

***How much has been spent on policing any protest, march or demonstration by Britain first between 07.11.2016 and 07.11.2017 in your force area or where you have provided mutual aid to another force for any of the above***

***Where possible provide the date of the demonstration. Please provide a cost for each demo.***

West Midlands Police do not hold a figure for costs on policing these events. It is not possible to calculate a true figure as costs related to any pre-planned operations would not include any work completed in duty time as ordinary pay; these costs form part of a central budget so this is not separately identifiable.

Related to your request, we have information on dates and resources allocated to demonstrations by Britain First. Please also consult the following links to the College of Policing on command structures and public order tactical options used by the police.

<https://www.app.college.police.uk/app-content/operations/command-and-control/command-structures/>

<https://www.app.college.police.uk/app-content/public-order/planning-and-deployment/tactical-options/#police-support-units>

Between 07/11/2016 – 07/11/2017, the West Midlands Police force area have had the following Britain First events:

#### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

This was a full Britain First demo/protest held in Birmingham City Centre. This was a fully staffed pre-planned operation with the following WMP resources:

Gold, Silver and Bronze commanders were allocated to this operation as well as a combination of other police resources including Police Support Units made up of Level 2 PSU trained officers, Police Liaison Officers, Resource Allocator Despatchers, CCTV operators and West Midlands Police Guides.

#### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

This was a 'Pop-Up' Demo by Britain First in Wolverhampton City Centre. As this was an unplanned demo, there were no pre-planned resources but other resources were diverted to support the dynamic deployment of both Neighbourhood Policing Units and Force Support Units. The resources that were diverted and then worked this event were as follows:

An Inspector from the Neighbourhood Policing Unit, officers from the Force Support unit who are Level 2 trained, officers from the Operational Support Unit who are Level 1 trained, a Bronze Commander and Police Community Support Officers.