

13 July 2026

FOI Ref 23101

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

On your website it states that you have '1,987 officers 215 PCSOs 157 special constables'
As of march 2023*

Question One

Three years later what the numbers of Police Officers, PCSOs and Special Constables?

Question Two

How many officers are in each rank of Staffordshire Police, i.e. PCs, Sgt, Insp etc? (either substantive or acting)

Question Three

How many different departments have officers of any rank in them?

Question Four

Of those departments in question three. How many are considered front facing.

Question Five

How many Officers of any rank are either on long term sick, Maternity, on secondment to other forces or other areas etc

SP received your request on 08/07/2026 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.

- Question One
Three years later what the numbers of Police Officers, PCSOs and Special Constables? – **Withheld, please see below.**
- Question Two
How many officers are in each rank of Staffordshire Police, i.e. PCs, Sgt, Insp etc? (either substantive or acting) – **Withheld, please see below.**
- Question Three
How many different departments have officers of any rank in them? – **Disclosed, 43 Departments have Police Officers in them.**
- Question Four

Of those departments in question three. How many are considered front facing. – **Withheld, please see below.**

- Question Five
How many Officers of any rank are either on long term sick, Maternity, on secondment to other forces or other areas etc – **Withheld, please see below.**

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.

Advice and assistance

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

- <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/68e7977eb6ae95e3c769078d/police-workforce-mar25-tables-230725-second-edition.ods>

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:

Information Access Team
Staffordshire Police HQ
PO Box 3167
Stafford
ST16 9JZ



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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 Force's 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 20 working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 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, taking into account 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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