

17 November 2025

FOI Ref 22000

Request - You asked us the following:

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act relating to data from period/menstrual cycle tracking apps (CTAs), including but not limited to: Flo, Clue, Ovia, Natural Cycles, Glow, My Calendar, Eve.

1. Please provide details of requests made by your police force to companies operating CTAs for access to user data, from 1st January 2025 to present. Please include:
 - a. Month of request
 - b. Company Name
 - c. Request granted, refused, pending
 - d. Offence investigation code and description

If it is not possible to disclose the specific month, please provide yearly disaggregated statistics.

2. Please confirm whether any evidence or exhibits obtained by your police force, since 1st January 2025 to present, involves data originating from CTAs.
 - a. If so, please provide the number of such exhibits.
3. Please provide any policies, briefings, or guidance received by your force from national policing bodies (including NPCC, Home Office, College of Policing) concerning the potential use of menstrual or period-tracking app data in investigations.

We received your request on 21/10/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

Staffordshire Police (SP) does not hold the requested information.

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Please be advised that all Freedom of Information request responses are published on the SP 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 SP, 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 SP 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 twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to forty 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, considering 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



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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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