



Via email



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Date: 02/11/2022

Our ref: FOI 2022/679

Reply contact name is:

Dear

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/08/2022 concerning purchases of LGBT merchandise, visits to LGBT pride parades and the wrapping of police vehicles in rainbow decorations.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by the finance and media teams at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

This is an information request relating to purchases of LGBT merchandise, visits to LGBT pride parades, and the wrapping of police vehicles in rainbow decorations

Please include the information for each of the following periods; 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22:

- Annual purchases of LGBT+ merchandise (for example, rainbow flags, bunting, lanyards, wristbands, stickers, balloons, pins) including the total quantity of LGBT+ merchandise purchased and the expenditure. Please provide a breakdown of what was purchased
- Annual expenditure on wrapping police vehicles in rainbow decorations and the number of vehicles wrapped. Please provide pictures if possible
- Whether or not the police force has attended any Pride events in the mentioned financial years, including which events, the number of officers which attended the events, and how much was spent attending each event



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Response:

Following receipt of your request the finance department, media department and the positive action team conducted research.

Q1: Wiltshire police are unable to pick out specific merchandise off of the finance system for the time frame given however question 3 contains details of spending for this financial year.

Q2: Each year we have a MINI at Swindon and Wiltshire Pride, however, this is supplied and wrapped by MINI at no cost to Wiltshire Police Force.

Q3: Due to COVID, there were no events in 2019-2020. We attended the Wiltshire and Swindon Pride Picnic this year. The stall was manned by volunteers from the LGBTQ+ Staff Support Network (no cost) and any uniformed officers who attended did this as part of their community patrols due to it being a large community event. In terms of cost, the network has spent the following this financial year:

100 x LGBTQ+ Lanyards - £353.00

500 x rainbow fuzzy bugs (for community engagement) - £185

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely

Force Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire 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 to the:
Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.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 Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original FoI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force 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 twenty 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
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>