

29 June 2026

FOI Ref 22941

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would be grateful if you could provide the following information relating to Staffordshire Police.

For each year from 2010 to the most recent year available, please provide:

The total number of serving police officers.

The total number of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs).

The total number of police staff.

The number of officers assigned to:

Neighbourhood policing teams

Response policing

CID and detective roles

The number of police stations open to the public.

The number of front counter facilities available to members of the public.

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

Central Government funding

Council Tax Police Precept revenue

Other significant funding sources

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

The average completed length of service of officers leaving the force in each year and the number leaving after:

Less than 20 years' service

20-29 years' service

30 years' service or more



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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.

The average number of police officers available for operational deployment on an average:

Day shift

Late shift

Night shift

For each Bank Holiday and public holiday during the most recent year available:

The number of uniformed police officers on duty

The number assigned to response policing

The number assigned to neighbourhood policing

Please provide the information electronically in spreadsheet format where available.

If any part of this request exceeds the cost limit under Section 12 of the Act, I would be grateful if you could advise how the request may be refined in order to remain within the statutory limits.

SP received your request on 01/06/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

In accordance with Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a refusal notice for this request.

The following exemption has been applied:

- Section 12(1) where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.
- Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the prescribed limit'.

The above information has been withheld for the following reasons:

There is no method by which SP can readily retrieve information from our systems to answer part of this request. To ascertain whether the average number of police officers available for operational deployment on an average day shift for each bank holiday and public holiday during the most recent year available, the number of uniformed police officers on duty and the number assigned to response policing, , the record of each officer booked on/off for every day from 2012 would need to be reviewed. This would involve reviewing approximately 2,000 officers' records per day. To extract this data would therefore require a very labour-intensive manual trawl through each record.

From dip sampling this would equate to over 651 hours. To achieve this task would therefore exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold of the Freedom of Information Act by a considerable margin.

Advice and assistance

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

In order to assist in refining your request, data could be provided for the below questions:

For each year from 2012 to the most recent year available, please provide:

The total number of serving police officers.
The total number of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs).
The total number of police staff.

The number of officers assigned to:
Neighbourhood policing teams
Response policing
CID and detective roles

The number of police stations open to the public.
The number of front counter facilities available to members of the public.

Data can be provided for the total annual funding received for by Staffordshire Police from 2023/2024, broken down by:

Central Government funding
Council Tax Police Precept revenue

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

The average completed length of service of officers leaving the force in each year and the number leaving after:
Less than 20 years' service
20-29 years' service
30 years' service or more

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.

However, please note further exemptions may apply.

All Freedom of Information request responses are published on the SP website although personal details are not included.



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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

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, 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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