

WILTSHIRE POLICE



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By email

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Date 11th August 2026

Our Ref FOI 2026-720

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 31st July 2026, concerning Pro-Palestine event costs and public order budget.

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 department at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote and our response:

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).

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 a previous FOI response letter that details costs of Pro-Palestine related matters since April 2023 - [foi-2025-963-money-spent-on-pro-palestinian-protests.pdf](#). Note - Since 2024/25 these matters have been policed from duty strength, therefore there are no additional costs to the Force.

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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 - Wiltshire Police do not have a dedicated public order policing budget, it is dealt with as business as usual.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption applicable to the information requested is:

Section 21 - Information Accessible to the Applicant by Other Means

In accordance with section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this particular request.

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,

FDU Decision Maker