

20 August 2026

FOI Ref 23201

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

Please treat this as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or, where applicable, the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

The request is made on behalf of the British & Irish Tactical Medical Association (BRITMA) to support research into medical care provided by police personnel.

The information requested should, in principle, be readily available from records the force is already required to maintain for clinical governance, audit, training and health and safety purposes. This request does not ask the force to create new information or undertake any new clinical analysis, but to provide relevant information already held within patient report forms and associated recording systems. Where any element is not routinely recorded or cannot be retrieved through a reasonable search, please confirm this within the response.

1. Three-year data

For the period **1 July 2023 to 30 June 2026**, please provide an anonymised spreadsheet containing one row for each patient report form, casualty form, first aid record or equivalent medical record completed by police officers, staff or police-deployed healthcare professionals.

Please include the following information where held:

- Month and year of the incident
- Broad type of incident
- Broad casualty category, such as member of the public, detainee or police employee
- Mechanism or cause of injury or illness
- Injury, illness or presenting condition
- Treatment provided
- Medical equipment, airway adjuncts or medication used
- Casualty outcome, such as ambulance handover, hospital transfer or treatment at scene
- Medical or first aid training level of the person providing treatment
- Broad operational role of the person providing treatment
- Whether an associated accident report, health and safety investigation or internal review was completed

Operational roles should include, where recorded:

- Response or neighbourhood policing
- Roads policing
- Public order officer
- Public order medic
- Firearms officer
- Specialist Firearms Officer
- Counter Terrorist Specialist Firearms Officer
- Tactical or specialist police medic
- Other specialist role

2. Most recent 12 months

For the period **1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026**, please also provide anonymised copies of:

- Patient report forms or equivalent medical records



- Any directly associated accident reports
- Health and safety investigations
- Internal learning or post-incident reviews

Please remove all information that could identify a patient, officer, staff member or other individual.

Where possible, please use the same anonymised reference number on related records so they can be linked.

3. Summary information

Please also confirm:

- The total number of patient report forms completed in each year
- The number completed by each broad operational role and training level, where held
- The number linked to an accident report, health and safety investigation or internal review
- Whether the records are held electronically, on paper or both
- The retention period for these records
- Any requested information that is not recorded or cannot be searched centrally

Please provide spreadsheets in Excel or CSV format and redacted documents in searchable PDF format. If the full request would exceed the applicable cost limit, please prioritise the anonymised spreadsheet and summary information. Please also provide advice on how the request for individual records could be narrowed, rather than refusing the whole request.

I am not requesting names, collar numbers, exact locations, operational tactics, criminal intelligence, misconduct information or information relating to ongoing investigations.

Where information is withheld, please identify the exemption relied upon and provide all information that can reasonably be disclosed.

SP received your request on 30/07/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

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

The following exemption has been applied:

- Section 12(2) In order to identify whether information is or is not held would exceed the cost threshold in accordance with Section 12(2) of the Freedom of Information Act as to satisfy S1(1)(a) of the Act would exceed the cost threshold.

The above information has been withheld for the following reasons:

There is no method by which SP can easily identify or locate whether information is held within Staffordshire Police systems to answer this request. The information you require is not stored in a way which allows for easy identification or retrieval, and there is no central recording system from which all patient report forms, casualty forms, first aid records, associated accident reports, health and safety investigations, internal learning reviews or post-incident reviews can be identified and extracted.

To determine whether information is held within the scope of your request would require searches to be conducted across a number of systems and business areas. Any records located would then require a manual review to establish whether they are relevant to the request and to identify the information sought.

Similarly for Question 2, there is no method by which SP can readily retrieve anonymised copies of patient report forms or equivalent medical records, together with any associated accident reports, health and safety investigations, internal learning reviews or post-incident reviews. This would require manually locating, reviewing and assessing each individual record falling within the specified time period. In addition, each record would require consideration for redaction of personal data and any other exempt information prior to disclosure.

To achieve this task would therefore exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold of the Freedom of Information Act by a considerable margin.

Advice and assistance

Section 16 of the Act places an obligation upon the Authority to provide advice and assistance, to comply with this obligation please see below.

Unfortunately, SP cannot suggest a way in which your request could be simplified or pared down to bring it within the confines of the time and cost threshold.

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 Force's response to the original FOI request.

3. Review Procedure



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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, 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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