

FOI ref no: SCO/FOI/19/2020

Freedom of Information request: reference SCO/FOI/19/2020, first notified to us by email on 31 March 2020.

Just looking for information regarding the closure of hanley police station, what will be happening to the building when they move across to merge with the fire station, and if at all it will impact or improve services.

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

I can confirm that the Staffordshire Commissioner's Office does hold the requested information.

Once Hanley Police Station has closed it will be put up for sale. The building itself is too large for Staffordshire Police's needs and in terms of running costs these are relatively high and given the condition of the building and the level of investment that would be needed to address this would be prohibitive. As the Commissioner owns both assets (Hanley Police Station and Hanley Fire Station) and given the fire station has surplus capacity, it makes financial sense to co-locate the two services. Any savings from the sale and across both services will be reinvested back into front line services.

In terms of impact there has been a Community Impact Assessment carried out which demonstrates that there will be no negative impact to the local community. Community Groups using the Fire Station will in future use similar facilities in neighbouring Fire Stations. Our experience at Tamworth is that police and fire teams are working successfully together and, under their own initiative, undertaking joint training exercises and establishing new operating practices for dealing with incidents and the expectation is, is that this approach is also adopted at Hanley.

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:

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

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

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Decision Maker