



Response Date: 15/08/2025

2025/837 - Police Raids

In response to your recent request for information;

Although excess cost removed 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.

1. The number of times your force received a complaint regarding your force's legal right to enter and search a property.

2022 - "premises search" = 10 "searches of premises and seizure of property" = 23.
2023 - "premises search" = 24 "searches of premises and seizure of property" = 43.
2024 - "premises search" = 12 "searches of premises and seizure of property" = 29 .
2025 (to 30/06/25) - "premises search" = 0 "searches of premises and seizure of property" = 23.

2. The number of these complaints that were upheld.

2022 - "premises search" = 0 "searches of premises and seizure of property" = 0 .
2023 - "premises search" = 2 "searches of premises and seizure of property" = 0 .
2024 - "premises search" = 0 "searches of premises and seizure of property" = 3 .
2025 (to 30/06/25) - "premises search" = 0 "searches of premises and seizure of property" = 2 .

3. The number of these complaints that were upheld for entering the wrong property.

Complaint allegations are logged / recorded under specific "factors" set by the IOPC. In this instance the response only covers the allegations logged or recorded under "premises search" and "searches of premises and seizure of property". Given the volume of allegations (2022 to 2025) there is no capacity to review every allegation logged or recorded. The details supplied at Q1 and 2 relate to allegations rather than complaints, and one complaint may contain multiple allegations.

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. 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.

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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 12/08/2025