



FOI ref no: SCO/FOI/036/2023

Date: 11 October 2023

Dear Applicant,

Freedom of Information request: reference SCO/FOI/036/2023 first notified to us by email on 5 October 2023.

I wish to ask two questions.

Firstly, when will any publication pertaining to the Staffs Police Dog Welfare Scheme, be published? In particular, in the nearly four years that the Staffs Crime Commissioner's Office, on behalf of the Dog's Trust, has been running the scheme, there has been no Annual Report, or any minutes of the scheme, or any statistics relating to the operation of the scheme, been made public.

Secondly, the question of ethnicity and diversity, within the composition of the Dog Welfare Scheme volunteers.

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

The Commissioner's office intends to release an annual publication regarding the Dog Welfare Scheme and the data associated with the visits. Unfortunately, the Covid pandemic meant that the scheme had a considerable hiatus in its operation from March 2020 until December 2021 and therefore data was unavailable for annual reporting. It is envisaged that a report relating to year April 2022 – March 2023 will be published to the Commissioners website before the end of 2023

In terms of the second element of your request, I am citing section 40 (2) personal information. The composition of the dog welfare scheme volunteers, is a small cohort of individuals therefore, release of this data would likely identify those individuals. The information requested covers the personal data of third parties and by complying with the second element of your request would breach one or more of the principles in the UK GDPR.

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:

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Staffordshire Commissioner's Office
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Or emailed to: FOI.PFCC@staffordshire-pfcc.gov.uk.

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

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Decision Maker

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