

23 June 2026

FOI Ref 23014

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

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act please:

1. How many police officers or police staff have had disciplinary proceedings taken against them by your Professional Standards Department (PSD) for misusing AI / Artificial Intelligence for their work between January 2023 and 31st May 2026? Please break it down by year.
2. How many of these cases were upheld?
3. Of those officers and staff who had disciplinary proceedings against them upheld, what was the nature of the allegations?
4. Of those officers and staff who had disciplinary proceedings against them upheld, what platform did they use e.g. ChatGPT, Microsoft CoPilot, Claude, Google Gemini, Google Pinpoint, Perplexity AI, Grok or any others?
5. Of those officers and staff who had disciplinary proceedings against them upheld, what was the sanction?

SP received your request on 15/06/2026 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.**

- I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act please:
- 1. How many police officers or police staff have had disciplinary proceedings taken against them by your Professional Standards Department (PSD) for misusing AI / Artificial Intelligence for their work between January 2023 and 31st May 2026? Please break it down by year. – **Disclosed, nil for all years.**
- 2. How many of these cases were upheld? – **Not applicable.**
- 3. Of those officers and staff who had disciplinary proceedings against them upheld, what was the nature of the allegations? – **Not applicable.**



- 4. Of those officers and staff who had disciplinary proceedings against them upheld, what platform did they use e.g. ChatGPT, Microsoft CoPilot, Claude, Google Gemini, Google Pinpoint, Perplexity AI, Grok or any others? – **Not applicable.**
- 5. Of those officers and staff who had disciplinary proceedings against them upheld, what was the sanction? – **Not applicable.**

Please note that these figures have been provided to the best of the ability of SP, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software. Additional cases may have been recorded during these timescales but are awaiting finalisation and input onto these systems and would not be present within this dataset.

Every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that data is 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.

As a consequence, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, so as 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



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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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