

20 August 2026

FOI Ref 23209

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting the following information held by your force

1. Cost of policing pro-Palestine events The total policing cost attributable to Palestine-related protests, marches, vigils and related public order operations in this force's area from 7 October 2023 to the date this request is processed. Please provide this broken down by financial year (or by individual event/operation if held at that level), and state what is included in the figure (e.g. officer overtime, mutual aid, equipment).

2. Public order policing budget

The force's public order policing budget for the financial year immediately before October 2023 (i.e. 2022/23), and for each financial year since (2023/24, 2024/25, and 2025/26 to date).

If this request would exceed the appropriate cost limit under section 12 of the Act, please advise which parts could be provided within the limit, or suggest how I might narrow the request, rather than refusing it in full.

Please provide the information in an electronic, machine-readable format (e.g. a spreadsheet) where possible.

If any part of this request is refused, please confirm which exemption(s) under the Act are being relied upon, and the public interest test considerations, in line with your obligations under section 17.

I understand you are required to respond within 20 working days. If you need any clarification, please contact me at the email address above.

SP received your request on 02/08/2026 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.

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Please note, the data is not held for each individual event/operation.

2. Public order policing budget

The force's public order policing budget for the financial year immediately before October 2023 (i.e. 2022/23), and for each financial year since (2023/24, 2024/25, and 2025/26 to date). – **No information held.**

Please note that these figures have been provided to the best of the ability of SP, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems and software.

Every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that data is extracted from multiple sources, developed for specific policing purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the terminology of this request. Therefore, the data presented is subject to the inaccuracies and idiosyncrasies inherent in any large-scale recording system. Consequently, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, 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

Or by Post to:

Information Access Team
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 Information Access Team within two months of the SP 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 twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to forty 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, considering 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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