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2024/810 - Correspondence

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

- **Correspondence between North Wales Police and the Children's Commissioner of England, Wales, and Northern Ireland from 2023 to 2024**
- **Documentation featuring the term "child strip search"**

Please find attached correspondence.

Please note the survey was online and a direct submission, no receipt of questions and answers provided to forces.

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Good afternoon,

The contents of this email constitute a statutory information request made by the Children's Commissioner to your police force for information regarding interactions between police and children.

Please note that it is compulsory for you to provide this information under [section 2F of the Children Act 2004](#). Please ensure that your response has been submitted by 5pm on **Friday 26th January 2024**.

The Children's Commissioner's primary function is to protect and promote the rights of children in England, however she also has similar functions under [section 5 of the Children Act 2004](#) to protect and promote the rights of children in Wales on matters, such as policing, that are reserved for the UK Parliament.

Key documents

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- **Letter to Chief Officer:** A letter from the Children's Commissioner to your Chief Officer formally making the statutory information request is attached.
- **Guidance:** Guidance document laying out the key information about this statutory information request and how to respond to it. This document is attached, or is available to download [here](#).
- **Data template:** This spreadsheet contains a full data specification for the individual-level data required as part of this statutory information request. This document is attached, or is available to download [here](#).
- **SmartSurvey form:** This is how the information will be returned to the Children's Commissioner's office. This form is available [here](#).

Contact

If you have any questions or concerns about providing this data, please contact Steph Friend, Head of Data Collection: data.collections@childrenscommissioner.gov.uk.

Best wishes

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Head of Data Collection

The Children's Commissioner has launched [The Big Ambition survey](#) to understand what children want ahead of the next General Election.

Please share this link or QR code with young people so they can have their say:

<https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>.





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Amanda Blakeman
Chief Constable
North Wales Police

12th December 2023

Dear Chief Constable,

Statutory information request regarding interactions between police and children

As you may know, earlier this year I published a report on the strip searching (i.e., searches exposing intimate parts) of children under stop and search powers by police forces in England and Wales. That report is available [here](#), and my previous work on strip searching at the Metropolitan Police can be found [here](#). My concerns, as Children's Commissioner, were first raised by the Child Q case, but I have demonstrated that this is as a wider issue of concern than one area or one police force.

My findings indicated a large degree of variation in the number and circumstances of searches around the country, and systemic problems with child protection and safeguarding in relation to strip searches of children. This included pronounced ethnic disproportionality and widespread non-compliance with statutory codes of practice.

Since then, my office has worked extensively with police forces, local safeguarding partners, and the Independent Office for Police Conduct to highlight cases where statutory codes of practice have not been met or safeguarding concerns exist.

I would like to thank you for your cooperation in providing this data and for the seriousness with which you and other police colleagues have responded to this issue. I am aware of a number of forces that have significantly changed local procedure, while the College of Policing have updated the relevant Authorised Professional Practice guidance. I have discussed my concerns with the Home Office and successive Policing Ministers. I understand that my recommendations, along with the IOPC's recent recommendations, to strengthen safeguards and improve scrutiny of these searches are being considered seriously in consultation with policing stakeholders.

Given the significant public interest in this issue and because the Home Office do not expect to publish figures on this in the near term, I consider it necessary to repeat this statutory information request to update these figures for the period January 2022 to July 2023. I hope to approach this issue constructively, as someone who is also interested in keeping children safe and wants to improve trust

and confidence between children and the police. My hope is that these figures will demonstrate a decline in the number of strip searches of children, and I have specifically included a question to allow forces to communicate the changes to local procedure that they have made and demonstrate how seriously they are taking this issue.

In addition, I have included several additional force-level questions relating to the support for child victims and witnesses, which will inform a separate project looking at the Victims and Prisoners Bill. I have endeavoured to reduce the burden of this request by removing fields that were not meaningfully used in my last report and to simplify questions wherever possible.

Under my powers as per [Section 2F of the Children Act 2004](#), I am making a statutory information request regarding the strip searches of children carried out by your police force. The key documents on responding to this request have been provided to relevant contacts at your police force, or are available here: [guidance](#), [data template](#), and [SmartSurvey form](#). The data must be returned to my office by 5pm on Friday 26th January 2024.

My primary statutory function as Children's Commissioner is to protect and promote the rights of children in England, however under [Section 5 of the Children Act 2004](#) I also have a similar function for children in Wales on certain matters, such as policing, that are reserved for the UK Parliament. My office has engaged with the Office of the Children's Commissioner for Wales on this issue. I am aware that collaborative work is underway between key policing stakeholders in Wales to improve data on strip searching, which I support. For consistency across the policing system in England and Wales, I consider it important to publish comparable figures on all police forces but I would welcome your suggestions on how my work on this issue could better reflect the current practice in Wales.

For any queries related to this request please contact my Head of Data Collection, Steph Friend, who will be able to assist: data.collections@childrenscommissioner.gov.uk.

I look forward to working together to address this most serious issue.

Yours sincerely,



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Guidance

Children's Commissioner's statutory
information request on children's
interactions with police

November 2023

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Introduction

About the Children's Commissioner

The Children's Commissioner is a statutory position created by the Children Act 2004. Her remit is to promote and protect children's rights, in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Under [Section 2F of the Children Act 2004](#), the Children's Commissioner has statutory powers to collect information relating to her functions from public bodies working with children.

