

23 September 2025

FOI Ref 21814

Request - You asked us the following:

1) Has this police force ever requested or collected biometric data—such as fingerprints, photographs, or videos—from an educational establishment or an educational supplier? This pertains to educational institutions from Nursery through Year 13 and excludes institutions for students beyond Year 13.

2) If the answer to question 1 is yes, please specify the types of biometric data obtained (e.g., fingerprints, photographs), the number of individuals involved, and whether this data was shared with any other entities such as Prevent.

3) If the answer to question 1 is yes, have any convictions been secured based on data obtained from a school biometric database?

4) If the answer to question 1 is yes, has any biometric data been added to the police database? If so, please provide the number of data subjects' biometric records added each year.

If this Freedom of Information request exceeds Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, please prioritize your response to question 1, or questions 1 and 2, as these are my primary data interests. Please provide as much data as possible from the present extending into the past, within the constraints of Section 12. I would appreciate the data in the most cost-effective and convenient format for your response.

If you are not fully certain of what it is I am asking then I look forward to contact from you as soon as possible to clarify what it is I am requesting in order to meet your obligations under the law.

We received your request on 03/09/2025 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) Has this police force ever requested or collected biometric data—such as fingerprints, photographs, or videos—from an educational establishment or an educational supplier? This pertains to educational institutions from Nursery through Year 13 and excludes institutions for students beyond Year 13. – **Disclosed, no.**
- 2) If the answer to question 1 is yes, please specify the types of biometric data obtained (e.g., fingerprints, photographs), the number of individuals involved, and whether this data was shared with any other entities such as Prevent. – **No information held.**



- 3) If the answer to question 1 is yes, have any convictions been secured based on data obtained from a school biometric database? – **No information held.**
- 4) If the answer to question 1 is yes, has any biometric data been added to the police database? If so, please provide the number of data subjects' biometric records added each year. – **No information held.**

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:

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.



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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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