

20 March 2026

FOI Ref 22649

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

I am requesting information relating to your force's attendance at The Stalking Show held at Staffordshire County Showground.

Please could you provide the following information:

1. Attendance in 2025 and 2026
 - o The number of staff from your force who attended The Stalking Show held at Staffordshire County Showground in April 2025, and the number of staff planning to attend in April 2026.
 - o The roles or grades of those staff attending in 2025 and 2026 (e.g. officer rank or staff role, where recorded).
 - o The total number of hours spent attending the event in 2025, and numbers of hours predicted to be spent in 2026 by those staff.
2. Costs associated with attendance in 2025 and 2026
 - o The total cost to the force of attending the event, with separate figures for 2025 and 2026.
 - o A breakdown of costs where available for 2025 and upcoming costs for 2026 (e.g., staff time, travel, accommodation, registration/stand fees, materials, or other related expenses).
3. Sign off authority
 - o Which level of authority approved the attendance of staff to this event in both 2025 and 2026.

SP received your request on 11/03/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

SP holds/does not hold the requested information.

1. Attendance in 2025 and 2026
 - The number of staff from your force who attended The Stalking Show held at Staffordshire County Showground in April 2025, and the number of staff planning to attend in April 2026. – **Disclosed, 4 members of staff attended in 2025 and 4 are planning to attend in 2026.**
 - The roles or grades of those staff attending in 2025 and 2026 (e.g. officer rank or staff role, where recorded). – **Disclosed, in 2025 the show was attended by 1x Deputy Firearms Licensing Manager, 2 x Firearms Licensing Administrators and 1 x Firearms Enquiry Officer. The same is planned for 2026.**

- The total number of hours spent attending the event in 2025, and numbers of hours predicted to be spent in 2026 by those staff. - **Disclosed, staff attended for approximately 7 hours each in 2025, the same is planned for 2026.**
- 2. Costs associated with attendance in 2025 and 2026
 - The total cost to the force of attending the event, with separate figures for 2025 and 2026. A breakdown of costs where available for 2025 and upcoming costs for 2026 (e.g., staff time, travel, accommodation, registration/stand fees, materials, or other related expenses). – **Partially disclosed, for 2025 the cost was £649 which was the overtime cost (including oncosts). There were no other costs to the force. Cost information for 2026 is not held as hours could be claimed as overtime or Time off in Lieu (TOIL).**
- 3. Sign off authority
 - Which level of authority approved the attendance of staff to this event in both 2025 and 2026. – **Disclosed, attendance is signed off by the Firearms Licensing Manager acting on behalf of the Chief Constable.**

Please note that this data has been provided to the best of the ability of SP, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software.

Every effort is made to ensure that the data presented is accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that this has been 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.

Consequently, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

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:



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

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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Information Access Team