



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

Our Ref: FOI 23118
Your Ref: FOI 22936
Date: 20th July 2026

Internal Review

Re: Request for internal review of response to application for information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, original request first notified to Staffordshire Police on 29th May 2026.

Staffordshire Police (SP) refer to the above request which was expressed in the following terms: Please provide the total FTE headcount of officers or police staff at your force with specific responsibility for economic crime offences as defined in Schedule 11 of the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023, including fraud and money laundering. Please provide this information for each year in the previous 5 years.

If possible within the cost threshold, for the same time period please also provide a breakdown of the different roles within this FTE headcount, including the number of financial investigators.

REQUESTED REFINEMENT Received from Applicant on 12/06/2026

It has come to my attention that my previous FOI request (reference number 22936) is likely to trigger the cost exemption under Section 12.

I would therefore like to please refine my request as follows:

Specifically, I would like to request the following information in relation to dedicated or specialist economic crime units at Staffordshire Police:

1. The FTE headcount for each of the past 5 years from 2022 to 2026. If possible to provide this information by financial year please do so.
2. A breakdown of the different roles within this FTE headcount, which may include the number of financial investigators, financial investigation managers, financial intelligence officers, detectives, managers, supervisors, and coordinators.
3. The total budget for dedicated or specialist economic crime resource (such as an Economic Crime Unit) for each of the past 5 years from 2022 to 2026 (by financial year).

Further to the above, SP also note the following comments made within your request for Internal Review.

I would like to request an internal review of the response to FOI REF FOI 22936, received on 16/06/2026.

The Information requested was withheld under Section 31 (1)(a)(b) Law Enforcement.

However, so far 6 other Police Forces have disclosed information on the budget and headcount relating to their dedicated or specialist economic crime units following identical FOI requests. These forces are: Dyfed-Powys Police, North Wales Police, Northamptonshire Police, Nottinghamshire Police, South Yorkshire Police, and Surrey Police. I have attached copies of the responses.

Given other Police Forces have not withheld this information, disclosure of which your response notes that "would adhere to the basic principle of being open and transparent" and "lead to a better public awareness of the workings of the police force and the communications used with operations and during routine policing", I consider that this exemption has been applied incorrectly, and would be grateful if you could review it.

SP Response

Upon review of your request for information under the Freedom of Information provision referenced above and all corresponding communication, SP are of the opinion that the response issued fully answers the terms of your request.

SP also confirms that the application of the exemption outlined within this response is fully justified, and that the explanation and rationale for its application conveyed clearly and unequivocally.

Please be advised that all FOI requests and response letters are published on the Staffordshire Police website although personal details are not included.

If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner to investigate. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:
<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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