

WILTSHIRE POLICE



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By email

**Force Disclosure Unit
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Date 27th August 2026

Our Ref FOI 2026-764

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17th August 2026, concerning Swindon Pride 2026.

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 Swindon Neighbourhood Policing Team and Culture & Inclusion 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:

1. How many on-duty Wiltshire Police officers attended Swindon Pride on 15 August 2026 and for what purpose?

No information held. Under our Section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, Wiltshire Police conducted passing patrols of the venue, like any other large event, for reassurance purposes and to ensure a visible presence to prevent crime and disorder.

2. How many on-duty Wiltshire Police civilian staff attended Swindon Pride on 15 August 2026 and for what purpose?

No information held.

3. Copies of any joining instructions or guidance that were issued to officers/staff/cadets by email, or otherwise in writing, relating to the force's involvement in the Pride events in Wiltshire/Swindon over the weekend of 15/16 August 2026.

Wiltshire Police hold no information regarding specific instructions or guidance issued directly to those Officers responsible for the public safety at Swindon Pride. However, confirmation has been received that Officers were verbally briefed by the Duty Sergeant on the day regarding operational matters in Swindon Town Centre. They were also briefed that the Pride event was taking place and to make passing patrols. We did not have permanent presence at the event.

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4. Details and financial cost of any Pride-related expenditure by Wiltshire Police from 1 January 2026 to 18 August 2026.

No information held.

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