

24 July 2026

FOI Ref 23060

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

I am undertaking historical research concerning firearms dealer registrations within the Staffordshire Police area.

The individuals concerned, ***** and *****, are deceased.

I request the following information:

1. Whether ***** was entered on the Register of Firearms Dealers maintained by Staffordshire Police (or its predecessor force).
2. The dates on which his registration commenced, was renewed (if applicable), and ceased.
3. The registered trading address(es) associated with that registration.
4. Whether ***** was entered on the Register of Firearms Dealers.
5. The dates on which his registration commenced, was renewed (if applicable), and ceased.
6. The registered trading address(es) associated with that registration.
7. Whether the business ***** was entered on the Register of Firearms Dealers.
8. The dates on which that registration commenced, was renewed (if applicable), and ceased.
9. The registered business address(es) associated with that registration.
10. Copies of, or extracts from, the relevant Register of Firearms Dealers entries, together with any surviving renewal records or licensing records relating to the above persons or business, with any exempt information appropriately redacted.
11. The principal period of interest is 1960 to 1975, although I would be grateful if searches could include any earlier or later records.

If the requested information is not held by Staffordshire Police but has been transferred to Staffordshire Archive Service or another public archive, please confirm this and provide any relevant catalogue references.

SP received your request on 30/06/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below SP's response.

SP holds/does not hold the following requested information.

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- Unknown.*

Advice and assistance

Section 16 of the Act places an obligation upon the Authority to provide advice and assistance, in order to comply with this obligation please see below.

*Numerous exhaustive attempts have been made to obtain the data you have requested from the relevant data holders within the force. However, following all attempts, no response has been received from the data holder with which to provide a response to your request. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your information request, you can make an appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The easiest way to lodge your appeal is via their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

If you are unhappy with this response you can 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