



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

Our Ref: FOI 22981
Your Ref: FOI 22937
Date: 17 June 2026

Internal Review

Re: Request for internal review of response to application for information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, original request first notified to Staffordshire Police on 8th June 2026.

Staffordshire Police (SP) refer to the above request which was expressed in the following terms:

I'd be very grateful for disclosure of the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please provide the total FTE headcount of specialist officers and staff at the Economic Crime Unit within the Regional Organised Crime Unit for the West Midlands Region (ROCUWM), for each year in the previous 5 years.

If possible within the cost threshold, for the same time period please also provide:

- a) the total annual budget for the ROCUWM;
- b) the total annual budget for the Economic Crime Unit within the ROCUWM.

Further to the above, SP also note the following comments made within your request for Internal Review.

I would like to request an internal review of the response to freedom of information request 22937, submitted on 01/06/2026.

Information requested in FOI 22937 was withheld under Section 31 (1)(a)(b) Law Enforcement.

However, some of this information has been previously disclosed in FOI reference 1357A/21, received in October 2021. Under this previous FOI request, the following information on the Regional Organised Crime Unit for the West Midlands Region (ROCUWM) was disclosed:

The annual budget (by financial year) for the ROCUWM for the years 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/2020, and 2020/2021.

The headcount of the ROCUWM for the years 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/2020, and 2020/2021.

This information was published on page 48 of a 2022 Spotlight on Corruption report: (https://www.spotlightcorruption.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Spotlight_closing_the_UK_economic_crime_enforcement_gap.pdf).

Transparency on the resourcing of policing and efforts to counter serious and organised crime and corruption is essential for accountability and therefore strongly in the public interest. Information received as part of this request would support Spotlight on Corruption's charitable and public interest objectives to promote the sound administration of the law in the field of anti-corruption. In light of the above, I hope you will reconsider the decision to withhold the requested information.

SP Response

Upon review of your request for information under the Freedom of Information provision referenced above and all corresponding communication, SP are of the opinion that the response issued fully answers the terms of your request.

SP also confirms that the application of the exemption outlined within this response is fully justified, and that the explanation and rationale for its application conveyed clearly and unequivocally.

Please be advised that all FOI requests and response letters are published on the Staffordshire Police website although personal details are not included.

If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner to investigate. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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