

19 August 2026

FOI Ref 23281

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

Please can you tell me:

1. Whether your police force has a rural crime taskforce or unit dedicated to tackling rural crime.
2. How many officers have been allocated to the taskforce or tackling rural crime in year ending 30 September 2025.

Rural crime means any unlawful act or ASB taking place in the country, including offences such as theft of farm machinery, fly-tipping etc.

SP received your request on 16/09/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

SP holds the requested information.

Please can you tell me:

1. Whether your police force has a rural crime taskforce or unit dedicated to tackling rural crime.
- Disclosed: Yes - County Proactive and Rural Crime Team (CPART). There is also the Rural, Wildlife and Heritage Crime Team - officers specially trained who fulfil this role alongside their usual post in response or neighbourhood policing.
2. How many officers have been allocated to the taskforce or tackling rural crime in year ending 30 September 2025.
- Disclosed: CPART is 3 Sergeants and 24 Police Constables. The Rural, Wildlife and Heritage Crime Team trained officers is 70 officers/PCSOs.

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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