



FOI ref no: SCO/FOI/051/2026

Date: 26 January 2026

Dear Applicant,

Freedom of Information request: reference SCO/FOI/051/2026, notified to us by email and received on the 14 January 2026

The High Court has recently ruled in Chief Police Officers' Staff Association, R(on application of) v Police, Fire and Rescue and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire-EWCH 3047. The High Court ruled in favour of the Applicants. As costs follow the event I am assuming that Staffordshire Police will be liable to pay its own legal costs ' but also the full costs of the successful party. Please inform me of the total legal costs incurred.

The Staffordshire Commissioners Office does hold the information requested.

The total costs incurred are £106,526.20

Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from the Staffordshire Commissioner's Office 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:

By Post: Independent Review Manager
Staffordshire Commissioner's Office
Block 9, Staffordshire Police HQ
Stafford ST18 0YY

Email: FOI.PFCC@staffordshire-pfcc.gov.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number in any future communications.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within 20 working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

Staffordshire Commissioners Office, First Floor, Block 9, Weston Road, Stafford ST18 0YY

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The independent Decision Maker 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 Decision maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant 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 details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

ICO Website for complaints

<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Decision Maker