The Children's Commissioner's primary function is to protect and promote the rights of children in England. She also has the function to protect and promote the rights of children in Wales on matters that are reserved for the UK Parliament and do not fall within the remit of the Children's Commissioner for Wales. Policing in Wales is not devolved to the Welsh Government and remains a reserved matter for the UK Parliament. The Children's Commissioner has engaged with the Children's Commissioner for Wales on this issue.

Key information on this request

This statutory information request is being made to all police forces in England and Wales to request information about the ways that children interact with police.

Specifically, the CCo is requesting:

- Individual-level data on all children who were strip searched (i.e., a search exposing intimate parts, or EIP search) under stop and search powers (i.e., PACE Code A) by the force between 1st January 2022 and 30th June 2023 (inclusive);¹ and
- Force-level questions on specific policies and procedures that relate both to children interactions with police and to child victims.

¹ Note: Police forces that did not respond to the Children's Commissioner's 2022 statutory information request (published in March 2023 [here](#)) will be requested to provide this data for the period between 1st January 2018 and 30th June 2023 (inclusive). These forces will be contacted directly.

Under the Children Act 2004, **it is compulsory for you to provide this data**. Please ensure that your response has been submitted via the [SmartSurvey form](#) by 5pm on **Friday 26th January 2024**.

This request falls under the Children's Commissioner's statutory remit to investigate and explore the lived experiences of vulnerable children in England, in particular at key points where they interact with statutory services. This information will provide a better understanding of the experiences of these children, and how we can work to ensure their rights are being upheld.

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance on responding to this request, including questions, data fields and definitions of key terms, as well as to lay out your legal obligations with regards to this request.

The Children's Commissioner may publish or use the findings from our analysis of this data to support public statements by her or her office.

Key documents

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<https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2023/11/Guidance-Policing-info-request-2023.docx>
 - **Data template:** This spreadsheet contains a full data specification for the individual-level data required as part of the data request. This document has been emailed to police force contacts, or is available to download here:
<https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2023/11/Data-template-Policing-info-request-2023.xlsx>
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Contact

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- data.collections@childrencommissioner.gov.uk
- 0800 528 0731

Drop-in information session

We will hold a drop-in information session to answer any questions that you may have about this request on Monday 4th December 2023, 4pm-5pm.

Joining instructions:

- [Join via Microsoft Teams](#)
- [Join on the web:](#)
 - Meeting ID: 385 801 983 004
 - Passcode: puYJpJ
- Call in (audio only):
 - +44 20 3321 5238,,812463775#
 - Phone Conference ID: 812 463 775#

Submitting your response

Step 1: Compiling your response

There are two parts of this information request:

- Individual-level data; and
- Force-level questions.

Individual-level data

Responses to this section must be compiled in the [data template](#) that has been provided.

Once this has been completed, it should be saved in **.xlsx** format. You will only be able to upload a file in .xlsx format to the [SmartSurvey form](#).

Force-level questions

You will be able to respond to these questions directly into the [SmartSurvey form](#).

Step 2: Uploading your response to SmartSurvey

When you have completed the template with the required information for every relevant child who was strip searched during the time period in question, save it with your police forces name in place of "FORCE NAME" in the file name.

Please then encrypt the spreadsheet with a password via the following steps:

- a) Click File > Info > Protect Workbook > Encrypt with Password.
- b) Enter a password, and click OK.
- c) In the Confirm Password dialog box, re-enter the same password.

Please make a note of the password – you will need to share it with us.

In order to send your completed spreadsheet to us, you will need to use SmartSurvey to upload it.² You do not need to register for an account or log in - you just need to use the link below.

Please do **not** send the completed data template by email. Instead, use this link to the SmartSurvey form:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/policing-info-request-2023/>

You will first be asked to enter your own details, so that we know which police forces have provided data and can contact you if there any issues with the data you have submitted.

The next section will prompt you to answer the questions set out above.

After completing these questions, please click 'Next Page'. This will take you to the 'Data Submission' page where you will upload your completed data template.

Click on 'Choose File' to upload your completed data template.

Step 3: Sending us the password

For security purposes, please email the password you used to encrypt the template to our team at:

data.collections@childrenscommissioner.gov.uk

Please use the following subject field for your email:

Subject: [Your police force] – Policing info request 2023

Please put the password in the main body of the email, not in the subject field.

² SmartSurvey is an online survey/questionnaire platform used widely by UK government and other public sector agencies. It meets a wide range of security and data protection criteria including UK-GDPR and DPA compliance. Your connection to the website will be secured with SSL/TLS/HTTPS encryption.

Information required

Individual-level data

The Children's Commissioner is requesting individual-level data on children aged 17 years or younger, who were subjected to a strip search (i.e., a search exposing intimate parts of the body, or EIP search) as part of a stop and search (i.e., PACE Code A) between 1st January 2022 and 30th June 2023 (inclusive).³

The data template for your response has been emailed to you alongside this document and can also be downloaded [here](#).

For each child who meets these criteria, provide the following variables:

Column Name	Description	Format ⁴	Example
police_force	The police force which conducted the EIP search.	VARCHAR	Avon & Somerset
year	The year the EIP search took place.	Number	2022
month	The month the EIP search took place.	VARCHAR	September

³ Note: Police forces that did not respond to the Children's Commissioner's 2022 statutory information request (published in March 2023 [here](#)) will be requested to provide this data for the period between 1st January 2018 and 30th June 2023 (inclusive). These forces will be contacted directly.

