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**NORTH WALES**  
**POLICE**

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### **2024/723 - More thorough searches**

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

**Please provide information for each of the following periods, as specified in the tables in the Appendix: 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024. For the sake of clarity, the below questions refer to pre-arrest searches, hence the references to PACE Code A, wherever the location of the search (on the street, in a police van, in the police station).**

**In your police force area:**

**1. What was the total number of stop and searches for all reasons, where a more thorough search occurred (sometimes referred to as a 'partial strip search') (PACE code A 2023, para. 3.6)? PACE Code A defines a 'more thorough search' at para. 3.6: "a more thorough search (e.g. by requiring a person to take off a T-shirt) [...] Any search involving the removal of more than an outer coat, jacket, gloves, headgear or footwear, or any other item concealing identity". Please provide data sorted by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender, and age. Please provide this information by filling out the Question 1 table, which can be found in the Appendix.**

**2. What was the total number of stop and searches for all reasons, where a more thorough search occurred (PACE code A 3.6) and it was a positive search? Please provide data sorted by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender, and age. Please provide this information by filling out the Question 2 table below, which can be found in the Appendix.**

**3. What was the total number of stop and searches for all reasons, where a search involved exposure of intimate parts of the body (sometimes referred to as a 'full strip search') (PACE Code A 2023 3.7)? Please provide data sorted by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender, and age. Please provide this information by filling out the Question 3 table below, which can be found in the Appendix.**

**4. What was the total number of stop and searches for all reasons, where a search involved exposure of intimate parts of the body (PACE Code A 3.7) and where it was a positive search? By positive search, we mean either "any outcome other than 'no further action'" or "item found, either linked or unlinked to search reason", depending on what definition is used in your database and is capable of being searched. If a different definition is used to the two provided here, please clarify what definition is being used when providing the data. Please provide data sorted by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender, and age. Please provide this information by filling out the Question 4 table below, which can be found in the Appendix.**

**5. What was the total number of stop and searches for drugs (section 1 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and section 23(2) Misuse of Drugs Act 1971), where a more thorough search occurred (PACE code A 3.6)? Please provide data sorted by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender, and age. Please provide this information by filling out the Question 5 table below, which can be found in the Appendix.**

6. What was the total number of stop and searches for drugs (section 1 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and section 23(2) Misuse of Drugs Act 1971), where a more thorough search occurred (PACE code A 3.6) and where drugs were found? Please provide data sorted by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender, and age. Please provide this information by filling out the Question 6 table below, which can be found in the Appendix.

7. What was the total number of stop and searches for drugs (section 1 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and section 23(2) Misuse of Drugs Act 1971), where a search involved exposure of intimate parts of the body (PACE Code A 3.7)? Please provide data sorted by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender, and age. Please provide this information by filling out the Question 7 table below, which can be found in the Appendix.

8. What was the total number of stop and searches for drugs (section 1 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and section 23(2) Misuse of Drugs Act 1971), where a search involved exposure of intimate parts of the body (PACE Code A 3.7) and where drugs were found? Please provide data sorted by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender, and age. Please provide this information by filling out the Question 8 table below, which can be found in the Appendix.

9. When providing the data to answer the above questions, please confirm whether the number of more thorough searches involving exposure of intimate parts is included in the total number of more thorough searches. For example, if there were 20 'more thorough searches' in the year X and 8 'more thorough searches involving exposure of intimate parts' in the same year X, please confirm whether those 8 MTSEIP have already been counted in the 20 MTS.

## 2023/24 - Stop Search Records

### Q1 - Stops + Subject Clothing Removed = "Partial Strip"

| SDE Ethnicity                | Count     |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| 01. White                    | 18        |
| 03. Asian (or Asian British) | 2         |
| 04. Mixed                    | 1         |
| 05. Not Stated / Unknown     | 2         |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>23</b> |

| Gender       | Count     |
|--------------|-----------|
| Female       | 3         |
| Male         | 20        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>23</b> |

| Age Range       | Count     |
|-----------------|-----------|
| 02. 10 to 17    | 6         |
| 03. 18 to 24    | 5         |
| 04. 25 to 29    | 1         |
| 05. 30 and Over | 11        |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>23</b> |

