

16 September 2026

FOI Ref 23334

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

1. Do you maintain a database of owners of private CCTV, doorbell cameras and dashboard cameras (henceforth referred to as CCTV) willing to share video with you for law enforcement purposes?
2. If yes, how many CCTV owners or systems are in the database currently?
3. If yes to Q1, please provide a breakdown of the location of CCTV owners/systems by postcode area 4. If yes to Q1, how many times have you solicited footage from anyone in the database for each of the past 3 years?
5. If yes to Q1, is there guidance governing the use of this database? If so, please provide the relevant document or documents.
6. If yes to Q1, please list the main methods by which you gather people willing to be added to the database.
7. Do you ever access privately owned CCTV without the permission of the owners?

SP received your request on 02/09/2026 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. Do you maintain a database of owners of private CCTV, doorbell cameras and dashboard cameras (henceforth referred to as CCTV) willing to share video with you for law enforcement purposes? – **Disclosed, yes.**
2. If yes, how many CCTV owners or systems are in the database currently? – **Disclosed, 2248.**
3. If yes to Q1, please provide a breakdown of the location of CCTV owners/systems by postcode area – **No information held.**
4. If yes to Q1, how many times have you solicited footage from anyone in the database for each of the past 3 years? – **No information held.**
5. If yes to Q1, is there guidance governing the use of this database? If so, please provide the relevant document or documents. – **No information held.**
6. If yes to Q1, please list the main methods by which you gather people willing to be added to the database – **Disclosed, this is done using the SP website:**  
<https://staffordshirepolicecctvregistry.co.uk/> .



7. Do you ever access privately owned CCTV without the permission of the owners? – **Disclosed, police officers may obtain privately owned CCTV without the consent of the owner where lawful powers permit this, including powers under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984. Accordingly, there are circumstances in which privately owned CCTV may be accessed without the owner's permission. The CCTV database cannot access the CCTV directly; it would have to be an officer attending the location as per normal enquiries.**

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](mailto:IAT@staffordshire.police.uk)

Or by Post to:

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.



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#### **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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