



Response Date:15/10/2024

2024/914 - Arrests of illegal migrants

In response to your recent request for information regarding excess cost is relevant to part which removes the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Please kindly provide details of numbers of individuals stopped and searched; arrested; charged with offences who have been identified by police as being illegal entrants to the United Kingdom or have no form of identification or no fixed abode.

By illegal entrants we mean:

- (1) those who entered the UK without leave or who have absconded after being granted temporary admission (these include entrants by way of airports, channel crossings or via vehicles)**
- (2) those who enter in breach of a deportation order;**
- (3) those who have secured leave by means of material deception.**

The information is sought for the years from 2017 to 2024 (or latest available figures)

We are unable to confirm if this was the immigration status at the time of arrest.

Arrests

Search Criteria - Arrests Records 01/01/17 to 30/09/24 where Detainee has Immigration Status Illegal Entry or Illegal Immigrant in their Person Record

Results - 53

Charged

Search Criteria - Occurrences with Charged/Summoned/Postal Records + Offender has Illegal Entry / Illegal Immigrant Status in their Person records.

Results - 1

Stops

Search criteria - Stop Searches 2020-2024 where Stopped Person has Illegal Entry / Immigrant Status in their Person record.

Results - 1

Earlier stops searches were recorded on a stand-alone database which does not link to the person record and immigration status is not recorded on the database. To obtain the information in the format you have requested 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.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 14/10/2024