

12 February 2026

FOI Ref 22486

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

Scope (for the avoidance of doubt)

This request relates only to individuals who, during the period specified below, were:

Police officers (of any rank) serving with your force

Special constables serving with your force

Police staff employed by your force

and who were formally charged with a criminal offence or formally summoned to court, regardless of the final disposal or outcome (including conviction, acquittal, discontinuance, or any other result).

For the avoidance of doubt:

The identity of the charging or prosecuting authority is irrelevant.

This request excludes cases in which an individual was arrested, investigated, interviewed, or subject to misconduct or gross misconduct proceedings, but not charged with a crime or issued a court summons.

This request only concerns individuals serving with or employed by your force, and does not include officers or staff from other police forces.

Requested information

The total number of police officers, special constables, and police staff who were charged with a criminal offence or summoned to court between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025 (inclusive).

Copies of any press releases issued by your force during the same period which relate to police officers, special constables, or police staff being charged with criminal offences or summoned to court.

If no press releases were issued, please confirm this explicitly.

Please provide a breakdown of the total figure by:

- Police officers
- Special constables
- Police staff

SP received your request on 04/02/2026 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.

- The total number of police officers, special constables, and police staff who were charged with a criminal offence or summoned to court between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025 (inclusive).
– **Disclosed, 3.**

Copies of any press releases issued by your force during the same period which relate to police officers, special constables, or police staff being charged with criminal offences or summoned to court. – **Withheld, section 21.**

If no press releases were issued, please confirm this explicitly.

Please provide a breakdown of the total figure by:

- Police officers – **Not applicable.**
- Special constables – **Not applicable.**
- Police staff – **Not applicable.**

The following exemption has been applied:

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

- Section 21(1) - Information reasonably accessible by other means.

Section 21 is an absolute, class-based exemption and as such there is no requirement to quantify the harm that may arise from the disclosure, nor is there a requirement to perform a Public Interest Test.

Advice and assistance

In order to comply with our obligations under Section 16 of the Act, the obligation to provide advice and assistance, please find below links to the information requested.

[Former officer pleads guilty after investigation | Staffordshire Police](#)

[Police officer charged with sexual assaults | Staffordshire Police](#)

[Ex-Staffordshire Police special officer denies raping teenage girl - BBC News](#)

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.

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:



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

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, taking into account 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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Information Access Team