

30 September 2025

FOI Ref 21827

Request - You asked us the following:

This is an information request as to the reason why an officer dismissed in August 2025 was granted anonymity by Staffordshire Police and the date that was published on your Force website was the 26 August 2025 and see link and published article copied below.

It cannot be right that the no reasons are published for the granting of anonymity.

In addition it cannot be right that an officer who resigned before being dismissed and who was dismissed for having sex with prostitutes is not named; it is completely inconsistent with the principles of transparency and accountability and a perverse decision to grant anonymity given the circumstances.

<https://www.staffordshire.police.uk/news/staffordshire/news/2025/august/officer-would-have-been-dismissed-had-he-not-resigned/>

We received your request on 05/09/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

Staffordshire Police holds the requested information.

- This is an information request as to the reason why an officer dismissed in August 2025 was granted anonymity by Staffordshire Police and the date that was published on your Force website was the 26 August 2025 and see link and published article copied below
- It cannot be right that the no reasons are published for the granting of anonymity.
- In addition it cannot be right that an officer who resigned before being dismissed and who was dismissed for having sex with prostitutes is not named; it is completely inconsistent with the principles of transparency and accountability and a perverse decision to grant anonymity given the circumstances. . – **Withheld, please see the below exemption and advice and assistance.**

Please note that the FOI Act 2000 only extends to requests for recorded information. It does not require public authorities to create information to answer questions generally; only if the information is already held in recorded form. The Act does not extend to requests for information about policies or their implementation, or the merits or demerits of any proposal or action - unless, of course, the answer to any such request is already held in recorded form.



The following exemption has been applied:

In accordance with Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a refusal notice for part of this particular request.

- Section 40(2) Personal Information

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption which means that there is no need to quantify the harm that may arise from the disclosure; neither is it subject to a public interest test.

To release personal or third-party information held by Staffordshire Police, would breach the data protection principles; namely –

- Data is lawfully and fairly processed.
- Processed in line with an individual's rights.
- Data is secure.

Personal and third-party information cannot be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

Disclosure under Freedom of Information is a release of information to the world in general and not an individual applicant.

Advice and assistance

In order to comply with our obligations under Section 16 of the Act, the obligation to provide advice and assistance, please find below a link to the Home Office Statutory Guidance that a chair of an accelerated misconduct hearing would be expected to follow:

- [Home Office Statutory Guidance 0502.pdf](#)

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:



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

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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Information Access Team