



STAFFORDSHIRE  
**POLICE**

FOI ref no: 10024

30th October 2018

Griff Ferris

Dear Mr Ferris,

**Freedom of Information request: reference 10024, first notified to us by email on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**

**Thank you for your recent request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 detailed below:**

1. *Is your force currently collecting digital information from devices belonging to complainants of sexual offences? For reference, "collecting digital information" in this context should be taken to mean and include any form of examination, access, extraction, copying or download of such digital information from digital devices, whether by self-service kiosks (SSKs), other device extraction software, or by external digital forensic examiners. If yes, please provide details of:*

- i. *the number of complainants who have had information from their digital device(s) collected by your force in the last 12 months.*
- ii. *the number of digital devices that your force has collected information from in the last 12 months.*
- iii. *the number of times complainants have withdrawn their complaint or their support for the investigation at the point they were asked to hand over their digital device or information.*

2. *Does your force currently have any digital devices awaiting examination? If yes, please provide details of:*

- i. *The number of devices currently awaiting examination.*
- ii. *the average wait time for a digital device to be examined.*

3. *Does your force seek consent from complainants of sexual offences for the collection and/or disclosure of their personal information from their digital device or a third party organisation such as medical records, counselling records, local authority records or educational records? If yes, please provide details of:*

- i. *the number of complainants who have been asked for their consent to the collection of their personal information, via consent or 'Stafford' statements, in the last 12 months.*
- ii. *the number of complainants who have given their consent, via consent or 'Stafford' statements, in the last 12 months.*

- iii. *the number of complainants who have refused to give their consent, via consent or 'Stafford' statements, in the last 12 months.*
  - iv. *the number of complainants who have withdrawn their complaint or their support for the investigation after being asked for their consent to their device and personal information being collected by the police.*
4. *Has your force disclosed any digital information collected from digital devices belonging to complainants of sexual offences to the Crown Prosecution Service or the defendants' legal representatives? If yes, please provide details of:*
- i. *the number of times this information has been disclosed to the Crown Prosecution Service in the last 12 months.*
  - ii. *the number of times this information has been disclosed to the defence or legal representatives of the defence in the last 12 months.*

*REFINEMENT RECEIVED 29/10/18 [when asked if a simple 'yes' or 'no' response to each question was being requested]  
Yes that is clearly what I am asking. Thank you.*

**Staffordshire Police's response to your enquiry is as follows:  
Staffordshire Police does hold the requested information.**

- 1. Yes**
- 2. Yes**
- 3. Yes**
- 4. Yes**

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:

Central Disclosure Unit  
Staffordshire Police HQ  
PO Box 3167  
Stafford  
ST16 9JZ

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

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Decision Maker