



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: FOI-2023-00650

Keyword: Policing Themes, Operations and Investigations Stop and Search

Subject: Stop and Searches in Derry & Strabane Police District

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. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request 1

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.

As part of further research I am currently conducting I wish through the medium of the **Freedom Information Act 2000** to obtain the following information from the Police Service. I therefore request to invoke my General Right of Access to public information which is currently not available in the public domain:

- 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 January 2021 though 1st February 2023

Answer

Table 1 below shows the number of persons stopped and searched by the PSNI in Derry City and Strabane policing district between 1 January 2021 and 1 February 2023 under sections 43/43A of the Terrorism Act 2000 and section 24 of the Justice and Security Act 2007.

Table 1 (1,2)

Legislation	Number of persons stopped and searched
Terrorism Act 2000 s43/43A	8
Justice and Security Act 2007 s24	1,622

- (1) Excludes searches under warrant and vehicle-only searches.
- (2) Figures are provisional and subject to change.

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 Corporate Information Manager, Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.police.uk.

If, following an Internal Review carried out by an independent decision maker, you remain unhappy about how your request has been handled you have the right to apply in writing to the Information Commissioner, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, at 'Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. There are a number of other platforms you can use to contact the ICO and these can be found on the ICO's website at the following link: [Make a complaint | ICO \(https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/\)](https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/).

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 their 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

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