Freedom of Information request ref 01/FOI/26/4089
We received your request on the 06/03/2026.

Request

You asked us:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information relating to the catering of misconduct hearings:

1. Any documents which outline your policy for catering police misconduct hearings.
2. How much money was spent on catering misconduct hearings for the years of 2025, 2024, 2023 and 2022?
3. An example of what food was ordered for a misconduct hearing from each aforementioned year

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Our response:

British Transport Police does not routinely provide catering at misconduct hearings. As such, there is no formal policy outlining it.

There are also a variety of ways in which a payment for catering could be processed (including by a government procurement card payment, a standalone invoice or included within a wider venue hire invoice) which means that retrieval of the information requested would require a manual trawl of a number of records/systems across both the Professional Standards Department and the Finance Department and we consider would not be likely to produce accurate and complete results as it would depend on how any payments have been invoiced and stored. A full search of all possible records would be likely to require in excess of the appropriate cost limit for a FOIA request and unlikely to be conclusive.

The current Panels Manager is aware of two occasions since January 2023 where catering was provided (although this is partially based on personal knowledge rather than a FOIA search for recorded information and may not capture all occasions).

The first occasion in January 2023 British Transport Police paid £93.60 for catering at a 5-day hearing. We provided salad boxes, sandwiches, fruit, crisps, and juice cartons.

For the second occasion in 2025, cost of catering was included in the external venue hired by British Transport Police for a five-day hearing, and the catering was made available to the

panel members. The cost of this cannot be broken down as it was included in the full venue fee.