

10 March 2026

FOI Ref 21573

Dear Applicant,

On 15th July 2025 you submitted the following FOI request to Staffordshire Police (SP):

I am seeking the information you hold associated with the below message sent by your constabulary to the NPCC:

The exchanges with Surrey Police

The questions asked of other constabularies & their responses

The calculation undertaken showing that the costs are not covered by the fees presented

Your exchanges with the NPCC

Your consideration of RoA - right of access - and any exchanges on this insofar as disclosure of police reports is concerned.

22/05/2023 @ 09:07

Can you help us please with some steer/advice.

Surrey raised an issue that since the new ABI-NPCC agreement (attached) they are getting an increase in RoA requests due to their compliance with the agreement in refusing requests from those who do not meet its expectations. It has prompted more discussion as this is work that has just been passed into my team and we have been working through the processes available, asking questions from other forces and many realising that their processes need reviewing. We are all now concerned by doing such it will push requests to RoA.*

So based upon this new ABI-NPCC we have worked out that requests fall as on the attached word doc (ABI-NPCC workflows), it is the requests in red/box 4 that are the ones we are all becoming a bit stuck on. I have found a NPCC Disclosure policy (attached), which is not dated and no longer available on the College website & it alludes that the disclosures should be done but does not give a defined lawful basis. Whilst we can charge the charges do not now cover the costs to forces and certainly in Staffs we are looking at only do those disclosures that we have an obligation to do.

Any thoughts would be gratefully received as what none of us want to do is to refuse to do work that is not covered by the ABI-NPCC or by civil proceedings and then it results in being pushed to RoA.

I have copied below what is on the meeting notes as the query I originally received.

Hope all this makes sense but the general consensus is we could do with some NPCC help.

Many thanks in advance

Best wishes

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The request was logged by the FOI team (ref 21573) and a Section 14 (vexatious) response was sent to you on 18th July 2025.



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With regard to ICO appeal IC-405539-W4V9, SP now wish to revise their response as follows:

I am seeking the information you hold associated with the below message sent by your constabulary to the NPCC:

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No information held.

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No information held.

The calculation undertaken showing that the costs are not covered by the fees presented

No information held.

Your exchanges with the NPCC

No information held.

Your consideration of RoA - right of access - and any exchanges on this insofar as disclosure of police reports is concerned.

No information held.

Please note that the SP retention period for general email correspondence is 2 years:

Kind regards,

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