⁴ A full data specification including dropdown menus with all acceptable variables is provided in the [data template](#).

age	Age of the child subjected to the EIP search.	Number	17
sex	Sex of the child subjected to the EIP search.	VARCHAR	Female
officer_defined_ethnicity	Officer-defined ethnicity of the child subjected to the EIP search.	VARCHAR	White
stopsearch_power	The legal powers under which the stop and search was conducted.	VARCHAR	Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984
stopsearch_reason	The reason why the officer conducted the stop and search.	VARCHAR	Stolen property
stopsearch_outcome	The specific outcome of the stop and search.	VARCHAR	Arrest
stopsearch_link	Whether the outcome was linked to the initial reason for conducting the stop and search.	VARCHAR	Linked

eipsearch_appropriate_adult	Whether an Appropriate Adult was present for the EIP search.	VARCHAR	Appropriate Adult present
eipsearch_officer_gender	Whether the genders of the officers conducting the EIP search were the same as the gender of the child.	VARCHAR	Both officers of same gender as child
eipsearch_public	Whether the EIP search was conducted out of public view.	VARCHAR	Search outside public view
eipsearch_location	The location where the EIP search was conducted.	VARCHAR	Police station
safeguarding_referral	Whether a safeguarding referral (e.g., a Merlin report) was made after the EIP search.	VARCHAR	Safeguarding referral

Force-level questions

In addition to the individual-level data laid out above, the Children's Commissioner is requesting responses to the following questions, which should be inputted directly into the [SmartSurvey form](#).

Question	Response options
What, if any, policy or procedure changes has your force made regarding searches exposing intimate parts of	[Free text box]

children under stop and search <u>powers</u> or in custody since March 2022 (publication of the Child Q serious case review)?	
Do you have a children's policing strategy or action plan (this may be referred to as your child-centred policing framework)?	• Yes • No
<u>If you responded 'yes' to Question 7 above</u> , please provide a copy using the file upload option below, or provide a link in the text box.	File upload [Free text box]
What characteristics of additional vulnerability do you routinely record for children <u>who are</u> under -stopped and search <u>ed</u> , and in custody? Tick all that apply.	Under<u>Children who are</u> stopped<u>ed</u> and search<u>ed</u>: • Looked after child status • Child in need status • Special education needs or disability • Neurodivergence • Medical vulnerability • Potential victim of child criminal exploitation • Potential victim of child sexual exploitation

	• Other, please specify [Free text box] <u>Children in custody:</u> • Looked after child status • Child in need status • Special education needs or disability • Neurodivergence • Medical vulnerability • Potential victim of child criminal exploitation • Potential victim of child sexual exploitation • Other, please specify [Free text box]
Does your police force offer legal advice to all children in custody as a default (i.e., opt-out legal advice)?	• Yes • No
Is it force policy or procedure to routinely make a safeguarding referral to local authorities / multi-agency safeguarding arrangements in the following interactions with children?	Tick all that apply: • Child is arrested • Child is detained in custody

	• Child is detained in custody overnight • Child is EIP searched during stop and search • Child is strip searched in custody • Use of force against a child • Parent/guardian not responsive to request for Appropriate Adult • Other (please specify): [free text box]
<u>In the 2022-23 financial year⁵, how many of the following crimes involving a child victim were reported:</u> • Sexual violence • Domestic abuse (child victim) • Domestic abuse (teenage relationship abuse) • Serious violence • Total	[Numeric] Leave blank if unknown

⁵ The 2022-23 financial year runs from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 (inclusive).

Do you centrally record whether child victims have had a video-recorded interview?	• Yes • No
<u>If you responded 'yes' to Question 13 above, how many child victims of each of the following crimes have had a video-recorded interview in the 2022-23 financial year?</u> • Sexual violence • Domestic abuse (child victim) • Domestic abuse (teenage relationship abuse) • Serious violence • Total	[Numeric] Leave blank if unknown
Do you centrally record whether a pre-interview needs assessment (as required by paragraph 4.11 of the statutory Code of Practice for Victims of Crime) of a child victim is undertaken?	• Yes • No
<u>If you responded 'yes' to Question 15 above, how many child witnesses/victims of each of the following crimes have had a pre-interview needs assessment in the 2022-23 financial year?</u> • Sexual violence • Domestic abuse (child victim) • Domestic abuse (teenage relationship abuse)	[Numeric] Leave blank if unknown

• Serious violence • Total	
<u>In the 2022-23 financial year</u>, how many requests were made for a Registered Intermediary (a communication specialist who helps vulnerable witnesses and complainants to give evidence to the police and to the court in criminal trials) to work with a child victim of each of the following crimes? • Sexual violence • Domestic abuse (child victim) • Domestic abuse (teenage relationship abuse) • Serious violence • Total	[Numeric] Leave blank if unknown
<u>In the 2022-23 financial year</u>, how many requests for a Registered Intermediary for each of the following crimes were not successful (did not result in a match)? • Sexual violence • Domestic abuse (child victim) • Domestic abuse (teenage relationship abuse) • Serious violence • Total	[Numeric] Leave blank if unknown

Do you centrally record whether a social worker was present during a video-recorded interview with a child victim?	• Yes • No
If you responded 'yes' to Question 19 above, how many video-recorded interviews with child victims were conducted with a social worker present in the 2022-23 financial year? • Sexual violence • Domestic abuse (child victim) • Domestic abuse (teenage relationship abuse) • Serious violence • Total	[Numeric] Leave blank if unknown
<u>In the 2022-23 financial year</u>, how many officers and police staff who have been trained to interview child victims on video do you have in your force? <u>Please provide your response as a whole number.</u>	[Numeric] Leave blank if unknown
What is your policy for how often this training should be refreshed?	• No policy • Every 12 months or less • Every 18 months • Every two years

