

6 January 2026

FOI Ref 22124

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

I would like some information about the Police's speed camera network and how the Police currently engages with it. To assist you in your section 16 FOIA obligations, I am sharing that I am currently engaged in a public interest investigation into the proper operation of speed camera networks across the country. My interest is in the role of the Police in managing the camera network, and the information derived from it

Could you please provide me with the following - in relation to *fixed* cameras only:

(A) Governing Documents:

Copies of contractual documents that govern the relationship between the Police and (i) the physical assets of camera equipment, and (ii) the data generated by the cameras

For clarity, 'data' typically includes photographs and annual certificates of compliance, though also includes maintenance, diagnostic and failure logs for each of the camera

To assist you in answering this question, note that the Police appears to operate the camera network through a Partnership alongside other public authorities. This same FOIA request is being made to a number of Police forces across the country : so if in your particular case, there is no Partnership, then some of the following information will not be required (for example (a) below)

In similar operating structures, there are usually two main documents : (a) a Memorandum of Understanding defining roles and responsibilities between all the authorities in the Partnership (eg. local Council, any highways authorities and the Police force); and (b) a contract between the Partnership (or one of its parties, where the Police has the benefit of the commercial contract) and a third-party camera operator that supplies, maintains and calibrates the cameras

Therefore, please provide copies of the two contracts described in (a) and (b) above. I have no interest in the commercial terms, rebates, or payment terms : my interest is in the roles and responsibilities assigned to various public authorities in the Partnership - so I will understand that if there are redactions of commercial terms, and thus there will be no issue with regards to section 43 of the FOIA

(B) General Activity of the Network:

For the year ended 31 December 2023, please provide the average number of notices of intended prosecution generated by the individual groups of cameras in a 30mph zone, 40mph zone and 60mph zone. For each of those three groups, please provide the total number of notices issued by the most active camera in that group

(C) Legal Substance of the Partnership:

With regards to the Partnership, please provide any document that describes the legal nature and personality of the Partnership. For example, I am seeking to identify whether it is a real incorporated body, an informal brand name, or any other type of operating structure. This is an entity named publicly carrying out public services functions, funded by public funds, and seemingly fully owned and controlled by public authorities. As such, I would like to know its specific legal identity (if any)

(D) Confirmation on Possession of Certain Important Information:

Please confirm whether the Police holds or has held any of the following categories of information relating to the operation and performance of fixed speed cameras. Please note that 'holding information' in the context of FOIA and UK GDPR constitutes physical possession as well as related parties holding that same information that is accessible to the Police:

1. Maintenance logs
2. Diagnostic or error logs
3. Fault histories
4. Any similar internal performance records

You do not need to provide any data itself— I am requesting only confirmation of whether such information is or was held, even if only by a specific team or third-party operator under Police oversight

This is important information for individuals that it seeks to prosecute for speeding offences. To limit cost at this stage, I simply request a confirmation that the Police holds this information (going back any number of years) in its possession or in an accessible location

This same request is being submitted to several Police forces in England and Wales to understand consistencies and disparities in network governance and evidential control, and understand the scope of data held by those Police forces. Also note that this is request is part of a legally-protected body of public interest work : aside from sanction under section 77 of the FOIA, withholding from or obstructing the work of the requester may invite sanction for your organisation under the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998 given the PIDA-protected status of the requester's body of work

SP received your request on 17/11/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

SP holds/does not hold the requested information.

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- Disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 22124 Speed Camera Network Data.xlsx'.

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- No information held.

Please note that this data has been provided to the best of the ability of SP, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software. Additional offences/incidents may have been recorded during these timescales but are awaiting finalisation and input onto these systems and would not be present within this dataset.



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Every effort is made to ensure that the data presented is accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that this has been extracted from multiple sources, developed for specific policing purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the terminology of this request. Therefore, the data presented is subject to the inaccuracies and idiosyncrasies inherent in any large-scale recording system.

Consequently, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

Please be advised that all Freedom of Information request responses are published on the SP website although personal details are not included.

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 have made numerous exhaustive attempts to obtain the data you have requested from the relevant data holders within the force. However, following all attempts to date, we have been unable to receive a satisfactory response from the data holder with which to provide a response to this part of your request. We will continue to chase the data holder and will come back to you in due course. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your information request, you can make an appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The easiest way to lodge your appeal is via their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

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