

9 September 2026

FOI Ref 23348

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

I have been signposted to you, to assist with ***** for information held by Staffordshire Police concerning licensing action taken in relation to Ye Olde Crown, 10 Westport Road, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 4AW, following events on 3 May 2025.

For context, Crime Reference ***** relates to ***** of an assault at Ye Olde Crown on 3 May 2025. During the police investigation, CCTV footage was sought from the premises but could not be provided. I understand that the circumstances surrounding the failure to retain this footage were subsequently investigated by Staffordshire Police as a separate licensing matter.

The investigating officer subsequently informed me that the licensee had been "formally interviewed and they have been given a formal warning which has been recorded on our licensing system".

More recently, PC ***** of Staffordshire Police Licensing has confirmed that ***** department took action in relation to a "licence breach from 3rd May 2025 (CCTV retention)" and has directed me to make this FOI request.

I would therefore be grateful for the following information:

1. CCTV licence breach and formal warning

A copy of the record held on the police licensing system concerning this licence breach and formal warning, including any record identifying the nature of the breach, the person or legal entity against whom the licensing action was taken and the outcome/actions of the formal interview and warning

2. Door supervisor register

Confirmation of whether Staffordshire Police requested, obtained or reviewed the premises' SIA door-supervisor register for 3 May 2025 during either the assault investigation or subsequent licensing investigation and, if so, a copy of the relevant record or entry for that date.

3. Incident/accident log

Confirmation of whether Staffordshire Police requested, obtained or reviewed the premises' incident/accident log for 3 May 2025 and, if so, a copy of any entry relating to the assault reported under Crime Reference *****.

I appreciate that personal information concerning third parties may need to be redacted. I am seeking the substantive records rather than private personal information.

If any requested information is withheld under an exemption, I would be grateful if the exempt material could be redacted and the remainder disclosed where possible, with the applicable exemption identified.

SP received your request on 04/09/2026 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. CCTV licence breach and formal warning
- A copy of the record held on the police licensing system concerning this licence breach and formal warning, including any record identifying the nature of the breach, the person or legal entity against whom the licensing action was taken and the outcome/actions of the formal interview and warning
- **Partially disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 23348 YE OLD CROWN EMAIL'. Please see section 40 exemption below.**
- 2. Door supervisor register
- Confirmation of whether Staffordshire Police requested, obtained or reviewed the premises' SIA door-supervisor register for 3 May 2025 during either the assault investigation or subsequent licensing investigation and, if so, a copy of the relevant record or entry for that date.
- **Disclosed, no register was reviewed.**
- 3. Incident/accident log
- Confirmation of whether Staffordshire Police requested, obtained or reviewed the premises' incident/accident log for 3 May 2025 and, if so, a copy of any entry relating to the assault reported under Crime Reference *****.
- **Disclosed, no premise incident log was reviewed.**

All Freedom of Information request responses are published on the SP website although personal details are not included.

The following exemption has been applied:

In accordance with Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a refusal notice for parts of this request.

- Section 40(2) Personal Information

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption which means that there is no need to quantify the harm that may arise from the disclosure; neither is it subject to a public interest test.

To release personal or third-party information held by SP, would breach the data protection principles; namely –

- Data is lawfully and fairly processed.
- Processed in line with an individual's rights.
- Data is secure.

Personal and third-party information cannot be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

Disclosure under Freedom of Information is a release of information to the world in general and not an individual applicant.

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:

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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