	• Every three years • <u>More than every three years</u> • <u>Other (please specify): [free text]</u>
In the 2022-23 financial year, how many video-recorded interviews with child victims in the force have been reviewed and evaluated for quality assurance purposes?	[Numeric] Leave blank if unknown
In the 2022-23 financial year, how many referrals of child victims were made to the following services: <u>If none, please enter '0'. If you cannot provide a value, please leave the field blank.</u> • Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (Idva) • Children's Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (ChIdva) • Independent Sexual Violence Adviser (Isva) • Children's Independent Sexual Violence Adviser (ChIsva) • Independent Child Trafficking Guardians • Children's mental health services (CAMHS) • Children's social care	[Numeric] Leave blank if unknown

Definitions of key terms

The following definitions have been provided for key terms in the force-level questions in this section:

- **2022-23 financial year** runs from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 (inclusive).
- **A child** is any person under the age of 18 at the time the alleged offence was reported to the police.
- **Child victim:** Any person under the age of 18 who meets the definition of victim under the Code of Practice for Victims of Crime (Victim's Code).
- **Sexual violence** includes rape, sexual harassment, sexual assault, child sexual abuse, indecent images offences, child sexual exploitation, stalking, so-called 'honour-based' violence, forced marriage, and female genital mutilation.
- **Domestic abuse (child victim)** refers to a child who "sees or hears, or experiences the effects of, the abuse" and is related to the adult victim and/or perpetrator, as defined in the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.
- **Domestic abuse (teenage relationship abuse)** refers to a child over 16 who experiences domestic abuse in their own intimate relationship, as defined in the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.
- **Serious violence** all crime types other than domestic abuse and sexual offences included in your force's Serious Violence prevention strategy.

Legal gateway and data protection

Aim & purpose of data collection

The Children's Commissioner is a statutory position created by the Children's Act 2004. Her remit is to promote and protect children's rights in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, with responsibility towards children in care and other vulnerable groups.

In response to the case of Child Q in London, the Children's Commissioner has said:

"I was appalled and shocked to read the Serious Case Review relating to Child Q, which found the system designed to protect and support her had seriously failed. The Metropolitan Police has committed to learning lessons from this incident but the value in lessons being learnt comes from them not being repeated. That's what sorry means, it means it won't happen again. Child Q has been very strong and brave in using her experience to demand changes within the Metropolitan Police. It is beholden on all of us in positions of power and influence to respond to that call.

Part of my response was committing my office to a project about children's experience of policing and how we can rebuild trust between children and those responsible for keeping them safe. I am guided in this by the concerns that I heard from children in The Big Ask, the largest-ever survey of children that I conducted last year. One girl, the same age as Child Q, told me this about the barriers she sees in her life:

"Racism and discrimination because it makes me feel like an outsider [and] police brutality especially towards black people" – Girl, aged 15"

In 2022, the Children's Commissioner collected data from the Metropolitan Police Service on the number and circumstances of strip searches (i.e., EIP searches) conducted on children under stop and search powers between 2018 and 2022. The data provided breakdowns by key characteristics of age, gender, ethnicity, and whether the search was conducted consistently with statutory codes of practice. The findings from this data collection were published in August 2022 and are available [here](#). The publication of this data demonstrated that the issue of strip searching children is strongly in the public interest. The report received significant media coverage in almost every national media outlet.

Between 2022 and 2023, the Children's Commissioner collected data from all police forces in England and Wales on the number and circumstances of strip searches (i.e., EIP searches) conducted on children under stop and search powers between 2018 and mid-2022. The data provided breakdowns by key characteristics of age, gender, ethnicity, and whether the search was conducted consistently with statutory codes of practice. The findings from this data collection were published in March 2023 and are available [here](#).

The findings of that report included:

- The first national data on strip searches of children under stop and search showed significant local variation, and that concerning practice was not isolated to the Metropolitan Police or London.
- There were systemic problems with child protection and safeguarding in relation to strip searches of children, including scrutiny of searches conducted.
- Strip searches of children under stop and search powers had a pronounced and deeply concerning ethnic disproportionality.
- Poor quality data meant that police forces struggled to readily account for the number or circumstances of strip searches of children they have conducted.
- There was widespread non-compliance with statutory codes of practice for strip searches of children, including more than half (52%) of strip searches being conducted without an Appropriate Adult confirmed to be present.

The publication of this data demonstrated that the issue of strip searching of children is strongly in the public interest. The report received significant media coverage with almost all national media outlets covering the findings, including all national broadsheets and major broadcast news channels. The report led to an Urgent Question in Parliament and an official response by Home Office Ministers. Since then, several stakeholders have responded to key recommendations, including the College of Policing updating the relevant guidance to police officers. The Children's Commissioner's central recommendation that the statutory codes of practice covering the strip searching of children be updated to provide robust safeguards has not been implemented.

The Home Office is progressing one of the Children's Commissioner's key recommendations – that data should be collected annually on the number and appropriateness of strip searches of children conducted by police forces in England and Wales. As this data is not yet available and in order to provide a continuous dataset, the Children's Commissioner is now requesting updated data from all police forces in England and Wales for the subsequent year, and for the entire period from those police forces that failed to respond to the 2022 statutory information request.

