

20 February 2026

FOI Ref 22402

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

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I would like to request the following information, please, within 20 working days - 13 February.

The request relates to investigations and convictions of police officers working for your force from 3 March 2021 to 29 December 2025 for the following offence groups:

- Rape (all offences in the Sexual offences subclass of rape)
- Other sexual offences (all offences in the Sexual offences subclass of other sexual offences)
- Stalking and harassment (all offences in Violence against the person subclass of Stalking and Harassment)

And then also specifically for the following offence types within other sexual offences (I am aware these will be double counted):

- Indecent exposure (HOC 88/09)
- Voyeurism (HOC 88/10, 88/12, 88/13, and 88/14)

If you are unable to answer any of the following questions, please provide a response for those that you are able to answer.

If any particular question takes this request over the cost limit, please provide a response for those possible.

If you have any queries I am happy to clarify.

- 1) For the period 3 March 2021 to 29 December 2025 please provide the number of individual police officers working for your force who were investigated for the below criminal offences, and the total number of criminal investigations (i.e. if an individual was investigated on more than one occasion, I would expect the number of investigations to be higher than the number of individuals). Note: I am aware of anonymity concerns. If the number is between 1-4, please say #
- 2) For the period 3 March 2021 to 29 December 2025, please provide the number of individual police officers working for your force who were charged, and the number who were convicted, for these offences. Please also provide the total number of charges and total number of convictions (i.e. if an individual was charged or convicted on more than one occasion, I would expect the total number to be higher than the number of individuals). Note: I am aware of anonymity concerns. If the number is between 1-4, please say
- 3) Please provide a table of the current working status with your force for all the individual officers who were convicted of an offence over the period by offence type. For example but not limited to:

4) If any of the officers with convictions for these offences in Q3 are still serving, did they receive any other form of sanction, and were their duties restricted either permanently or temporarily? Please provide details.

SP received your request on 19/01/2026 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(1) where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.
- Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the prescribed limit'.

The above information has been withheld for the following reasons:

There is no method by which SP can readily retrieve information from our systems to answer question 1 of this request. For the time period requested, there have been in excess of 1,420 cases. In order to ascertain whether each record meets the offence categories above, and linking them to individual officers and total investigations, the record for each case would require a manual review. To extract this data would therefore require a very labour-intensive manual trawl through each record.

From dip sampling, it has been estimated that it would take approximately 5 minutes to review each record to answer this request, this would equate to over 118 hours. To achieve this task would therefore exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold of the FOI 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.

In order to assist in refining your request, data can be provided for questions 2 to 4. However, please note further exemptions may apply.

Please be advised that 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.



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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

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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