

25 September 2026

FOI Ref 23433

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

I would be grateful if Staffordshire Police could search its records for incidents reported at, immediately adjacent to, behind, or otherwise associated with *****, including the adjoining land and rear yard, for the period 1 January 2020 to the present.

In particular, I am seeking records concerning deliberate fires/arson or suspected arson, drug use or drug-related activity, discarded needles/drug paraphernalia, persons entering or attempting to enter the private yard, trespass, rough sleeping/persons sleeping within the yard, anti-social behaviour, criminal damage, dumping/rubbish, threats/intimidation, and police attendance or reports concerning persons congregating on the adjoining land or boundary area.

I am not seeking the identities or personal information of third parties.

Where disclosure of complete records is not possible, please provide, so far as lawfully disclosable, the incident/reference number, date and approximate time, general nature/category of the incident, location recorded, whether officers attended, and recorded outcome, together with redacted copies of incident logs or reports where appropriate.

Please also search for incidents which may have been recorded against nearby/adjoining land or ***** generally rather than solely against the postal address, where the records identify the rear or immediate vicinity of *****.

If any part of this request should properly be dealt with as a Right of Access request, or by another Staffordshire Police department, please either forward it to the appropriate team or advise me of the correct procedure.

The information is required to establish an accurate chronology of repeated incidents affecting the property. I would therefore be grateful if the original incident dates and reference numbers could be preserved.

SP received your request on 24/09/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

Staffordshire Police can neither confirm or deny that it holds the information you requested as it believes that the duty under s1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the duty to confirm whether the public authority holds information of the specified description) does not apply.



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 this request.

- Section 40(5) Personal Information

Section 40(5) 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 that may or may not be held by Staffordshire Police, 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.

Advice and assistance

Section 16 of the Act places an obligation upon the Authority to provide advice and assistance, to comply with this obligation please see below.

You may be able to find some of the information you require via the following link by viewing the crime map.

[Your area | Staffordshire Police](#)

Additionally, if you wish to apply for as a Right of Access request, which is for your own personal data, you may do so by applying online using the following link –

[Ask for, delete or change information | Staffordshire Police](#)

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.



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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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