

3 July 2026

FOI Ref 23047

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

1. how many neighbourhood policing officers are in roles where they cannot be abstracted/guested to other departments, broken down into inspectors, sergeants and constables if those details are available, and not counting P.C.S.O's
2. how many neighbourhood officers are currently operational within the force, again broken down to Inspectors, sergeants and constables if those figures are available, and not counting P.C.S.O's
3. What is the percentage of Neighbourhood officers that have been abstracted / guested to other departments over the last 12 months, again if the figures are available, broken down to Inspectors, Sergeants and Constables, and again if those numbers are available, by monthly breakdown.
4. How many officers are currently operational within the force.
5. What are your current reported abstraction/guesting rates within the force for neighbourhood policing officers.

SP received your request on 25/06/2026 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.

- 1. how many neighbourhood policing officers are in roles where they cannot be abstracted/guested to other departments, broken down into inspectors, sergeants and constables if those details are available, and not counting P.C.S.O's
- 2. how many neighbourhood officers are currently operational within the force, again broken down to Inspectors, sergeants and constables if those figures are available, and not counting P.C.S.O's
- 3. What is the percentage of Neighbourhood officers that have been abstracted / guested to other departments over the last 12 months, again if the figures are available, broken down to Inspectors, Sergeants and Constables, and again if those numbers are available, by monthly breakdown.
- 4. How many officers are currently operational within the force.
- 5. What are your current reported abstraction/guesting rates within the force for neighbourhood policing officers.
- Disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 23047 Neighbourhood Policing Data'.

Please note;

- this is headcount, not FTE



- this is as of 31/05/2026 so the figures are in line with the latest Home Office return
- this is officers who are categorised in 1a Neighbourhood Policing as per NPCC and Home Office guidelines
- we don't have any posts that an officer can't be abstracted from or transferred out of
- officers have been removed who are on internal transfer from one 1a post into another 1a post, e.g. Moorlands Neighbourhood to Newcastle Neighbourhood
- the figures for officers on internal transfer are their substantive ranks, i.e. if a Police Constable has transferred to a temp sergeant post they are counted in the Constable figures
- that these figures have been provided to the best of the ability of SP, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software.

Every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that data is 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.

As a consequence, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, so as to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

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 SP 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 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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