



STAFFORDSHIRE COMMISSIONER

Police | Fire and Rescue | Crime

FOI ref no: SCO/FOI/006/2025

Date: 6 March 2025

Dear Applicant,

Freedom of Information request: reference SCO/FOI/06/2025 first notified to us by post and received on the 9 February 2025.

You have requested the following information.

- Will your police force/constabulary be ring-fencing the extra income from the latest firearms licensing fee increase to the firearms licensing functions?
- What improvements will you be asking the Chief constable to make to streamline the system and reduce delays in grant and renewal?
- Will you be looking to ensure the chief constable recruits additional staff to reduce backlogs and provide better service, even to those who are under suitability review?

The Staffordshire Commissioners Office does not hold the information requested.

- Will your police force/constabulary be ring-fencing the extra income from the latest firearms licensing fee increase to the firearms licensing functions? **No Information Held**
- What improvements will you be asking the Chief constable to make to streamline the system and reduce delays in grant and renewal? **No Information Held**
- Will you be looking to ensure the chief constable recruits additional staff to reduce backlogs and provide better service, even to those who are under suitability review? **No Information Held**

Please note that the FOI Act 2000 only extends to requests for recorded information. It does not require public authorities to create information to answer questions generally; only if the information is already held in recorded form

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this email and should be addressed to:

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

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Please be advised that all Freedom of Information request responses are published on the Staffordshire Commissioner's 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 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.

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:

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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