

5 October 2026

FOI Ref 23454

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information.

1. Please confirm the year in which Operation Encompass became operational within your police force area, defined as the commencement of routine police-to-school domestic abuse notifications.
2. Please also give the month in which it became operational, if this is held.
3. If Operation Encompass (or an equivalent scheme under another name) became operational at different dates in different local authority areas within your force area, please give the month and year for each of: Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire.
4. If a pilot preceded the full rollout, please give the dates and area of the pilot separately from the date of full operational rollout.

This information is for academic research at Royal Holloway, University of London, on police-to-school safeguarding and children's outcomes. I would be grateful to receive the information by email. If answering in full would exceed the cost limit, please prioritise questions 1 and 2.

Thank you for your help.

SP received your request on 30/09/2026 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.

- 1. Please confirm the year in which Operation Encompass became operational within your police force area, defined as the commencement of routine police-to-school domestic abuse notifications. – **Disclosed, 2021.**
- 2. Please also give the month in which it became operational, if this is held. – **Disclosed, January 2021.**
- 3. If Operation Encompass (or an equivalent scheme under another name) became operational at different dates in different local authority areas within your force area, please give the month and year for each of: Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. – **Disclosed, Same date of operation for both authorities.**

- 4. If a pilot preceded the full rollout, please give the dates and area of the pilot separately from the date of full operational rollout. – **Disclosed, a pilot phase was not undertaken. Full operational rollout took place on 5th January 2021.**

This data has been provided to the best of the ability of SP, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems and software.

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

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