

21 August 2026

FOI Ref 23190

Request - You asked Staffordshire Police (SP) the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information relating to prayer rooms, quiet rooms used for religious observance, and the marking of religious festivals across the force's premises.

For the purposes of this request, "staff time" includes time spent by police officers, police staff, contractors or other personnel where this is recorded by the force.

1. Expenditure on prayer rooms

For each of the following financial years:

2023/24

2024/25

2025/26

2026/27 to date, if available

Please state the total recorded expenditure incurred in establishing, operating and maintaining prayer rooms or multi-faith rooms across the force.

Where possible, please distinguish between one-off establishment costs and ongoing running costs.

2. Staff time relating to prayer rooms

For each of the financial years listed above, please state the total recorded staff time devoted to maintaining, administering, coordinating or managing prayer rooms or multi-faith rooms.

Please provide the information in hours or working days, according to the format in which it is held.

For the most recent complete financial year, please also state separately the total recorded staff time spent specifically administering, coordinating or managing access to prayer rooms.

If the force does not hold a calculated total, please provide any recorded estimate, staffing allocation, workload assessment or equivalent recorded information that is held.

3. Religious festivals and holy days

For each of the following financial years:

2023/24

2024/25

2025/26

2026/27 to date, if available

Please state the total expenditure incurred by the force in marking, celebrating or supporting religious festivals, holy days or faith-related events.

Where possible, please provide a breakdown by the particular festival or faith with which the expenditure was associated.

Please exclude ordinary staff salaries unless additional expenditure, overtime or another separately recorded cost was incurred.

4. Staff time relating to religious festivals

For each of the financial years listed above, please state the total recorded staff time allocated to organising, administering, coordinating, promoting or attending religious festivals, holy days or associated events in an official capacity.

Please provide the information in hours or working days, according to the format in which it is held.

Where possible, please provide a breakdown by the particular festival or faith concerned.

If no total is held, please provide any recorded staffing allocation, estimate or equivalent recorded measure that is held.

5. Access to prayer rooms

For each prayer room or multi-faith room currently operated by the force, please state:

- a. the premises or police facility at which it is located;
- b. whether it is available to both male and female users;
- c. whether male and female users may use it at the same time;
- d. whether any separate rooms, segregated areas or separately allocated sessions are provided;
- e. the days or times allocated to particular groups, where applicable;
- f. whether the room is designated as a multi-faith facility or for the use of a particular religion; and
- g. where segregated facilities or sessions are provided, whether this affects the room's availability for use by people of other faiths or no faith.

Please provide copies of any current policies, guidance or booking rules governing access to and use of these facilities.

Format and clarification

Please provide the information electronically.

I am seeking recorded information held by the force. I am not asking the force to create new information or undertake fresh calculations where these cannot be produced through a straightforward extraction from existing records.

If any part of this request would exceed the appropriate cost limit, please provide the remaining information and, pursuant to your duty under section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, advise how the request could be refined while retaining as much of the requested information as possible.

Where no expenditure or staff time was recorded for a particular year or category, please respond with "£0", "zero hours" or "not held", as appropriate.

SP received your request on 28/07/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

SP holds some of the requested information.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information relating to prayer rooms, quiet rooms used for religious observance, and the marking of religious festivals across the force's premises.

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1. Expenditure on prayer rooms

For each of the following financial years:

2023/24 – **No information held.**

2024/25 – **No information held.**

2025/26 – **No information held.**

2026/27 to date, if available – **No information held.**

Please state the total recorded expenditure incurred in establishing, operating and maintaining prayer rooms or multi-faith rooms across the force. – **No information held.**

Where possible, please distinguish between one-off establishment costs and ongoing running costs. – **No information held.**

2. Staff time relating to prayer rooms

For each of the financial years listed above, please state the total recorded staff time devoted to maintaining, administering, coordinating or managing prayer rooms or multi-faith rooms. – **No information held.**

Please provide the information in hours or working days, according to the format in which it is held. – **No information held.**

For the most recent complete financial year, please also state separately the total recorded staff time spent specifically administering, coordinating or managing access to prayer rooms. – **No information held.**

If the force does not hold a calculated total, please provide any recorded estimate, staffing allocation, workload assessment or equivalent recorded information that is held. – **No information held.**

3. Religious festivals and holy days

For each of the following financial years:

2023/24 – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 23190 Religious Expenditure Data'.**
2024/25 – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 23190 Religious Expenditure Data'.**
2025/26 – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 23190 Religious Expenditure Data'.**
2026/27 to date, if available **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 23190 Religious Expenditure Data'.**

Please state the total expenditure incurred by the force in marking, celebrating or supporting religious festivals, holy days or faith-related events. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 23190 Religious Expenditure Data'.**

Where possible, please provide a breakdown by the particular festival or faith with which the expenditure was associated. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 23190 Religious Expenditure Data'.**

Please exclude ordinary staff salaries unless additional expenditure, overtime or another separately recorded cost was incurred.

Please note, we only hold this information in calendar years to service this request.

4. Staff time relating to religious festivals

For each of the financial years listed above, please state the total recorded staff time allocated to organising, administering, coordinating, promoting or attending religious festivals, holy days or associated events in an official capacity. – **No information held.**

Please provide the information in hours or working days, according to the format in which it is held. – **No information held.**

Where possible, please provide a breakdown by the particular festival or faith concerned. – **No information held.**

If no total is held, please provide any recorded staffing allocation, estimate or equivalent recorded measure that is held. – **No information held.**

5. Access to prayer rooms

For each prayer room or multi-faith room currently operated by the force, please state:

a. the premises or police facility at which it is located; – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 23190 Religious Expenditure Data'.**

b. whether it is available to both male and female users; - **No information held.**

c. whether male and female users may use it at the same time; - **No information held.**

d. whether any separate rooms, segregated areas or separately allocated sessions are provided; - **Disclosed, all of our multi-faith rooms are separate rooms, however we don't have the data in relation to allocated sessions or segregated areas.**

e. the days or times allocated to particular groups, where applicable; - **No information held.**

f. whether the room is designated as a multi-faith facility or for the use of a particular religion; and - **Disclosed, the room is designated as a multi-faith room**

g. where segregated facilities or sessions are provided, whether this affects the room's availability for use by people of other faiths or no faith. - **No information held.**

Please provide copies of any current policies, guidance or booking rules governing access to and use of these facilities. - **No information held.**

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Where no expenditure or staff time was recorded for a particular year or category, please respond with "£0", "zero hours" or "not held", as appropriate. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 23190 Religious Expenditure Data'.**

This data has been provided to the best ability of SP, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software.

As a consequence, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, so as to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

All Freedom of Information request responses are published on the SP website although personal details are not included.



Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from SP, 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:

IAT@staffordshire.police.uk

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 Information Access Team 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 a Supervisor who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Information Access Team 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 Supervisor 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 Supervisor will reply to the appellant with the result of the review. If the appellant 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 link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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Information Access Team