

1. Who is in charge of custody at West Midlands Police?

Chief Inspector Edward Johnstone is Head of West Midlands Police Custody

2. Please can you provide documentation related to the rational and business case for West Midlands Police's designated and non-designated police custody suites?

The requested information can be found on the following websites

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pace-code-c-2017>

<https://west-midlands.police.uk/about-us/transformation-programme>

<http://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/media/378859/spcb-3-nov-2015-wm2020-innovation-and-integration-partnership.pdf>

<http://westmidlandspcp.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Item-8-Estates-Capital-Budget-WMPCP-23-NOV-15.pdf>

3. Do you have detention cells in your police station(s) or do you have a purpose built custody suite(s)?

This information is available on the following website

http://foi.west-midlands.police.uk/custody-locations-3735_17/

http://foi.west-midlands.police.uk/custody-locations-2810_17/

4. If you have a purpose built custody suite(s):

a. what is it called?

As above

b. how many cells or detention rooms do you currently have in each?

As above

c. how was its building financed?

It was financed from the estates budget

See Question 2

d. do the finance arrangements regarding the custody suite mean that it is privately owned or police owned?

Police owned

e. Please provide details of who works in your custody suite(s) e.g. police custody officer, private detention officer, civilian employed by the police. Please provide the total number of each (full time equivalent please).

All custody staff are employed directly by West Midlands Police with a total of 102 Sergeants, 113 Police Staff Detention Escort Officers and 75 Police Staff Custody Officer Assistants.

5. If you do not have a purpose built custody suite(s), do you have any under construction or are there any future plans to build one, and if so how will this be financed?

See question 3

6. Have you closed any custody suites or police station cells within the last 5 years? If so please can you provide a list of these and any planned closures?

See question 3