

15 April 2026

FOI Ref 22761

**Request - You asked Staffordshire Police (SP) the following:**

Pursuant to S1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act"), I am writing to make a request for the below outlined information. I am looking to find out about your use of Live Facial Recognition (LFR) technology in 2025.

Please note, my terminology is from this explainer document and my requests are based on publicly reported metrics.

1. The number of LFR deployments and total deployment hours each month.
2. The number of alerts, true alerts and confirmed true alerts each month.
3. The number of false alerts, confirmed false alerts and false alert rate each month.
4. If recorded, the estimated number of faces seen each month.
5. The number of engagements and arrest outcomes as a result of LFR each month.
6. Confirmation of if any LFR false alerts led to arrest outcomes.

If any metric is not recorded, please continue to provide the rest. In accordance with S11(1) of the Act, I would like this information presented to me via a Microsoft Word, PDF or Excel document, sent to me via email please.

I would be grateful if you could confirm that you have received this request and I look forward to hearing from you. If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I also expect you to release all non-exempt material.

SP received your request on 13/04/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

**SP holds/does not hold the requested information.**

1. The number of LFR deployments and total deployment hours each month. – **Disclosed, nil. SP have not operated live facial recognition.**
2. The number of alerts, true alerts and confirmed true alerts each month. – **Not applicable.**
3. The number of false alerts, confirmed false alerts and false alert rate each month. - **Not applicable.**
4. If recorded, the estimated number of faces seen each month. - **Not applicable.**
5. The number of engagements and arrest outcomes as a result of LFR each month. – **Not applicable.**
6. Confirmation of if any LFR false alerts led to arrest outcomes. - **Not applicable.**

Please be advised that all Freedom of Information request responses are published on the SP website although personal details are not included.



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## **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](mailto: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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