### Q2 - Partial Strip Search + Positive Outcome

| SDE Ethnicity                | Count     |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| 01. White                    | 10        |
| 03. Asian (or Asian British) | 2         |
| 05. Not Stated / Unknown     | 1         |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>13</b> |

| Gender       | Count     |
|--------------|-----------|
| Female       | 2         |
| Male         | 11        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>13</b> |

| Age Range       | Count     |
|-----------------|-----------|
| 02. 10 to 17    | 3         |
| 03. 18 to 24    | 4         |
| 05. 30 and Over | 6         |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>13</b> |

### Q3 - Stops + Subject Clothing Removed =

### "Full Strip"

| SDE Ethnicity                | Count     |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| 01. White                    | 10        |
| 02. Black (or Black British) | 1         |
| 05. Not Stated / Unknown     | 2         |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>13</b> |

| Gender       | Count     |
|--------------|-----------|
| Female       | 4         |
| Male         | 9         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>13</b> |

| Age Range       | Count     |
|-----------------|-----------|
| 03. 18 to 24    | 3         |
| 04. 25 to 29    | 2         |
| 05. 30 and Over | 8         |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>13</b> |

### Q4 - Full Strip Search + Positive Outcome

| SDE Ethnicity | Count    |
|---------------|----------|
| 01. White     | 5        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>5</b> |

| Gender       | Count    |
|--------------|----------|
| Female       | 2        |
| Male         | 3        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>5</b> |

| Age Range       | Count    |
|-----------------|----------|
| 04. 25 to 29    | 2        |
| 05. 30 and Over | 3        |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>5</b> |

### Q5 - Stops + Subject Clothing Removed = "Partial Strip" + Legal Power = Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23)

| SDE Ethnicity                | Count     |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| 01. White                    | 11        |
| 03. Asian (or Asian British) | 2         |
| 04. Mixed                    | 1         |
| 05. Not Stated / Unknown     | 2         |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>16</b> |

| Gender       | Count     |
|--------------|-----------|
| Female       | 1         |
| Male         | 15        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>16</b> |

| Age Range       | Count     |
|-----------------|-----------|
| 02. 10 to 17    | 4         |
| 03. 18 to 24    | 4         |
| 05. 30 and Over | 8         |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>16</b> |

### Q6 - Partial Strip Searches + Legal Power = Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23) - Positive Outcomes

| SDE Ethnicity                | Count     |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| 01. White                    | 7         |
| 03. Asian (or Asian British) | 2         |
| 05. Not Stated / Unknown     | 1         |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>10</b> |

| Gender       | Count     |
|--------------|-----------|
| Male         | 10        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>10</b> |

| Age Range       | Count     |
|-----------------|-----------|
| 02. 10 to 17    | 2         |
| 03. 18 to 24    | 3         |
| 05. 30 and Over | 5         |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>10</b> |

### Q7 - Stops + Subject Clothing Removed = "Full Strip" + Legal Power = Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23)

| SDE Ethnicity                | Count     |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| 01. White                    | 9         |
| 02. Black (or Black British) | 1         |
| 05. Not Stated / Unknown     | 2         |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>12</b> |

| Gender       | Count     |
|--------------|-----------|
| Female       | 4         |
| Male         | 8         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>12</b> |

| Age Range       | Count     |
|-----------------|-----------|
| 03. 18 to 24    | 2         |
| 04. 25 to 29    | 2         |
| 05. 30 and Over | 8         |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>12</b> |

**Q8 - Full Strip Searches + Legal Power = Misuse of Drugs Act 1971  
(s23) - Positive Outcomes**

| <b>SDE Ethnicity</b> | <b>Count</b> |
|----------------------|--------------|
| 01. White            | 5            |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>5</b>     |

| <b>Gender</b> | <b>Count</b> |
|---------------|--------------|
| Female        | 2            |
| Male          | 3            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>5</b>     |

| <b>Age Range</b> | <b>Count</b> |
|------------------|--------------|
| 04. 25 to 29     | 2            |
| 05. 30 and Over  | 3            |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>5</b>     |

Q9 - Partial and Full Strip Search data are recorded in the same field in the stop search record ("Subject Clothing Removed") - subjects recorded as "full strip" are a separate cohort to partial strip search subjects

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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 08/08/2024