

FOI ref no: SCO FOI 28 2021

Freedom of Information request: reference SCO/FOI/28/2021, first notified to us by email on the 20 September 2021.

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.

I today make a FOI request to yourselves regarding the Proceeds of crime act.

I understand that each force can make a request for funding under the proceeds of crime act.

1- how much you received

The value of POCA funding is not known until quarterly funds are received, which makes budgeting difficult. POCA funding in Staffordshire is in the ownership of the PCC who determines allocations of this in line with limited national guidance, the latest provided by Minister of State Ben Wallace on 14 March 2019 which confirms 'The [Home Office](#) runs the Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme ([ARIS](#)), in which criminal property recovered under the [Proceeds of Crime Act 2002](#) is divided between the Home Office and operational partners, based on their relative contribution to recovering these funds. These funds are calculated and paid quarterly in arrears to agencies, as soon as possible after the end of each quarter. The safer communities fund is not operated by the Home Office but by local police forces. There is an expectation that payments made under ARIS will be used to further drive up performance on asset recovery and, where appropriate, to fund local crime fighting priorities for the benefit of the community'.

2 - what it was spent on

POCA funds are made available to support delivery of local crime and community safety initiatives across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent through a grant programme known as the Proceeds of Crime Fund. (link to Staffordshire PFCC website). Grants are made available to strategic community safety partners seeking funds to support issues identified in local Strategic Assessments and reflected as priorities in the Police and Crime Commissioner's Strategic Plan, the Policing Plan and local Community Safety Plans. Grants between £2,000 and £10,000 are available through a £50,000 funding pot made available twice per year, each April and September.

Additionally, in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, £140,000pa is allocated from POCA funding to support delivery of the annual Space positive activities programme to address low level crime and anti-social behaviour for young people aged 8 – 17 years, and £25,000 p.a. as an annual contribution to support the Police Cadet programme.

3 -how much of each item was brought

2019-20 (1.4.19 – 31.3.20)

Community Safety Grant Scheme Round 1 £46,905.39

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Community Safety Grant Scheme Round 2 £34,353.00

Usage - crime prevention, community safety education programmes, violence prevention, fraud and scams prevention, peer mentoring for vulnerable children, road safety.

Space Programme £140,000

Police Cadet Programme £25,000

2020-21 (1.4.20 – 31.3.21)

Community Safety Grant Scheme Round 1 £49,178.27

Community Safety Grant Scheme Round 2 £2,000.00 (significantly reduced due to COVID)

Usage – Young People’s diversionary activity, target hardening, outreach for vulnerable children, crime prevention activities.

Space Programme £140,000

Police Cadet Programme £25,000

2021 (1.4.21- 15.9.21)

Community Safety Grant Scheme Round 1 £49,000

Usage – Young People’s diversionary activities, CCTV, Town Centre Safety

Space Programme £140,000

Police Cadet Programme £25,000

[Proceeds of Crime Fund - Staffordshire Commissioner \(staffordshire-pfcc.gov.uk\)](http://staffordshire-pfcc.gov.uk)

4- what items were seized and turned into police equipment i.e vehicles

All property seized is sold to generate the monetary benefit however, that monetary value is split amongst a number of agencies one being Staffordshire Police. Therefore, I am unable to provide the specific information as requested.

If possible would like the results covering a 2-year period from 1st January 2019 to the date of this email please (15th Sept 2021).

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

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Decision Maker