



11 June 2026

FOI Ref 22923

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

REQUEST 1:

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- What would you like to know?: A. Policy frameworks
- Do your safeguarding policies contain specific provisions for disabled adults in romantic or intimate partner relationships?
    - o If so, please provide the relevant sections of these policies.
  - Do your Domestic Abuse policies contain specific provisions for disabled adults in romantic or intimate partner relationships?
    - o If so, please provide the relevant sections of these policies.
  - Do your policies make provision for reasonable adjustments when supporting disabled adults experiencing domestic abuse?
    - o If so, please provide the relevant sections of these policies, and any relevant provisions made.
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REQUEST 2:

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- What would you like to know?: B. Accessibility and disclosure
- Please provide any policies, protocols, or guidance relating to how disabled adults can disclose domestic abuse within your organisation.
  - Please provide any policies or procedures relating to how your organisation ensures the safety of disabled adults following disclosure of domestic abuse.
  - Please provide any policies or procedures, protocols or guidance relating to how your organisation offers education or educational material to disabled adults regarding romantic and intimate relationships.
  - Is information about domestic abuse made available in accessible formats (eg Easy Read, British Sign Language and other alternative formats)?
    - o If so, please provide examples or links.
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REQUEST 3:

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- What would you like to know?: C. Training
- Please provide details of any training materials, guidance, or frameworks used to train staff in supporting disabled persons experiencing domestic abuse from an intimate partner.
  - Does your organisation have specialist roles or officers focused on disability and domestic abuse?
    - o If so, please provide role descriptions.
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REQUEST 4:

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- What would you like to know?: D. Prevention and early intervention
- Does your organisation have any policies, strategies, or programmes relating to:



o Prevention of domestic abuse involving disabled adults in intimate and romantic relationships. If so, please include any documentation relating to these early interventions in such cases

If so, please include any documentation relating to schemes such as Clare's Law as applied to disabled individuals.

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SP received your request on 27/05/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

**SP holds some of the requested information.**

REQUEST 1:

A. Policy frameworks

- Do your safeguarding policies contain specific provisions for disabled adults in romantic or intimate partner relationships? – **No information held.**

o If so, please provide the relevant sections of these policies. – **Not applicable.**

- Do your Domestic Abuse policies contain specific provisions for disabled adults in romantic or intimate partner relationships? – **Disclosed, yes.**

o If so, please provide the relevant sections of these policies. – **Disclosed 'when dealing with incidents of Domestic Abuse it is vital to retain an open mind that ANYONE can be a victim or perpetrator of Domestic Abuse. This is regardless of disability'**

- Do your policies make provision for reasonable adjustments when supporting disabled adults experiencing domestic abuse? – **No information held.**

o If so, please provide the relevant sections of these policies, and any relevant provisions made. – **Not applicable.**

REQUEST 2:

B. Accessibility and disclosure

- Please provide any policies, protocols, or guidance relating to how disabled adults can disclose domestic abuse within your organisation. – **No information held.**

- Please provide any policies or procedures relating to how your organisation ensures the safety of disabled adults following disclosure of domestic abuse. – **No information held.**

- Please provide any policies or procedures, protocols or guidance relating to how your organisation offers education or educational material to disabled adults regarding romantic and intimate relationships. – **No information held.**



- Is information about domestic abuse made available in accessible formats (eg Easy Read, British Sign Language and other alternative formats)? – **Disclosed, yes.**

o If so, please provide examples or links. – **Withheld, Section 21. Please see below.**

REQUEST 3:

C. Training

- Please provide details of any training materials, guidance, or frameworks used to train staff in supporting disabled persons experiencing domestic abuse from an intimate partner. – **No information held.**

- Does your organisation have specialist roles or officers focused on disability and domestic abuse? – **No information held.**

o If so, please provide role descriptions. – **Not applicable.**

REQUEST 4:

D. Prevention and early intervention

- Does your organisation have any policies, strategies, or programmes relating to:

o Prevention of domestic abuse involving disabled adults in intimate and romantic relationships. If so, please include any documentation relating to these early interventions in such cases – **No information held.**

If so, please include any documentation relating to schemes such as Clare's Law as applied to disabled individuals. – **No information held.**

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

- [Report domestic abuse | Staffordshire Police](#)



Please note this data has 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 data presented is accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that this has been 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.

Consequently, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, 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](mailto: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.



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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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