevant) of use.
 - o Has your force trialed or tested BriefCam? If so, when did the trials begin, and what were the objectives?
 2. Has your force entered into any contracts or agreements related to BriefCam software?
 - o If yes, please provide the total cost of any purchases or subscriptions since January the 1st 2020.
 3. Has your force used any video analytics software capable of facial recognition, object tracking, or crowd monitoring? If so, which ones?
 4. Has your force trialed or tested any AI-based surveillance tools since January the 1st 2022?
 - o If so, please provide any available reports, evaluations, or risk assessments related to these trials.
- If any of this information is already publicly available, please direct me to where I can find it. If you require any clarification to process this request, please let me know as soon as possible.

We received your request on 06/03/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

Staffordshire Police holds/does not hold the requested information.

- 1. Does your force currently use or has it previously used BriefCam video analytics software? – **Disclosed, no.**
- o If yes, in what capacity has it been used (object tracking, video summarization, facial recognition)? – **Not applicable.**
- o If yes, please provide the date of the start (and of the end if relevant) of use. – **Not applicable.**
- o Has your force trialed or tested BriefCam? If so, when did the trials begin, and what were the objectives? – **Disclosed, no.**
- 2. Has your force entered into any contracts or agreements related to BriefCam software? – **No information held.**



- o If yes, please provide the total cost of any purchases or subscriptions since January the 1st 2020. – **Not applicable.**
- 3. Has your force used any video analytics software capable of facial recognition, object tracking, or crowd monitoring? If so, which ones? – **Disclosed, Axon Evidence.com and NEC Neoface.**
- 4. Has your force trialed or tested any AI-based surveillance tools since January the 1st 2022? – **Disclosed, no.**
- o If so, please provide any available reports, evaluations, or risk assessments related to these trials. – **Not applicable.**

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.



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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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