



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

21 November 2025

FOI Ref 21942

Request - You asked us the following:

I am following up on the 2023 FOI request your force responded to regarding sex work liaison officer roles, submitted by Professor [REDACTED] and Professor [REDACTED]. My name is [REDACTED] and I am a Research Associate at the University of York, working alongside Professors [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

We are contacting police forces to request an update on involvement with sex work liaison officer roles since our previous FOI request. We would be grateful for any updates.

Q1: Do you have an individual officer/team/unit dedicated to sex worker liaison work - that is aimed at supporting sex workers who are victims of crime/vulnerable?

Q1a: If yes, what is the role/team/unit called?

Q1b: Under what strategic or operational unit does the officer/team/unit sit?

Q1c: Is the role operational across the whole force or only in specific areas?

Q1d: If only in specific areas which?

Q2: How many officers (FTE equivalent) work in these roles/teams/units?

Q2a: Is this role/s fulfilled by a police officer or civilian?

Q2b: Are these officers/teams/units exclusively dedicated to Sex Worker Liaison work or do they have other responsibilities?

Q2c: If they have other responsibilities please list them here.

Q2d: How many sex workers do these roles/teams/units work with across a year? (1-50; 50-100; 100-200; 200+; we don't keep a record)

Q2e: Which sex work populations do they mainly work with? (on-street/indoor/online/migrant/across all sex work populations)

Q3: Do you have a role profile/job description for this role?

Q3a: If yes, is this the JD published by the NPCC, College of Policing or the University of York or was it produced locally?

Q3b: If locally produced, could you please attach a copy of the JD?

Q3c: At what grade is the role positioned?

Q4: With which partner agencies do these officers/teams/units work most closely? [Please list top 5]

Q5: With which other police units/teams do these officers/teams/units work most closely? [Please list top 5]

Q5a: Have you liaised with any other forces about your involvement with SWLOs?

We received your request on 08/10/2025 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.

- Q1: Do you have an individual officer/team/unit dedicated to sex worker liaison work - that is aimed at supporting sex workers who are victims of crime/vulnerable? – **Disclosed, no.**
- Q1a: If yes, what is the role/team/unit called? – **Not applicable.**

- Q1b: Under what strategic or operational unit does the officer/team/unit sit? – **Not applicable.**
- Q1c: Is the role operational across the whole force or only in specific areas? – **Not applicable.**
- Q1d: If only in specific areas which? – **Not applicable.**
- Q2: How many officers (FTE equivalent) work in these roles/teams/units? – **Not applicable.**
- Q2a: Is this role/s fulfilled by a police officer or civilian? – **Not applicable.**
- Q2b: Are these officers/teams/units exclusively dedicated to Sex Worker Liaison work or do they have other responsibilities? – **Not applicable.**
- Q2c: If they have other responsibilities please list them here. – **Not applicable.**
- Q2d: How many sex workers do these roles/teams/units work with across a year? (1-50; 50-100; 100-200; 200+; we don't keep a record) – **Not applicable.**
- Q2e: Which sex work populations do they mainly work with? (on-street/indoor/online/migrant/across all sex work populations) – **Not applicable.**
- Q3: Do you have a role profile/job description for this role? – **Not applicable.**
- Q3a: If yes, is this the JD published by the NPCC, College of Policing or the University of York or was it produced locally? – **Not applicable.**
- Q3b: If locally produced, could you please attach a copy of the JD? – **Not applicable.**
- Q3c: At what grade is the role positioned? – **Not applicable.**
- Q4: With which partner agencies do these officers/teams/units work most closely? [Please list top 5] – **Not applicable.**
- Q5: With which other police units/teams do these officers/teams/units work most closely? [Please list top 5] – **Not applicable.**
- Q5a: Have you liaised with any other forces about your involvement with SWLOs? – **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



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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:

IAT@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

Information Access Team
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 Information Access Team 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 a Supervisor who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Information Access Team 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 Supervisor 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 Supervisor will reply to the appellant with the result of the review. If the appellant 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 link:

<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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