

3 July 2026

FOI Ref 23023

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

The total amount spent on overtime for staff within the Southern Prosecutions Hub and the Northern Prosecutions Hub

Covering the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2026 (or the most recent available date if 2026 data is not complete)

The data should be broken down by month, and where possible, separated by:

Southern Prosecutions Hub

Northern Prosecutions Hub

If available within cost limits, I would also appreciate:

A breakdown of overtime expenditure by staff role/grade within each hub.

SP received your request on 17/06/2026 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 amount spent on overtime for staff within the Southern Prosecutions Hub and the Northern Prosecutions Hub

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The data should be broken down by month, and where possible, separated by:

Southern Prosecutions Hub

Northern Prosecutions Hub

- **Disclosed: Please see the attached file entitled, 'FOI 23023 Prosecution Hub Overtime Data.xlsx'**

If available within cost limits, I would also appreciate:

A breakdown of overtime expenditure by staff role/grade within each hub.

- **Withheld: Please see the below exemption.**

Please note that these figures have been provided to the best of the ability of SP, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems and software. The low values and credit that are shown within the dataset are to do with adjustments that SP make. The overtime is posted into the previous period as this is claimed in arrears. SP also move costs if they have been posted to the incorrect coding, this can course £0's or negative amounts. Additional overtime may have been recorded during these timescales but are awaiting finalisation and input onto these systems and would not be present within this dataset.



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(2) Personal Information**

Section 40(2) 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 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.

Unfortunately, SP cannot suggest a way in which your request could be simplified or pared down to bring it within the confines of the time and cost threshold.

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:



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

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 SP 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 twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to forty 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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Information Access Team