



# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2020-02282

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Stop & Search - Derry & Strabane

**Request and Answer:**

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates and the decision has been taken to disclose the following.

**Request**

Since the enactment of both The Terrorism Act 2000 and Justice & Security (NI) Act 2007 the police in the North of Ireland have been afforded the right to stop, detain, search and question individuals which has been deemed compatible with ECHR law.

How many Stop and Searches have been carried out by the Police re aforementioned Acts quoted above in the Police district of Derry and Strabane from the following dates, 1st October 2018 through 1st November 2020.

**Answer**

Please see Table 1 below detailing the number of persons stopped and searched/questioned by PSNI in Derry City and Strabane policing district during the period 1 October 2018 to 1 November 2020.

**Table 1<sup>(1)</sup>**

Legislation	Number of persons stopped and searched/questioned
Justice & Security (NI) Act 2007 Section 21 <sup>(2)</sup>	169
Justice & Security (NI) Act 2007 Section 24	2,052
Terrorism Act 2000 Section 43	22
Terrorism Act 2000 Section 43A	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,245</b>

(1) Figures exclude vehicle-only searches

(2) Justice & Security (NI) Act 2007 Section 21 is a stop and question power

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 Corporate Information Branch, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

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 Corporate Information Branch, 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 @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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