

16 June 2026

FOI Ref 22994

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

Thank you for your speedy response. Unfortunately, the link you provided does not answer Question 2 - what Staffordshire Police does with uniforms. Section 30.1 of the 2024 Dress and Uniform Policy states: "All issued uniform items and equipment remain the property of the Force and may not be retained, sold or disposed of without the Force's consent. Any uniform that is surplus to requirements or is no longer serviceable must be returned to the Force Stores Unit for safe disposal - local disposal is not approved. Soiled or contaminated clothing should be disposed of via Force arrangements for the disposal of such items."

The policy appears to be for officers to read rather than how the actual force carries out their responsibilities. This being said, please could you clarify whether uniforms that officers grow out of/are old/decommissioned, are sold, destroyed or recycled?

SP received your request on 11/06/2026 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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- **Disclosed, all police uniform that officers grow out of/are old/decommissioned is collected by a recycling company and shredded.**

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

Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

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 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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