

**Our Ref:           FOI 22628**  
**Your Ref:       FOI 22612**  
**Date:             10 March 2026**

### **Internal Review**

**Re: Request for internal review of response to application for information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, original request first notified to Staffordshire Police on 04/03/2026**

**SP refer to the above request which was expressed in the following terms:**

I would like to request the following information under the freedom of information Act 2000:

1. How many recorded offences of sexual assault has there been on a male by a Staffordshire police officer from September 30th, 2025, to December 30th, 2025?
2. How many recorded offences of sexual assault has there been on a female by a Staffordshire police officer from September 30th, 2025, to December 30th, 2025?

Please can you provide the outcome for each of these recorded offences, specifically making each outcome distinctly clear for male and female victims.

**Further to the above, SP also note the following comments made within your request for Internal Review.**

I would like to appeal the decision please.

Please see the following reasons:

1. Are you able to provide a number of how many record offences there has been of sexual assault by a Staffordshire Police officer? within that timeframe. This way, you don't specify whether it is against a woman or a man.
2. Isn't it important for the public to be aware of police officers who serve their community whether there have been recorded offences of sexual assault by a police officer on a member of the public?

### **SP Response**

Upon review of your request for information under the Freedom of Information provision referenced above and all corresponding communication, we are of the opinion that the response issued, alongside all clarification provided, fully answers the terms of your request.

We also confirm that the application of all exemptions outlined within this response are fully justified, and that the explanations and rationale for their application conveyed clearly and unequivocally.

However, please find below some clarification on the rationale applied to our initial response. The information you have requested relates to a very recent time period, namely offences being recorded within the last three to six months. Should any such offences have been recorded during this timescale, it would be highly likely that any necessary investigatory process would be ongoing. Therefore, confirmation of whether information is or is not held would be highly likely to prejudice the outcome of any such investigation/s, were these to be in progress.

As previously stated, no inference should be taken from this refusal that criminal investigation/s are or are not currently taking place.

Please be advised that all FOI requests and response letters are published on the Staffordshire Police website although personal details are not included.

If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner to investigate. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:  
<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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