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Dear XXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 8th November regarding football.

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.

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

You wrote:

For each of the financial years from 2014/15 until 2024/25, and 2025/26 up to Nov 6, if available:

1. The total cost to the force of policing professional or semi-professional football matches (including league, cup and play-off fixtures and any associated match-day policing operations).
2. The total amount invoiced to football clubs, stadium operators, or event organisers for policing these matches.
3. The total amount actually received by the force from those invoices (i.e., money recovered from clubs or organisers).
4. Any written policy, guidance, or procedure used by the force to determine when and how football clubs are charged for policing services.

Our response:

1. Total cost to the Force

2014/2015	£22,236.01
2015/2016	£16,550.35

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2016/2017	£127,926.41
2017/2018	£76,767.41
2018/2019	£8,907.23
2019/2020	£51,113.41
2020/2021	£610.25
2021/2022	£66,428.13
2022/2023	£64,088.39
2023/2024	£84,844.33
2024/2025	£33,126.65
2025/present	£1,898.34
Total	£554,496.91

2. Total amount invoiced

2014/2015	£15,703.20
2015/2016	£55,608.00
2016/2017	£78,967.82
2017/2018	£28,786.00
2018/2019	£14,165.42
2019/2020	£21,867.55
2020/2021	£ -
2021/2022	£32,856.30
2022/2023	£26,253.00
2023/2024	£31,163.04
2024/2025	£26,951.67
2025/present	£3,621.51
Total	£335,943.51

3. Total amount received

2014/2015	£44,511.60
2015/2016	£55,608.00
2016/2017	£63,924.62
2017/2018	£43,829.20
2018/2019	£14,165.42
2019/2020	£21,867.55
2020/2021	£ -
2021/2022	£32,856.30
2022/2023	£26,253.00
2023/2024	£3,000.00
2024/2025	£46,394.49
2025/present	£12,341.73
Total	£364,751.91

4. The information you are requesting is exempt by virtue of Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information accessible to applicant by other means. The following link will direct you to the NPCC website, where there is a document detailing guidance on charging for policing services which includes a section around football:

<https://www.npcc.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/downloads/publications/publications-log/finance/2025/npcc-guidelines-on-charging-for-police-services---sps-2025-v3.pdf>

Please note, due to late payments, the income will vary from the yearly cost to force, and Wiltshire will never receive the full costs for the game. Also, income relates to Staff/Officers in the grounds only.

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and 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

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