

13 November 2025

FOI Ref 22103

Request - You asked us the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

1. Does your force currently use Virtual Reality (VR) or Mixed Reality (MR) technologies?
 - If yes, please provide a brief description of how they are being used (e.g. training, assessment, guidance, public engagement, etc.).
2. Please specify:
 - The project name or topic area where VR/MR is being used.
 - The intended outcomes of using VR/MR (e.g. competency testing, assessment, certification, skills training, or awareness exercises).
 - The hardware being used (e.g. Pico, Oculus Quest 2, HTC Vive, etc.).
 - The software or platform being used (if known).
 - Whether the force is using Mixed Reality (e.g. VR integrated with presentations, 360deg imagery, or other media).
 - How long the force has been using this technology.
 - Any measured or observed outcomes or feedback regarding its effectiveness.
3. If your force is not currently using VR or MR, is there any plan, pilot, or project under development to explore these technologies in the future?

We received your request on 12/11/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

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

- 1. Does your force currently use Virtual Reality (VR) or Mixed Reality (MR) technologies? – **Disclosed, the force is using virtual reality.**
- If yes, please provide a brief description of how they are being used (e.g. training, assessment, guidance, public engagement, etc.). – **Disclosed, training officers to safely deploy on fast roads when covering road traffic collisions.**
- 2. Please specify:
 - The project name or topic area where VR/MR is being used. – **Disclosed, fast roads training**
 - The intended outcomes of using VR/MR (e.g. competency testing, assessment, certification, skills training, or awareness exercises). – **Disclosed, safety of officers and members of the public.**
 - The hardware being used (e.g. Pico, Oculus Quest 2, HTC Vive, etc.). – **Disclosed, Pico.**



- The software or platform being used (if known). – **Disclosed, RiVR.**
- Whether the force is using Mixed Reality (e.g. VR integrated with presentations, 360deg imagery, or other media). – **No information held.**
- How long the force has been using this technology. – **Disclosed, 6 months.**
- Any measured or observed outcomes or feedback regarding its effectiveness. – **No information held.**
- 3. If your force is not currently using VR or MR, is there any plan, pilot, or project under development to explore these technologies in the future? – **Not applicable.**

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 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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