



Response Date:13/02/2026

2026/084 - Faith Group

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

The recent and deeply troubling scandal at West Midlands Police—involving the fabrication of AI-generated falsehoods to justify the banning of Israeli football fans and the subsequent "capitulation" of the force to sectarian interests—has raised serious questions about the impartiality of policing nationwide.

While the primary scandal is centred on the West Midlands, the principles of non-sectarian, data-driven policing are a national requirement. I am seeking formal assurances that your force has robust safeguards in place to prevent similar institutional capture.

Specifically, I request clarity on:

1. Recruitment Independence: What measures ensure that local recruitment panels and "Independent Advisory Groups" (IAGs) are not dominated by sectarian NGOs or faith groups with documented histories of radical or exclusionary rhetoric?

IAG members undergo a full vetting and selection process, which is agreed through the Force in consultation with the existing IAG. The Force aims to develop an IAG that reflects a broad range of views, ensuring it can provide a strong and representative voice from the community. In addition to the IAG, the Force also uses other consultation forums to hear and understand community views. While these engagement forums may generate ideas, suggestions, or actions, the Force is not obligated to agree with or implement any of them.

2. Operational Data Integrity: In light of the WMP "AI falsehoods" case, what oversight exists within your force to verify the accuracy of risk assessments for cultural or international sporting events?

In relation to International sporting events, football matches are the only International related sporting events we have in North Wales that would be risk assessed by Ops Planning, any information provided to us by visiting nations would be initially assessed via the UKFPU before being sent to police forces. With regards to cultural events, these will normally be risk assessed by local officers at a Senior Management level, if there is no requirement for a Public Order Public Safety Command Structure. However if there is a need for a Public Order Public Safety Command Structure, this will be decided by a nominated Silver Public Order Public Safety Commander, who will also review the threat, risk and harm in relation to the event based on the information and intel available at the time during a tactical meeting before the event.

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3. Training Oversight: Who provides your "Islamophobia" and diversity training? Are any external NGOs with political or sectarian agendas involved in drafting these materials?

Initial Training deliver bias, stereotyping and neurodiversity.

In terms of "Diversity Training" there is an online NCALT package

4. Impartiality Assurance: What steps are you taking to ensure that operational decisions are based on objective intelligence rather than pressure from "community gatekeepers"?

Similar to point 2 really, meetings would be held to discuss the information and intel which is graded by officers. The operational decisions will be discussed and taken based on what is known at the time of the event.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) REQUEST

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information for the period 1 January 2024 to the present:

1. Meeting Frequency by Faith Group: Please provide the total number of formal meetings held between senior officers (Rank of Superintendent and above) and representatives of major faith groups, broken down by category:

- Christian
- Muslim
- Jewish
- Hindu
- Other (please specify)

2. Muslim Group Engagement Details: For all meetings identified in category "Muslim" above, please provide:

- The date of the meeting.
- The names of the organizations or mosques represented (e.g., MEND, MCB, local Islamic centers).
- The names/ranks of the police officers in attendance.
- Copies of the minutes, summary notes, or action points arising from these meetings.

We do not hold "Formal" meetings or engagements.

We do regularly attend at our local mosques in North Wales of which there is 7, some of which have Islamic schools within, and we attend them during the year as well. We also attend other locations such as Universities and Hospitals etc to engage with the communities referred too. These however are informal visits as part of our engagement opportunities and our team is supported by our Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) colleagues in Local Policing Services (LPS) where required. I can confirm there are no agendas, minutes etc as these are simply routine patrol opportunities. I can confirm that our team does attend our local Mosques each Friday so maintain a close relationship with the local community.

3. Financial Records: Provide details of any financial grants, donations, or "Prevent" related funding provided by the force to any of the organizations identified in category "Muslim" during the specified period.

Checks have been undertaken on both the Force and PCC side on the above and no financial grants, donations or "Prevent" related funding can be identified to meet the criteria outlined in the question.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 12/02/2026