



Response Date:11/11/2024

2024/1017 - Stop and search

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

We are requesting the following data for the year 2023:

- 1. How many stop and search encounters took place in the area?**
- 2. How many police officers were present at every encounter?**
- 3. In addition to data for question 2, please provide data sorted by grounds, object and purpose of the search, legal power used, police outcome, action taken/sanction (if applicable), offence (if applicable), as well as the gender, age and ethnicity of the person stop and searched.**

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in regarding the number of officers present would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

Information regarding Question 1 and 3 is already available in the public domain and published on the Gov.uk website:

[Stop and search - GOV.UK Ethnicity facts and figures](#)

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 08/11/2024