In addition, several force-level questions that relate to issues of child protection and support provided by police to children during interactions with vulnerable children, including child victims. Questions of trust and confidence in the police by children and the wider public have been issues of significant public interest, following a number of high-profile incidents in recent years. These questions include an opportunity for forces to highlight areas where they have improved policy or procedure in response

The force-level questions include information relating to child victims of the most serious crimes. The crime types this data request focuses on reflect those in the Victims and Prisoners Bill, currently progressing through Parliament. Over the past year, the Children's Commissioner has been working with child victims and survivors of sexual harm to understand their experiences of support and services, including the criminal justice system. Ahead of the Victim's Code of Practice (VCOP) being updated, the Commissioner will use this information to build a national picture of where police data on children's rights under the VCOP is being centrally recorded, to highlight good practice and help drive greater consistency.

Legal gateway

This data request is made under the power conferred on the Children's Commissioner in [Section 2F of the Children Act 2004](#) (as inserted by Section 110 of the Children and Families Act 2014):

- (1) Any person exercising functions of a public nature must supply the Children's Commissioner with such information in that person's possession relating to those functions as the Commissioner may reasonably request for the purposes of the primary function or the function under section 2D.

(2) The information must be information which that person would, apart from subsection (1), lawfully be able to disclose to the Commissioner.

Section 5(1) of the Children Act 2004 sets out that:

(1) The Children's Commissioner has the function of promoting and protecting the rights of children in Wales, except in so far as relating to any matter falling within the remit of the Children's Commissioner for Wales under section 72B, 73 or 74 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c. 14).

Section 5(2A)(d) of the Children Act 2004 provides an amendment to Section 2F in this case –

() Section 2F(1) has effect as if “or the function under section 2D” were omitted.

Note that this power differs from a request made under the Freedom of Information Act in two ways. First, it confers an obligation on the individual receiving this request is made, who, we believe to be a person exercising a function of a public nature for the purpose of subsection (1), not on your organisation more broadly. Second, this power is not subject to the exemptions to the Freedom of Information Act outlined in Part 2 of that Act.

This means that you will be expected to provide information even if it may be considered commercially sensitive or confidential. Similarly, it is not bound by the appropriate cost limit and where the information is not readily available, we do expect you to take reasonable steps to secure the information. This includes bespoke accounting exercises and requesting information from those who you commission to provide services.

Lawful basis for, and proportionality, of the processing

This data collection is necessary to the Children's Commissioner's statutory functions as set out by the Children Act 2004.

The [Children Act 2004 Section 2](#) sets out the statutory role of the Children's Commissioner:

Primary function: children's rights, views and interests

(1) The Children's Commissioner's primary function is promoting and protecting the rights of children in England.

(2) The primary function includes promoting awareness of the views and interests of children in England.

(3) In the discharge of the primary function the Children's Commissioner may, in particular—

a) advise persons exercising functions or engaged in activities affecting children on how to act compatibly with the rights of children;

b) encourage such persons to take account of the views and interests of children;

c) advise the Secretary of State on the rights, views and interests of children;

d) consider the potential effect on the rights of children of government policy proposals and government proposals for legislation;

e) bring any matter to the attention of either House of Parliament;

f) investigate the availability and effectiveness of complaints procedures so far as relating to children;

g) investigate the availability and effectiveness of advocacy services for children;

h) investigate any other matter relating to the rights or interests of children;

i) monitor the implementation in England of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child;

j) publish a report on any matter considered or investigated under this section.

[Section 5 of the Children Act 2004](#) amends the statutory function of the Children's Commissioner in respect of children in Wales, under the circumstance that the matter under investigation does not fall under the remit of the Children's Commissioner for Wales –

(1) The Children's Commissioner has the function of promoting and protecting the rights of children in Wales, except in so far as relating to any matter falling within the remit of the Children's Commissioner for Wales under section 72B, 73 or 74 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c. 14).

(1A) The function under subsection (1) includes promoting awareness of the views and interests of children in Wales.

(2) Subsections (3) to (5) of section 2 and sections 2A to 2C, 2E and 2F apply in relation to the Children's Commissioner's function under subsection (1) as in relation to the Commissioner's primary function.

(2A) For the purposes of subsection (2)—

(d) section 2F(1) has effect as if "or the function under section 2D" were omitted.

The [Care Standards Act 2000, Part five, Section 72B](#) specifies the function and remit of the Children's commissioner for Wales –

Review of exercise of functions of Welsh Ministers and other persons

(1) The Commissioner may review the effect on children to whom this Part applies of—

(a) the exercise or proposed exercise of any function of the Welsh Ministers, the First Minister for Wales or the Counsel General to the Welsh Assembly Government, including the making or proposed making of any subordinate legislation; or

(b) the exercise or proposed exercise in relation to Wales of any function of any person mentioned in Schedule 2A.

(2) The Welsh Ministers may by order amend this section or Schedule 2A by—

(a) adding any person to that Schedule;

(6) The Welsh Ministers may not make an order under subsection (2) if the result would be that the Commissioner could review the effect of the exercise or proposed exercise of a person's

function in a field in which no functions are exercisable by the Welsh Ministers, the First Minister for Wales or the Counsel General to the Welsh Assembly Government.

Section 72B (6) above sets out that the Children's Commissioner for Wales may not investigate the exercise of functions of bodies which are not governed by Welsh Ministers, the First Minister for Wales, or the Counsel General to the Welsh Assembly Government. As the police forces in Wales are not devolved to the Welsh Government, they do not fall under the legal purview of the Children's Commissioner for Wales and are thus under the remit of the Children's Commissioner.

The Children's Commissioner's statutory function to investigate matters relating to the rights or interests of children in England and Wales, when carrying out the primary function of the Children's Commissioner as set out in the legislation, relates directly to Articles 6(1)(e) of the UK-GDPR act.

