

16 July 2026

FOI Ref 23059

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

Thank you for your response to my previous request (FOI Ref: 22941) and for the advice provided under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In accordance with your guidance, I would like to refine my request as follows.

For each financial or calendar year (whichever is held) from 2012 to the most recent year available, please provide:

1. The total number of serving police officers.
2. The total number of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs).
3. The total number of police staff.
4. The number of officers assigned to:
 - o Neighbourhood Policing Teams
 - o Response Policing
 - o CID/Detective roles

5. The number of police stations open to the public.

6. The number of public front counter facilities.

For each year where held, please also provide:

7. The total annual expenditure on police officer pensions, including payments to retired officers where available.

8. The average completed length of service of officers leaving the force, together with the number leaving after:

- o Less than 20 years' service
- o 20–29 years' service
- o 30 years' service or more.

9. The number of warranted police officers employed in administrative, support, management, training, headquarters or other non-frontline roles that could potentially be undertaken by police staff, together with any classification or assessment used by the force.

For the period 2023/24 to the most recent financial year available, please provide:

10. The total annual funding received by Staffordshire Police, broken down into:

- Central Government funding;
- Council Tax Police Precept revenue;
- Any other significant funding sources where readily available.

I would be grateful if the information could be provided electronically, preferably in spreadsheet format where possible.

SP received your request on 29/06/2026 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.

For each financial or calendar year (whichever is held) from 2012 to the most recent year available, please provide:

1. The total number of serving police officers. – **Withheld, section 21. Please see below.**
2. The total number of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs). – **Withheld, section 21. Please see below.**
3. The total number of police staff. – **Withheld, section 21. Please see below.**
4. The number of officers assigned to:
Neighbourhood Policing Teams – **Withheld, section 21. Please see below.**
Response Policing – **Withheld, section 21. Please see below.**
CID/Detective roles – **Withheld, section 21. Please see below.**
5. The number of police stations open to the public. – **Disclosed, from 2018 onwards the total is 3.**

Please be advised this number

6. The number of public front counter facilities. – **Disclosed, from 2018 onwards the total is 3.**

For each year where held, please also provide:

7. The total annual expenditure on police officer pensions, including payments to retired officers where available. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 23059 Officer Numbers and Funding'.**
8. The average completed length of service of officers leaving the force, together with the number leaving after:
Less than 20 years' service
20–29 years' service
30 years' service or more. – **Withheld, section 21. Please see below.**
9. The number of warranted police officers employed in administrative, support, management, training, headquarters or other non-frontline roles that could potentially be undertaken by police staff, together with any classification or assessment used by the force. – **Withheld, section 21. Please see below.**

For the period 2023/24 to the most recent financial year available, please provide:

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Central Government funding; – **Withheld, section 21. Please see below.**

Council Tax Police Precept revenue; – **Withheld, section 21. Please see below.**

Any other significant funding sources where readily available. – **Withheld, section 21. Please see below.**

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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 parts of this particular request.

- Section 21(1) - Information reasonably accessible by other means.

Section 21 is an absolute, class-based exemption and as such there is no requirement to quantify the harm that may arise from the disclosure, nor is there a requirement to perform a Public Interest Test.

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/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

Advice and assistance

In order to comply with our obligations under Section 16 of the Act, the obligation to provide advice and assistance, please find below links to the information requested.

Q1,2,3,4,5,6,10 and 11 [Police workforce England and Wales statistics - GOV.UK](#)

Please click on police data tables for each of your requested years.

Q12 - [Budget](#)

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.



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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.

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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