



Our ref: FOI 26/02

30th January 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request of 3rd January 2026 in which you asked the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please give the cost of (1) the provision of hoarding and fencing, (2) security staff and stewards, around the perimeter of Primrose Hill between 30 December 2025 and 1 January 2026.

We can confirm that we hold the following cost information.

- 1) the provision of hoarding and fencing cost: £29,999.99 plus VAT.
- (2) security staff and stewards, around the perimeter of Primrose Hill between 30 December 2025 and 1 January 2026 cost: £24,952.65 plus VAT.

As the charity and custodians of the Royal Parks we must prioritise the safety and wellbeing of our visitors. As has been well documented in the press, the decision to close Primrose Hill on New Years Eve was not taken lightly. In 2024 an estimated 30,000 people visited Primrose Hill to view the Mayor of London's New Year's Eve firework display. This was not an organised event but a gathering in open parkland which means that we have limited controls that we can deploy to ensure public safety. Cost was not a factor in this decision.

I hope this information satisfies your request.

Right of Review

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may request an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this letter, quoting the reference at the top of the page and should be addressed to:

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Yours sincerely,

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