Article 6 sets out that:

1. Processing shall be lawful only if and to the extent that at least one of the following applies:
 - a. processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller;

This data collection involves the collection of information on ethnicity (in broad ethnic groups) which is considered to be special category data under GDPR (see ICO guidance on special category data [here](#)). In order to process special category data, the CCo must demonstrate that it has met at least one of the specific conditions set out in Article 9 of the UK-GDPR.

Article 9 2(g) sets out that:

- g) processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest, on the basis of Union or Member State law which shall be proportionate to the aim pursued, respect the essence of the right to data protection and provide for suitable and specific measures to safeguard the fundamental rights and the interests of the data subject;

In relying on the substantial public interest condition in Article 9(2)(g) the CCo must also demonstrate that it meets one of the 23 specific substantial public interest conditions set out in Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the [Data Protection Act \(DPA\) 2018](#).

There are two substantial public interest conditions which are relevant to this data collection. The first is Schedule 1, Part 2(6), 'statutory and government purposes'.

Schedule 1 Part 2,6(1) sets out that:

6 (1) This condition is met if the processing—

a) is necessary for a purpose listed in sub-paragraph (2), and

b) is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest.

(2) Those purposes are—

a) the exercise of a function conferred on a person by an enactment or rule of law;

b) the exercise of a function of the Crown, a Minister of the Crown or a government department.

See above the highlighted sections from Section 2 of the [Children Act 2004](#) which establish the legal basis for processing the special category data collected in this request.

The second substantial public interest condition is Schedule 1, Part 2(8), 'equality of opportunity or treatment'.

Schedule 1, Part 2(8) sets out that:

8 (1) This condition is met if the processing—

(a) is of a specified category of personal data, and

(b) is necessary for the purposes of identifying or keeping under review the existence or absence of equality of opportunity or treatment between groups of people specified in relation to that category with a view to enabling such equality to be promoted or maintained,

Previous reports by CCo found that the strip searching of children displays an extremely worrying ethnic disproportionality that particularly affects Black boys. It is therefore necessary and proportionate to collect ethnicity data in this request, so as to investigate the equality of treatment of children from different ethnic groups by the police.

The issue of potential disparities in treatment and outcomes has further been shown to be in the interest of the public through the creation of the [Ethnicity Facts and Figures website](#), a service run through Cabinet Office. The service was created following instruction from the then Prime Minister Teresa May who recognised that ethnic disparities in public service access and outcomes was an issue which urgently needed to be addressed by Central Government. The Children's Commissioner has previously been called to provide evidence to the Women and Equalities Select Committee to give evidence on the disparities in outcomes experienced by children of different ethnic backgrounds which furthers the case that there is public interest in these issues.

The special category data which will be collected will not be linked to any individual level data and will not be shared beyond the Office of the Children's Commissioner except in aggregate, disclosure controlled, statistical tables as part of the Commissioners report on the issue.

Data Security

The data security arrangements for the Children's Commissioner have been formally assessed and assured as appropriate and proportionate using the HMG Information Assurance (IA) process (as described in HMG IA standards No.1 and No. 2). The assessment process has been led by an independent security specialist registered under the CESG Listed Adviser Scheme (CLAS), and IA Accreditation expertise has been provided to Children's Commissioner by the DfE IA Accreditation Team and Departmental Security Officer. In addition, the privacy impact assessment (PIA) analysis has concluded that the steps taken are appropriate and adequate.

All information held by the Children's Commissioner's Office is stored in accordance with our Data Protection Policy and Information Risk Management Policy, both available on request. The organisation also has a dedicated Data Protection Officer who ensures that all data held is registered properly in an Information Asset Register, and processed safely, securely, legally and proportionally.

When you provide the data, it will be submitted through SmartSurvey, an online survey/questionnaire platform used widely by government and other public sector agencies. SmartSurvey meets a wide range of security and data protection criteria including Data Protection Act compliance. Your connection to the website will be secured with SSL/TLS/HTTPS encryption, and the data will be held on secure UK-based servers.

SmartSurvey is ISO27001 certified and fully compliant with the internationally recognised standard for the information security management system (ISMS). SmartSurvey will not use any of the data collected through our surveys. Any identifiable personal information, such as email addresses, will be held securely and only used so that we can keep in touch with you if there is an issue with your survey response. For more information on SmartSurvey's data protection and security, please see [here](#).

Privacy notices

The CCo privacy notice is available [here](#).

CCo recommends that you update your Privacy Notice to reflect that data has been shared with the Office of the Children's Commissioner. Suggested text is provided below which can be copied into your Privacy Notice.

Sharing data with the Office of the Children's Commissioner

The Children's Commissioner is responsible for promoting and protecting the rights of children in England. The [Children's Act 2004 \(2\)](#) sets out the role of the Children's Commissioner and makes provision for the collection of data from any person exercising public functions. [Police force name] is required to share data with the Children's Commissioner under [Section 2F](#) of the Children's Act upon request.

The Children's Commissioner may request personal data from [Police force name] however they do not collect personally identifiable information. This means that the Children's Commissioner cannot identify a specific individual in the data that they request.

Data collected by the Children's Commissioner is used to inform government and policy makers on issues which are in the interest of children in England. The Children's Commissioner builds national evidence to

justify changes in legislation, policy and service delivery to improve the lives and outcomes of children. For more information about the Children's Commissioner and her work visit the [website](#).

All data is transferred securely and held by the Children's Commissioner under a combination of software and hardware controls which meet the current [government security policy framework](#).



