

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Decision notice

Date: 17 September 2024

Public Authority: Chief Constable of Staffordshire Police

Address: Police Headquarters
Weston Road
Stafford
ST18 0YY

Request:

The complainant requested the following information from the Chief Constable of Staffordshire Police on 14 July 2024:

1) The College of Policing requirements for Information Management specify that each UK police force must have an Information Management Strategy (IMS):

<https://www.college.police.uk/app/information-management/management-police-information/common-process-managing-police-information#information-management-strategy>

Please provide a copy of your local Police Force's IMS.

2) Please provide your Policy relating to the Management of Intelligence. As an example, I have attached Surrey's and Sussex's Policy.

3) Do you use the same system for crime and intelligence recording? What are the name(s) of the system?

4) In accordance with the National Intelligence Model, all intelligence should be handled using the 3x5x2 grading system, in which three

source gradings exist; Reliable, Untested and Unreliable. In order to supplement National documents, an example of which I have attached and information available from National Policing College, via weblink:

<https://www.college.police.uk/app/intelligence-management/intelligence-report> — what internal written material on the subject of intelligence has been produced by your Police Force (i.e. Guidance/a Handbook/Aide Memoire/Page on your Intranet or similar in nature) and is available to assist your officers? Please provide a copy of the information”

Commissioner’s Decision:

A public authority will breach section 10 of FOIA if it fails to respond to a request within 20 working days. Based on evidence available to the Commissioner, by the date of this notice the public authority has not issued a substantive response to this request. Therefore the Commissioner finds a breach of section 10.

Steps:

The public authority must provide a substantive response to the request in accordance with its obligations under FOIA.

The public authority must take this step within 30 calendar days of the date of this decision notice. Failure to comply may result in the Commissioner making written certification of this fact to the High Court pursuant to section 54 of FOIA and may be dealt with as a contempt of court.

Right of Appeal:

Either party has the right to appeal against this decision notice to the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)
GRC & GRP Tribunals,
PO Box 9300,
LEICESTER,
LE1 8DJ

Tel: 0203 936 8963

Fax: 0870 739 5836

Email: grc@justice.gov.uk

Website: www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber

Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

**Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
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SK9 5AF**