



**FOI ref no:** SCO/FOI/004/2024

**Date:** 24 January 2024

Dear Applicant,

**Freedom of Information request: reference SCO/FOI/004/2024 first notified to us by email on 11 January 2024.**

I wish to make a F.O.I. request regarding the Staffs Police Dog Welfare Scheme. In the light that the now said scheme is now run totally by females, and I include the administrative staff as well, I wish to ask, have any males applied to join this scheme, since its inception?

If so, how many if any, and how many if any, reached the interview stage?

And will the Commissioner's Office, be considering broadening its gender base, to rectify this?

**Staffordshire Commissioner's Office response to your enquiry is as follows:**

I am citing Section 14 (2) repeat requests. Where a public authority has previously complied with a request for information which was made by any person, it is not obliged to comply with a subsequent identical or substantially similar request from that person unless a reasonable interval has elapsed between compliance with the previous request and the making of the current request.

Your original request was received on the 5 October 2023 and responded to on the 11 October 2023. You have sought an Internal Review which was received on the 16 October 2023 and responded to on the 6 November 2023. Whilst your Internal Review was being considered you submitted the same request to Staffordshire Police which was transferred with your permission to the Staffordshire Commissioners Office on the 25 October 2023 and responded on the 6 November 2023 with the above exemption. You have made the same requests to Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service and have again requested information that is similar to previous requests.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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

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

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Decision Maker**