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Data template: Children's Commissioner's statutory information request on children's interactions with police

November 2023

About this request

This is the data template for a statutory information request made by the Children's Commissioner under section 2F of the Children Act 2004.

This section of the request collects information on strip searches (i.e., searches exposing intimate parts, or EIP search) conducted on children (aged 17 years old or under) under stop and search powers (i.e., PACE Code A) by police forces between the 1st January 2022 and 30th June 2023 (inclusive).* **

* Note: Police forces that did not respond to the Children's Commissioner's 2022 statutory information request will be requested to provide this data for the period between 1st January 2018 and 30th June 2023 (inclusive). These forces will be contacted directly.

** Note: This statutory information request also includes additional force-level questions, not included in this data template. These are laid out in the Guidance document (link provided below) and should be inputted directly into the SmartSurvey form (link provided below).

This data should be returned by **5pm, Friday 26th January 2024**.

- Letter to Chief Officer: A Letter from the Children's Commissioner to Chief Officers formally making the statutory information request has been emailed to police force contacts.
- Guidance: Guidance document laying out the key information about this statutory information request and how to respond to it. This document has been emailed to police force contacts, or is available to download here: <https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2023/11/Guidance-Policing-info-request-2023.docx>
- Data template [this document]: Spreadsheet containing a specification of individual-level data required as part of the request. This document has been emailed to police force contacts, or is available to download here: <https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2023/11/Data-template-Policing-info-request-2023.xlsx>
- SmartSurvey form: This is how the information will be returned to the Children's Commissioner's office. This link has been emailed to police force contacts, or is available here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/policing-info-request-2023/>

Using this spreadsheet

The worksheet coloured light blue contain specific information for what should be provided in each element of the CCo statutory information request, and the format that data should be in.

The worksheet coloured orange contain dummy data, showing the format the data should be provided within the data collection template.

Column Number	Column Name	Description	Format	Example
I-1	police_force	The police force which conducted the EIP search.	VARCHAR	Avon & Somerset
I-2	year	The year the EIP search took place. [Note: This request is for 2022-2023, except for police forces that did not respond to the Children's Commissioner's 2022 statutory information request who are requested to provide this data for the period between 1st January 2018 and 30th June 2023 (inclusive). These forces will be contacted directly]	VARCHAR	2022
I-3	month	The month the EIP search took place.	VARCHAR	September
I-4	age	Age of the child subjected to the EIP search.	Number	17
I-5	sex	Sex of the child subjected to the EIP search.	VARCHAR	Female
I-6	officer_defined_ethnicity	Officer-defined ethnicity of the child subjected to the EIP search.	VARCHAR	White
I-7	stopsearch_power	The legal power under which the stop and search was conducted.	VARCHAR	Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984
I-8	stopsearch_reason	The reason why the officer conducted the stop and search.	VARCHAR	Stolen property
I-9	stopsearch_outcome	The specific outcome of the stop and search.	VARCHAR	Linked
I-10	stopsearch_linked	Whether the outcome was linked to the initial reason for conducting the stop and search.	VARCHAR	Arrest
I-11	eipsearch_appropriate_adult	Whether an Appropriate Adult was present for the EIP search.	VARCHAR	Appropriate Adult present
I-12	eipsearch_officer_gender	Whether the genders of the officers conducting the EIP search were the same as the gender of the child.	VARCHAR	Both officers of same gender as child
I-13	eipsearch_public	Whether the EIP search was conducted out of public view.	VARCHAR	Search outside public view

I-14	eipsearch_location	The location where the EIP search was conducted.	VARCHAR	Police station
I-15	safeguarding_referral	Whether a safeguarding referral (e.g., a Merlin report) was made after the EIP search.	VARCHAR	Safeguarding referral

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Avon & Somerset	2022	September	12	female	white	Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984	Stolen property	Arrest	Linked	Appropriate Adult present	Both officers of same gender as child	Search outside public view	Police station
Bedfordshire	2023	March	17	male	black	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	Drugs	Summons	Not linked	Appropriate Adult not	Neither officer of same gender	Search within public view	Home

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Police force code	Police force
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52	Avon & Somerset
40	Bedfordshire
35	Cambridgeshire
7	Cheshire
17	Cleveland
3	Cumbria
30	Derbyshire
50	Devon & Cornwall
55	Dorset
11	Durham
63	Dyfed-Powys
42	Essex
53	Gloucestershire
6	Greater Manchester
61	Gwent
44	Hampshire
41	Hertfordshire
16	Humberside
46	Kent
4	Lancashire
33	Leicestershire
32	Lincolnshire
48	London, City of
5	Merseyside
1	Metropolitan Police
36	Norfolk
60	North Wales
12	North Yorkshire
34	Northamptonshire
10	Northumbria
31	Nottinghamshire
62	South Wales
14	South Yorkshire
21	Staffordshire
37	Suffolk
45	Surrey
47	Sussex
43	Thames Valley
23	Warwickshire
22	West Mercia
20	West Midlands
13	West Yorkshire
54	Wiltshire
93	British Transport Police

Year code	Year
1	2018
2	2019
3	2020
4	2021
5	2022
6	2023

Month code	Month
1	January
2	February
3	March
4	April
5	May
6	June
7	July
8	August
9	September
10	October
11	November
12	December

Age code	Age
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
10	10
11	11
12	12
13	13
14	14
15	15
16	16
17	17
18	Unknown
19	Not recorded

Sex code	Sex
1	Female
2	Male
3	Other
4	Unknown
5	Not recorded

**Officer-defined
ethnicity code**

- 1
- 2
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Officer-defined ethnicity

