

14 May 2025

FOI Ref 21339

Request - You asked us the following:

For almost 20 years members of the general public have been subjected to the humiliation of mass indecent exposure events, otherwise known as the 'World Naked Bike Ride' (protest).

This Freedom of Information Request has been submitted to all 43 territorial UK police forces to ascertain how relevant new information has been considered prior to granting permission for these events.

Please provide all Information and evidence demonstrating how your police force have balanced the right to 'protest' (whilst exposing genitals in public) with religious/cultural beliefs protected under the Equality Act 2010.

For example modesty is understood to be a core principle under Sharia law, and as such public displays of nudity are highly likely to cause outrage, considerable offence and may result in acts of violence.

Specifically what additional considerations/precautions have been made to facilitate these events by police forces operating within 'Sanctuary Cities' and 'Human Rights Cities'.

Please also include the following information:

How much has been spent on policing these events over the last 20 years - broken down per event, per year.

Please include if any specialist legal advice has been sought in relation to these events. If so, when and how much was spent on this advice.

Please include the guidance you are currently following for officers to facilitate/police these events.

Please include what your policy is in respect to men wearing face masks whilst exposing their genitals in sight of women and children.

Please include how many arrests, charges, cautions have been made in connection to these events.

Please include the number of incidents/complaints of anti social behaviour, indecent exposure, public disorder etc (before, during or after the event).

I trust this information will be made available prior to your next proposed events scheduled in 2025.

We received your request on 12/05/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Staffordshire Police's response to your enquiry is as follows:

Staffordshire Police holds some of the requested information.

- Please provide all Information and evidence demonstrating how your police force have balanced the right to 'protest' (whilst exposing genitals in public) with religious/cultural beliefs protected under the Equality Act 2010. For example modesty is understood to be a core principle under Sharia law, and as such public displays of nudity are highly likely to cause outrage, considerable offence and may result in acts of violence. – **No information held.**
- Specifically what additional considerations/precautions have been made to facilitate these events by police forces operating within 'Sanctuary Cities' and 'Human Rights Cities'. – **No information held.**
- How much has been spent on policing these events over the last 20 years - broken down per event, per year. – **No information held.**
- Please include if any specialist legal advice has been sought in relation to these events. If so, when and how much was spent on this advice. – **No information held.**
- Please include the guidance you are currently following for officers to facilitate/police these events. – **No information held.**
- Please include what your policy is in respect to men wearing face masks whilst exposing their genitals in sight of women and children. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 21339 Naked Bike Ride Protest Data'.**
- Please include how many arrests, charges, cautions have been made in connection to these events. – **No information held.**
- Please include the number of incidents/complaints of anti social behaviour, indecent exposure, public disorder etc (before, during or after the event). – **No information held.**

Please note that this data has been provided to the best of our ability, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software.

Please be advised that all Freedom of Information request responses are published on the Staffordshire Police website although personal details are not included.

Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review



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Any person who has requested information from Staffordshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing within two months of the date of receipt of this email, and should be addressed to:

foi@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

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

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Central Disclosure Unit within two months of the Force's response to the original FOI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Central Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within 20 working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF



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ICO Website for complaints link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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