

11 September 2026

FOI Ref 23376

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

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

1. As of 1st September 2026, [or, the most recent date for which data is available], how many serving police officers within your force have money deducted directly from their wages by the Child Maintenance Service (CMS), via a Deduction from Earnings Order (DEO) or equivalent arrangement?
2. Of the officers identified in Question 1, what percentage are female?

If it would assist in answering this request, I am happy for the response to be provided as raw numbers (rather than percentages) so that I can calculate proportions myself.

If an exact figure would breach your disclosure threshold (e.g. due to small numbers risking identification of individuals), please provide the information as a banded range instead (e.g. "1–5", "6–10", "11–20") rather than withholding it entirely.

If any part of this request is refused, please specify the relevant exemption(s) under the Act and provide the required explanation. If the request is likely to exceed the cost limit under Section 12, please advise whether a narrower version of the request (e.g. the most recent full year) could be answered within the limit.

This request has been sent to all UK police forces for comparative purposes.
I would be grateful for a response within the statutory 20 working days.

SP received your request on 10/09/2026 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.

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2. Of the officers identified in Question 1, what percentage are female? – **Disclosed, none are female.**

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



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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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