- White
- Black
- Asian
- Mixed
- Other
- Not recorded
- Unknown

Stop & search power code	Stop & search power
	1 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984
	2 Misuse of Drugs Act 1971
	3 Firearms Act 1968
	4 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994
	5 Psychoactive Substances Act 2016
	6 Terrorism Act 2000
	7 Other
	8 Not recorded

Stop & search reason code	Stop & search reason
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- 1 Stolen property
- 2 Drugs
- 3 Firearms
- 4 Weapons, point & blades
- 5 Going equipped
- 6 Anticipated violence
- 7 Articles to cause criminal damage
- 8 Psychoactive substances
- 9 Fireworks
- 10 Terrorism
- 11 Other
- 12 Not recorded

Stop & search outcome code	Stop & search outcome
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- 1 Arrest
- 2 Summons
- 3 Caution
- 4 Community resolution
- 5 Khat/cannabis warning
- 6 Penalty notice for disorder
- 7 Voluntary attendance
- 8 Verbal warning / words of advice
- 9 Seizure of property
- 10 Other action
- 11 No further action
- 12 Not recorded

Stop & search link code	Stop & search link
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- 1 Linked
- 2 Not linked
- 3 Nothing found
- 4 Unknown link
- 5 Unknown whether article found
- 6 Not recorded

EIP search appropriate adult	EIP search appropriate adult
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- 1 Appropriate Adult present
- 2 Appropriate Adult not present
- 3 Appropriate Adult not present - identified as child after search
- 4 Not recorded

EIP search officer gender code	EIP search officer gender
	1 Both officers same gender as child 2 One officer same gender as child 3 Neither officer same gender as child 4 Not recorded

EIP search public code	EIP search public
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- 1 Search outside public view
- 2 Search within public view
- 3 Not recorded

EIP search location code	EIP search location
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- 1 Police station
- 2 Home
- 3 School
- 4 Other
- 5 Not recorded

Safeguarding referral code	Safeguarding referral
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- 1 Safeguarding referral
- 2 No safeguarding referral
- 3 Not recorded

Police Force	Stop Year	Stop Month	Stopped Age RMS	Stopped Gender	ethnicity	legislation (1)	object_of_search (1)	outcome (1)	outcome_linked_to_search (1)	AA?	Officer gender	EIP Public?	EIP Location	Safeguarding Referral
North Wales	2021	February	14	Male	White	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	Drugs	No further action	Not linked	Not recorded	One officer same gender as child	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
North Wales	2021	May	17	Male	White	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	Drugs	No further action	Not linked	Not recorded	One officer same gender as child	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
North Wales	2022	March	12	Male	Black	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	Drugs	No further action	Not linked	Not recorded	One officer same gender as child	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
North Wales	2022	December	16	Male	White	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	Drugs	No further action	Not linked	Not recorded	One officer same gender as child	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
North Wales	2023	July	17	Male	White	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	Drugs	No further action	Not linked	Not recorded	One officer same gender as child	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
North Wales	2023	September	17	Male	White	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	Drugs	Arrest	Not linked	Not recorded	One officer same gender as child	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
North Wales	2018	May	17	Male	White	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	Drugs	Arrest	Linked	Not recorded	One officer same gender as child	Not recorded	Police station	Not recorded
North Wales	2019	April	17	Male	White	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	Drugs	No further action	Not linked	Not recorded	One officer same gender as child	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
North Wales	2019	May	16	Male	White	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	Drugs	No further action	Not linked	Not recorded	One officer same gender as child	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
North Wales	2019	August	17	Male	White	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	Drugs	No further action	Not linked	Not recorded	One officer same gender as child	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
North Wales	2019	October	17	Male	White	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	Drugs	No further action	Not linked	Not recorded	One officer same gender as child	Not recorded	Police station	Not recorded
North Wales	2020	January	17	Male	White	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	Drugs	No further action	Not linked	Not recorded	One officer same gender as child	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
North Wales	2020	January	17	Male	White	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	Drugs	No further action	Not linked	Not recorded	One officer same gender as child	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
North Wales	2020	May	16	Male	White	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	Drugs	Arrest	Linked	Not recorded	One officer same gender as child	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
North Wales	2020	June	17	Male	White	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	Drugs	Arrest	Linked	Not recorded	One officer same gender as child	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded

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Good afternoon Helen,

Thank you for submitting this data – I can confirm that we have received it and I will pass on the additional information you have provided.

Kind regards,

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Head of Data Collection



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To: COLLECTIONS, Data <Data.COLLECTIONS@childrenscommissioner.gov.uk>

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Subject: North Wales Police - CCo strip search information request

Dear Data collection team,

North Wales Police have completed the required data collection return and the accompanying survey.

The password for the data is

Please note that there are some unanswered questions in the section Questions 12 – 24. We are unable to break down the intermediary referrals to offence type and the data surrounding whether the referral was successful or not is not held. Therefore, this has not been answered with zero as there was no option to offer an explanation.

Furthermore, question 23 has been left blank as we are unable to quantify the data. We have practices in place within force where supervisors do review VRI's for quality assurance but due to how this is recorded we are unable to provide the numbers, hence blank and not recorded as zero.

Lastly question 24 has been left blank as there was no option to provide further details. We do make onward referrals to support provisions however this is not centrally recorded or easy to extract. This would require a manual search. The boxes therefore have been left blank as opposed to record that zero referrals have been made which would be an unfair and inaccurate reflection of our practice.

Many thanks

Helen



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