

15 June 2026

FOI Ref 22969

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

Aim: to explore how a child is protected from future harm after a parental guardian is suspected of a child sexual abuse material (CSAM) offence in the UK.

NOTE: this is regarding children who are not thought to have been a direct victim of intra-familial child sexual abuse by a parent.

- 1) Does the current police data system capture whether an individual being investigated for a CSAM related offence has parental responsibility for a child?
- 2) Do police officers purposefully undertake a search warrant at a family residence at a time where any children registered at the address are likely to be present?
- 3) If a search warrant is undertaken in a family residence would the non-suspect parent be left with access to the NPCC Family Pack? If yes:
 - a) In what format do you share the Family Pack?
 - b) Does the Family Pack contain information about support services available locally and are any of these specifically for children (please state which ones)?
- 4) Would a police officer routinely make a safeguarding referral to social services before beginning a CSAM investigation if it is known that the individual has regular unsupervised access to a child?
- 5) If a safeguarding referral has been made by police in relation to a CSAM investigation, would social services routinely be sent updates in the following circumstances?
 - a) Suspect held on remand after the initial arrest.
 - b) Suspect bailed to an alternative address away from a family residence.
 - c) Suspect bailed with conditions that limits contact with children under 18.
 - d) Suspect released under investigation without bail conditions.
 - e) Suspect has bail conditions lifted however remains under investigation.
 - f) Investigation has concluded with no further police action required.
 - g) Crown Prosecution Service has authorised charges for the suspect.
 - h) Date of the first court hearing.
 - i) Outcome of the court case.
- 6) When a suspect shared a primary residence with a child under the age of 18 at the start of an investigation and a search warrant was undertaken at that property, would the investigation team directly update the non-suspect parental guardian in the following circumstances?
 - a) Suspect held on remand after the initial arrest.
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- e) Suspect has bail conditions lifted however remains under investigation.
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7) When it is known that a suspect has established unsupervised contact arrangements with a child who resides elsewhere, would a police officer directly contact the child's primary parental guardian in the following circumstances?

- a) Suspect held on remand after the initial arrest.
- b) Suspect bailed with conditions that limits contact with children under 18.
- c) Suspect released under investigation without bail conditions.
- d) Suspect has had bail conditions lifted however remains under investigation.
- e) Investigation has concluded with no further police action required.
- f) Crown Prosecution Service has authorised charges for the suspect.
- g) Date of the first court hearing.
- h) Outcome of the court case.

8) Does the current police data system capture whether an individual found guilty of a CSAM offence has parental responsibility for a child?

9) Would a sex offender manager update social services in the following circumstances?

- a) An offender initially registering as a sex offender.
- b) An offender had demonstrated an increase in risky behaviour.
- c) The offender breached a sentencing requirement.
- d) An offender completed their Sexual Harm Prevention Order.
- e) An individual is no longer required to register as a sex offender.

10) Would a sex offender manager directly update a primary parental guardian of a child under 18 for whom an individual is likely to see regularly of the following?

- a) That the individual was now a registered sex offender.
- b) The offender had demonstrated an increase in risky behaviour.
- c) The offender breached a sentencing requirement.
- d) The offender has completed their Sexual Harm Prevention Order.
- e) The individual is no longer required to register as a sex offender.

SP received your request on 05/06/2026 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.

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NOTE: this is regarding children who are not thought to have been a direct victim of intra-familial child sexual abuse by a parent.

1) Does the current police data system capture whether an individual being investigated for a CSAM related offence has parental responsibility for a child?

- **DISCLOSED: Yes – often system checks Identify this. If not, this requires further enquiries by the Officer in the Case at the home address of the suspect.**

2) Do police officers purposefully undertake a search warrant at a family residence at a time where any children registered at the address are likely to be present?

