

7 August 2026

FOI Ref 23156

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

I seek statistical information on all officers and staff currently on external secondment to organisations such as other forces, international bodies, the College of Policing and HMICFRS.

1. Please provide the number of officers broken down by rank at each place of secondment.
2. Please provide the number of staff broken down by grade at each place of secondment.
3. For 1 and 2, please state the number of officers and staff, respectively, whose salaries you are responsible for paying during the course of their secondment (either directly or indirectly).

Clarification received on 24/07/2026:

I am interested only in those employees whose salaries you fund from your budget, thank you; therefore, please exclude:

- i. salary costs you reclaim from external organisations; and
- ii. salary costs covered by grant payments.

SP received your request on 21/07/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

SP holds some of the requested information.

- I seek statistical information on all officers and staff currently on external secondment to organisations such as other forces, international bodies, the College of Policing and HMICFRS.
- 1. Please provide the number of officers broken down by rank at each place of secondment.
- **Partially disclosed, nil. With regards to any further information SP can neither confirm nor deny under section 23(5). Please see the below exemption.**
- 2. Please provide the number of staff broken down by grade at each place of secondment.
- **Partially disclosed, nil. With regards to any further information SP can neither confirm nor deny under section 23(5). Please see the below exemption.**
- 3. For 1 and 2, please state the number of officers and staff, respectively, whose salaries you are responsible for paying during the course of their secondment (either directly or indirectly).
- **Partially disclosed, not applicable. With regards to any further information SP can neither confirm nor deny under section 23(5). Please see the below exemption.**

Please note that all of SP's current secondees are fully funded with all associated costs recovered.

All Freedom of Information request responses are published on the SP website although personal details are not included.

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 parts of this particular request.

SP can neither confirm nor deny whether any further information relevant to this request is held, as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply by virtue of the following exemptions:

- Section 23(5) – Information supplied by, or relating to, bodies dealing with security matters.
- Section 23 is a class based absolute exemption. Confirming or denying whether any additional related information is held may reveal information supplied by, or relating to, bodies listed in section 23. The Act therefore prohibits confirmation or denial.

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



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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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