

20 August 2026

FOI Ref 23276

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following held by Staffordshire Police on illegal streaming devices and services (modified Fire TV Sticks, Android/IPTV boxes, illegal IPTV subscriptions), covering financial years 2020/21–2024/25, broken down by year:

1. Number of illegal streaming devices seized, by year.
2. Number of cautions, charges, prosecutions and convictions relating to the sale or supply of such devices/services, by year.
3. Where recorded, the legislation relied on (e.g. Fraud Act 2006, Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008).
4. Where this doesn't exceed the cost limit, a breakdown by postcode area/district and/or nearest town or city where each seizure/case occurred (in addition to, or instead of, [BCU/policing district for police, or ward for councils]), to support geographic mapping.

Please supply this electronically as a spreadsheet (CSV/Excel) where possible.

If complying in full would exceed the Section 12 cost limit, please instead supply whatever aggregate, non-localised totals are available within it (i.e. skip the breakdown at point 4), and advise under Section 16 how I could narrow the request. If any part is refused, please confirm the exemption relied on and, where relevant, that the public interest test has been applied (Section 17).

I'd appreciate a response within the statutory 20 working days.

SP received your request on 18/08/2026 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.

Advice and assistance

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

We would advise that you approach Report Fraud for your requested information:

[Report fraud | Police.uk](#)

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



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

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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