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28 January 2026

FOI Ref 22453

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

1) Request for information

Request for the following under FOIA 2000

Event: date [REDACTED] Location [REDACTED]

Commencing [REDACTED]

I have ongoing SAR [REDACTED]

Now also make this a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

This combined approach is intended to ensure the preservation and full disclosure of all records relating to the incident at [REDACTED]

Previous SAR Responses:

[REDACTED]

Formal Combined Request (SAR + FOIA):

All BWV footage, including unedited sections, metadata, and associated logs, from the full incident (approx. [REDACTED])

All reports, incident logs, pocket notebook entries, emails, internal communications, risk assessments, and officer notes related to me.

Records of legal authority, policies, powers, or guidance relied upon during the incident.

Follow-up reports, referrals, internal reviews, and any communications concerning officer conduct or escalation.

Records of any editing, withholding, or redaction decisions regarding BWV or associated notes.

FOIA / Data Retention Emphasis:

I formally request, referencing FOIA 2000 principles, that all data relating to this incident be preserved in full, including any material not yet disclosed or identified.



I require full explanation for any withheld, redacted, or edited data, citing the statutory basis for withholding.

I expect confirmation that no data has been deleted or destroyed, and that all data will remain preserved until full disclosure, including for the purposes of the ongoing Schedule 3 review [REDACTED]

Obstruction / Delay:

I note the pattern of obstruction, selective disclosure, and delay, which I regard as serious procedural failings. I expect prompt and complete compliance, and reserve the right to escalate any continued non-compliance or partial disclosure to:

The Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC)

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)

Legal proceedings, if necessary

This request is formal and serious. I require electronic provision of all material and a full explanation for any withheld or redacted sections, with clear statutory references.
See attached sourcing the exact email add. Ref for date(s)

Additional. To ephamise retention of data.

I write to formally request that all data held by Staffordshire Police relating to the incident [REDACTED] be identified, preserved, and secured without alteration or deletion.

This request is made in light of ongoing information rights processes, including a Subject Access Request and related correspondence, and is intended to ensure compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, UK GDPR, and the Data Protection Act 2018.

1. Scope of Data to Be Preserved

Please ensure that all data held, in any format, is preserved, including but not limited to:

- Original, unedited body-worn video footage (including pre- and post-recording buffers)
- Any edited, redacted, or clipped versions of that footage
- Audio recordings
- CCTV or other video recordings associated with the incident
- Officers' notebooks and pocket notebook entries
- Incident logs, command-and-control logs, and call handling records
- CAD, RMS, NICHE, or equivalent system records
- Metadata, audit trails, access logs, and deletion or retention logs
- Internal communications referring to the incident, footage, or disclosure decisions
- Policies, guidance, or decision records relied upon when editing, withholding, or deleting data

2. Preservation and Retention

Please confirm that:

- No data relating to this incident will be deleted, overwritten, or further edited
- All original source material is retained in its native format
- Any automated deletion or retention schedules have been suspended where applicable

3. Previous References to Deletion or Technical Issues

In light of prior statements indicating that some data was deleted, and later statements that such data was not deleted due to technical difficulties, this notice is issued to ensure that no further loss of data occurs and that all existing material is safeguarded pending resolution.



4. Confirmation Requested

Please confirm in writing:

- That this preservation notice has been actioned
- The departments or systems to which it has been applied
- The date on which preservation was implemented

This request does not seek immediate disclosure of the above information, but is intended to secure and preserve all relevant data while statutory processes continue.

If any part of this request is unclear or would exceed the cost limits set out under Section 12 of the Act, I would appreciate your advice on how the request may be refined.

I write in response to your recent correspondence stating that the requested information will not be supplied under the Freedom of Information Act and that this constitutes your final correspondence.

For the avoidance of doubt, my request was explicitly a combined Subject Access Request (Article 15 UK GDPR) and FOIA request. Your response does not address, nor discharge, your statutory obligations in respect of the Subject Access Request, which remains outstanding.

I also note that [REDACTED]

Please therefore now comply with Article 15 UK GDPR by:

1. Confirming the full scope of personal data held relating to this incident; and
2. Providing that personal data in full; or
3. Clearly identifying the specific exemption(s) relied upon under the UK GDPR / Data Protection Act 2018, with an explanation of their application.

A refusal under FOIA does not constitute a lawful response to a Subject Access Request. Statements that this is "final correspondence" do not extinguish statutory data protection rights.

If a compliant SAR response is not provided, I will refer this matter to the Information Commissioner's Office without further notice.

SP received your request on 28/01/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

SP can neither confirm nor deny that it holds the information you requested as it believes that the duty under s1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the duty to confirm whether the public authority holds information of the specified description) does not apply.

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 this request.

- Section 40(5) Personal Information

Section 40(5) is an absolute exemption which means that there is no need to quantify the harm that may arise from the disclosure; neither is it subject to a public interest test.

To release personal or third-party information that may or may not be held by SP, would breach the data protection principles; namely –

- Data is lawfully and fairly processed.
- Processed in line with an individual's rights.
- Data is secure.

Personal and third-party information cannot be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

Disclosure under Freedom of Information is a release of information to the world in general and not an individual applicant.

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.

An individual can access personal information which SP may or may not hold, by making an application under the Right of Access (formerly known as Subject Access) provision of the Data Protection Act 2018.

<https://www.staffordshire.police.uk/rqo/request/ri/request-information/ir/ask-for-delete-change-information/>

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:

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.



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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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