

20 August 2026

FOI Ref 23258

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

Please accept this request under the Freedom of Information Act. I'm seeking information about your force's use of algorithmic tools.

For the purposes of this request, please use the same definition as the UK's Algorithmic Transparency Recording Standard, which defines an algorithmic tool as "a product, application, or device that supports or solves a specific problem using complex algorithms" that has "a significant influence on a decision-making process with public effect, or directly interact with the general public".

Please provide a list of all tools currently used by your force that meet this definition. To assist with your enquiries, I would expect this information to be held on your force's Information Asset Register, as per the NPCC's Covenant for Using Artificial Intelligence in Policing, which states: "Forces should ensure the public are aware of AI uses. This will typically include publishing an overview of the algorithms used and the known limitations of the training data used. The datasets will be present on the force IAR with allocated Information asset owners."

For each item on the list, I would be grateful if you could provide:

- * The name of the tool
- * A description of the tool
- * A description of the tool's purpose
- * A list of datasets used by the tool
- * Copies of any Data Protection Impact Assessments completed in relation to the tool

SP received your request on 12/08/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

SP does not hold the requested information.

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

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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