



Response Date:09/04/2026

2026/371 - Dispersal orders

In response to your recent request for information excess cost is relevant 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.

Q1. From 1st July 2025 - 30th September 2025, how many dispersal orders were issued to individuals identified as rough sleepers?

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. We are unable to conduct a search to ascertain how many Anti-Social Behaviour Injunctions and Dispersal Orders have been authorised. There is no tool or search facility to enable us to do so. The only way to find out would be to e-mail every Inspector or above to see if they have authorised any, and have kept a record. 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.

Q2. From 1st July 2025 - 30th September 2025, how many people were arrested under the Vagrancy Act?

No arrests under Vagrancy Act during that period.

Q3. From 1st July 2025- 30th September 2025, how many times did officers move on people deemed to be sleeping rough?

This information would not be recorded on a system if just informal asking people to move on.

Q4. Does your Force have guidance/policy in place that details if rough sleepers should be moved on from locations ahead of community events? If yes, please provide a copy of this guidance/policy

We don't have a policy or guidance document for this.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 02/04/2026

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