

30 October 2026

FOI Ref 23483

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

I request the following counts only (no monetary amounts, no individual case data, no review outcomes) for each of the three pension categories defined below, under the Police Pensions Regulations 2015:

1. Surviving adult's pension (as defined in Regulation 136)
2. Eligible child's pension (as defined in Regulation 143)
3. Lump sum death grants (as payable under Regulations 155–156)

<https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.legislation.gov.uk%2Fuk%2F2015%2F445%2Fcontents&data=05%7C02%7Cfoi%40staffordshire.police.uk%7Ce74a495dc7b74f3903c208df23238d7a%7Cd492250406c0431d8eca67087dea03c8%7C0%7C1%7C639268307764269761%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMlslkFOljoitWFlpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=mt6Q7eQFmS7M0bG4hBGUPpA35TAe6FwVRU%2Ff5oDjeDc%3D&reserved=0>

For the avoidance of doubt regarding category 3: I understand that lump sum death grants are payable in respect of a deceased member under Regulation 155, and that Regulation 156 establishes a hierarchy of possible recipients. I am seeking the total number of grants paid in each year, regardless of the category of recipient under Regulation 156. I am not seeking a breakdown by recipient type, and I am not seeking the count of individual beneficiaries where that differs from the count of grants.

Information Requested

1. For each of the five full financial years 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26, and for each of the three categories above, please provide the number of new awards put into payment during that financial year — that is, the number of new surviving adult's pensions, new eligible child's pensions, and new lump sum death grants paid in that year.
2. Please provide the total number of awards in payment as at 31 March 2026 for (i) surviving adult's pensions and (ii) eligible child's pensions, with separate figures for (i) and (ii).

To be clear: Q2 is not limited to awards put into payment during the five years covered by Q1. It is the total stock of awards in payment at that date, regardless of when they were first awarded.

Format

Please provide the data in tabular form, with financial years as rows and the three categories as columns, containing counts only.

SP received your request on 06/10/2026 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.

- **Disclosed: Please see the accompanying file entitled, 'FOI 23483 Pension Death Benefits Data.xlsx'**

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/>

Freedom of Information
Information Access Team