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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2009-00170

**Keyword:** Complaints/Discipline

**Subject:** STOP AND SEARCH STATISTICS - STRABANE

### Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested.

#### Question 1

Find out the age categories of those who were subject to stop and search in the period October to December 2008; and how many searches related to each category.

#### Answer

The cost of retrieving information relating to individuals stopped and searched on more than one occasion during the three month period October to December would exceed the "appropriate limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information Regulations 2004, which is currently set by the Secretary of State at £450, as this would involve an intensive manual search of files in the district concerned.

I have been able to supply the information relating to age categories within the cost limit. **(PDF Attached)**

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this email.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible, or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [FOI@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:FOI@psni.pnn.police.uk)

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ <http://www.psni.police.uk/>

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

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**Number of Persons Stopped and Searched/ Questioned in Strabane by Age Group**

	Number of Persons
Under 16	15
16-25	244
26-35	145
36-45	144
46-55	46
56-65	16
Over 65	7
Age unknown	68
<b>Total</b>	<b>685</b>