- **DISCLOSED: No. Police will actively try to execute warrants whilst children are away from the address to reduce any risk of trauma.**

3) If a search warrant is undertaken in a family residence would the non-suspect parent be left with access to the NPCC Family Pack? If yes:

- **DISCLOSED: Yes inclusive of.... 'Lucy Faithful' / 'Stop it now' / and 'Safer lives' documents of which all are left with 'non suspects'.**

a) In what format do you share the Family Pack?

- **DISCLOSED: Directly in paper form.**

b) Does the Family Pack contain information about support services available locally and are any of these specifically for children (please state which ones)?

- **DISCLOSED: Yes, as above.**

4) Would a police officer routinely make a safeguarding referral to social services before beginning a CSAM investigation if it is known that the individual has regular unsupervised access to a child?

- **DISCLOSED: Yes**

5) If a safeguarding referral has been made by police in relation to a CSAM investigation, would social services routinely be sent updates in the following circumstances?

a) Suspect held on remand after the initial arrest.

- **DISCLOSED: Yes**

b) Suspect bailed to an alternative address away from a family residence.

- **DISCLOSED: Yes**

c) Suspect bailed with conditions that limits contact with children under 18.

- **DISCLOSED: Yes**

d) Suspect released under investigation without bail conditions.

- **DISCLOSED: Yes**

e) Suspect has bail conditions lifted however remains under investigation.

- **DISCLOSED: Yes**

f) Investigation has concluded with no further police action required.

- **DISCLOSED: Yes**

g) Crown Prosecution Service has authorised charges for the suspect.

- **DISCLOSED: Yes**

h) Date of the first court hearing.

- **DISCLOSED: Yes**

i) Outcome of the court case.

- **DISCLOSED: Yes**



6) When a suspect shared a primary residence with a child under the age of 18 at the start of an investigation and a search warrant was undertaken at that property, would the investigation team directly update the non-suspect parental guardian in the following circumstances?

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- **DISCLOSED: Yes**

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- **DISCLOSED: Yes**

c) Suspect bailed with conditions that limits contact with children under 18.

- **DISCLOSED: Yes**

d) Suspect released under investigation without bail conditions.

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- **DISCLOSED: Yes**

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- **DISCLOSED: Yes**

g) Crown Prosecution Service has authorised charges for the suspect.

- **DISCLOSED: Yes**

h) Date of the first court hearing.

- **DISCLOSED: Yes**

i) Outcome of the court case.

- **DISCLOSED: Yes (by the Crime Management Unit).**

7) When it is known that a suspect has established unsupervised contact arrangements with a child who resides elsewhere, would a police officer directly contact the child's primary parental guardian in the following circumstances?

a) Suspect held on remand after the initial arrest.

- **DISCLOSED: Yes**

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- **DISCLOSED: Yes**

g) Date of the first court hearing.

- **DISCLOSED: Yes**

h) Outcome of the court case.

- **DISCLOSED: Yes**

8) Does the current police data system capture whether an individual found guilty of a CSAM offence has parental responsibility for a child?

- **DISCLOSED: Yes, in almost all cases. Sometimes however this may require further enquiries by the OIC which should have been resulted from when the investigation commenced as part of the safeguarding strategy**



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- Disclosed: Please see below.

10) Would a sex offender manager directly update a primary parental guardian of a child under 18 for whom an individual is likely to see regularly of the following?

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- Disclosed: For points 9a, b, c, d, e and 10a, b, c, d, e, - the context of the specific circumstances would dictate what information was shared and disclosed to social services. Registered Sexual offenders are subject of Multi agency public protection arrangements, so information freely passes between agencies, in the interest of public protection.

In the absence of full information about the specific circumstances, it is not possible to provide a definitive yes or no to the points above. That said, it is fair to say that all of the above would be considered by a sex offender manager, and there have been occasions where any number of the above examples would have been shared with other agencies and parent/guardians, if it was deemed proportionate and necessary in the interest of public protection or to prevent further offending.

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



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PO Box 3167
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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 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.

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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