

FOI 3206 response

About this document

This document sets out Goldsmiths' response to a Freedom of Information request submitted to the College – FOI 3206.

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Dear

We are responding your freedom of information request, referenced as 3206, in which you asked: "Now that the Independent Inquiry into Antisemitism has concluded and delivered its report, may I please request information on its final cost? I am making this request as a Freedom of Information request."

As you will be aware, the inquiry was commissioned amid a rise in campus antisemitism across the UK, with the Community Security Trust saying there had been an increase of 117% between 2020-22 and 2022-24.

In this context we wanted to have a clear picture of the situation at Goldsmiths, with the purpose of the inquiry commissioned by our governing Council to determine whether Jewish students or staff had experienced antisemitism in the course of their studies or work at Goldsmiths, since September 2018.

We believe this is the first such independent inquiry at a UK university, following previous internal inquiries at other organisations, and that this reflects our commitment to addressing any issues at our university.

The inquiry was agreed in summer 2022 with the call for evidence opening in summer 2023. This was followed by a period of engagement and interviews by the KC leading this work.

The inquiry report was published in summer 2025, concluding that Jewish students and staff have experienced antisemitism in the course of the studies or work at Goldsmiths, that the university could have done more when responding to reports of antisemitism and that our processes and protocols must be improved.

Overall, the inquiry expenditure has been across three financial years: 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25. In total the inquiry expenditure is £458,421, including legal and agency costs.

We recognise this is a significant figure and view the sum as a reflection of the seriousness with which we have addressed this critical matter. The inquiry report has provided us with a clear picture of the situation at our university which in turn allows us to take action in addressing antisemitism as a form of racism.

The Council and Executive Board of Goldsmiths have fully endorsed the findings of the inquiry and we are implementing a two-year action plan to build a culture of belonging for all Jewish students and staff, and for all religions and beliefs at the university, nurturing evidence-based dialogue, positive activism and engagement.

Further updates on this work will be published on the [Antisemitism action plan webpage](#) on the Goldsmiths website.

I hope this information satisfies your Freedom of Information request. However, if you are dissatisfied with this response, you may ask for it to be reviewed by either contacting us by email: gia@gold.ac.uk or by writing to:

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