Freedom of Information request ref 01/FOI/26/4243
We received your request on the 02/06/2026.

Request

You asked us:

Please provide the following recorded information regarding the force's involvement in, and attendance at, local Pride events during the 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 financial years.

1. Attendance and Staffing
1.1 The total number of police officers and staff who attended local Pride events in an official capacity (e.g., as part of a community engagement team, diversity network, or march delegation), broken down by event name and year. Please note this excludes officers deployed solely for public safety or operational crowd policing.

1.2 Whether officers participating in the event/parade were permitted to do so while on-duty, or if attendance was strictly voluntary/off-duty.

2. Policy and Guidance
2.1 Copies of any internal policies, directives, joining instructions, or briefing notes issued to officers and staff regarding uniform requirements and appearance standards while attending Pride events.

2.2 Specifically, please provide any updated guidance or policy decisions regarding whether uniformed officers are permitted to march, following recent operational guidance or rulings regarding police impartiality.

2.3 Any Equality Impact Assessment carried out by the authority in relation to attendance at Pride.

If any of this information is already in the public domain or available via your disclosure log, please provide the relevant links or references.

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

Our response:

Question 1.1

A search of the Duty Management System did not reveal any officers rostered to police Pride events in 2024, 2025 and 2026.

Question 1.2

During the years 2025/2026, no attendance was permitted whilst on duty.

During 2024, attendance was arranged through the Rainbow Network and a small number of British Transport Police employees attended however they we off duty and it was voluntary.

Question 2.1

The British Transport Police appearance policy and community event guidance are currently under review following the issue of the NPCC guidance on attending community arranged events.

Question 2.2

British Transport Police employees are not permitted to march at Pride in uniform, British Transport Police branding or during duty time.

Employees are free to attend in their own time providing they do not identify themselves as representing British Transport Police.

Question 2.3

The Equality Impact Assessment is currently being completed in conjunction with the policy and guidance review.