

17 September 2024

FOI Ref 17112

Request - You asked us the following:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please can you provide the following information, broken down by financial year for 2023-24, 2022-23, and 2021-22:

- The number of strip searches carried out by police.
- o Of these, how many were carried out on someone 10-17 years old?
- o Of these, how many were carried out on someone under-10 years old?
- The number of police complaints received about a police strip search.

Please provide the requested information in Excel or CSV format.

UPDATE RECEIVED 01/08/2024

Just to clarify, this FOI is in relation to strip searches in custody - under PACE S54 - and strip searches resulting from the use of stop and search powers.

We received your request on 31/07/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds the following requested information.

Please can you provide the following information, broken down by financial year for 2023-24, 2022-23, and 2021-22:

- The number of strip searches carried out by police. – **Information held.**
- Of these, how many were carried out on someone 10-17 years old? – **Information held.**
- Of these, how many were carried out on someone under-10 years old? – **Information held.**
- The number of police complaints received about a police strip search. – **Information held.**

Staffordshire Police discloses the following information.

Please can you provide the following information, broken down by financial year for 2023-24, 2022-23, and 2021-22:

- The number of strip searches carried out by police. – **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17112 Strip Searches & Police Complaints Data.CSV'.**

- Of these, how many were carried out on someone 10-17 years old? – **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17112 Strip Searches & Police Complaints Data.CSV'.**
- Of these, how many were carried out on someone under-10 years old? – **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17112 Strip Searches & Police Complaints Data.CSV'.**
- The number of police complaints received about a police strip search. – **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17112 Strip Searches & Police Complaints Data.CSV'.**

Please note that in relation to police complaints, the data presented shows the number of complaint allegations. There can be multiple allegations within one complaint.

Please note that this data has been provided to the best of our ability, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software.

Every effort is made to ensure that the data presented is accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that this has been extracted from multiple sources, developed for specific policing purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the terminology of this request. Therefore, the data presented is subject to the inaccuracies and idiosyncrasies inherent in any large-scale recording system.

As a consequence, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, so as to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

Next steps

You can ask us to review our response.

If you would like us to carry out a review of our response, please let us know within two months of the date of receipt of this email, review requests should be addressed to:

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Or by Post to:

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Please remember to quote the reference number in any future communications.

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