



Freedom of Information request 01/FOI/24/2363
We received your request on the 13/01/2024.

Request

You asked us:

I would like to request data relating to your officers stop and search reasonable grounds performance from 2020 up until the present date. I would appreciate it if this could be expressed as a percentage i.e. 85% pass and the total number of searches this percentage covers. I would also appreciate it if this percentage pass/fail rate could also be expressed in the following ways: Overall Performance since 2020, separated by area command, separated by ethnicity and lastly the different figures separated by what powers of search were used i.e. S23 Misuse of drugs reasonable grounds pass rate 70% and S1 PACE 90%.

Can I also request some information into how each stop and search is reviewed and the process of doing that.

Our response:

- Every stop search requires a Z-card to be offered. The card explains how to make a complaint and also how to provide feedback via a QR code.
- Every stop & search is submitted to a supervisor for review via a template which accesses:
 - o compliance with the recording requirements
 - o compliance, where applicable, with the BUSSS requirement to record whether anything was found, if it was linked to the reason for the stop and search, and the outcome of the stop and search.
 - o accurate transfer of the record onto the relevant force data system
 - o written grounds are sufficiently detailed and reasonable
 - o compliance with Code A and other procedural requirements (i.e. gender of search officer, appropriate referrals/safeguarding notifications being made for children and young people)
 - o consideration is given to whether there is any evidence that powers may have been used on the basis of stereotyped images or inappropriate generalisations.
- Body worn video reviewed where there are any concerns.
- An internal BTP decision was agreed in November 2022 that certain types of searches would require additional supervision by senior ranked officers.
 - o The four types of searches were identified as:
 - o Inspectors to review Terrorism Act searches and searches that expose intimate parts of adults.
 - o Chief Inspectors to review strip searches (partial or full strip) of individuals aged under 18.
 - o Superintendents to review searches that expose intimate parts of individuals aged under 18.

- Dip sampling takes place for 5% of all stop searches and feedback & training needs are identified and implemented
- Supervisor one to ones using a productivity proforma.
- Stop & search external scrutiny panel in place.
- Stop and search champions across the force to reinforce good practice.

Please see Excel Spreadsheet for data.

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1st January 2020 - 30th November 2023		
	Number of Searches	Rate
Pass	46566	95.50%
Fail	382	0.80%
No selection	505	1.00%
No Sgt Review	1300	2.70%

1st January 2020 - 30th November 2023			
Year		Number of Searches	Rate
2020	Pass	11253	94.00%
	Fail	83	0.70%
	No selection	19	0.20%
	No Sgt Review	610	5.10%
	Total	11965	
2021	Pass	11049	95.60%
	Fail	101	0.90%
	No selection	146	1.30%
	No Sgt Review	259	2.20%
	Total	11555	
2022	Pass	10589	95.50%
	Fail	88	0.80%
	No selection	161	1.50%
	No Sgt Review	247	2.20%
	Total	11085	
2023*	Pass	13674	96.70%
	Fail	110	0.80%
	No selection	179	1.30%
	No Sgt Review	184	1.30%
	Total	14147	
*2023 is January to November			

Area of command:

1st January 2020 - 30th November 2023			
Area Command		Number of Searches	Rate
B NORTH	Pass	2757	95.70%
	Fail	19	0.70%
	No selection	30	1.00%
	No Sgt Review	75	2.60%
	Total	2881	
B CENTRAL	Pass	14374	95.00%
	Fail	159	1.10%
	No selection	172	1.10%
	No Sgt Review	433	2.90%
	Total	15138	
B SOUTH	Pass	11597	94.80%
	Fail	70	0.60%
	No selection	189	1.50%
	No Sgt Review	381	3.10%
	Total	12237	
M MIDLANDS	Pass	4811	97.10%
	Fail	32	0.60%
	No selection	43	0.90%
	No Sgt Review	69	1.40%
	Total	4955	
P PENNINE	Pass	8686	96.80%
	Fail	70	0.80%
	No selection	53	0.60%
	No Sgt Review	168	1.90%

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	Total	8977	
G WESTERN	Pass	2065	92.70%
	Fail	29	1.30%
	No selection	7	0.30%
	No Sgt Review	126	5.70%
	Total	2227	
W WALES	Pass	1122	97.10%
	Fail	1	0.10%
	No selection	10	0.90%
	No Sgt Review	23	2.00%
	Total	1156	
D SCOTLAND	Pass	1084	99.30%
	Fail	1	0.10%
	No selection	1	0.10%
	No Sgt Review	6	0.50%
	Total	1092	
Z UNDEFINED	Pass	69	77.50%
	Fail	1	1.10%
	No selection	0	0.00%
	No Sgt Review	19	21.30%
	Total	89	

Ethnicity:

1st January 2020 - 30th November 2023			
Officer Defined Ethnicity		Number of Searches	Rate
Asian	Pass	4254	95.50%
	Fail	42	0.90%
	No selection	43	1.00%
	No Sgt Review	116	2.60%
	Total	4455	
Black	Pass	11884	95.10%
	Fail	122	1.00%
	No selection	133	1.10%
	No Sgt Review	353	2.80%
	Total	12492	
Other	Pass	1511	94.80%
	Fail	18	1.10%
	No selection	27	1.70%
	No Sgt Review	38	2.40%
	Total	1594	
White	Pass	27892	95.90%
	Fail	190	0.70%
	No selection	277	1.00%
	No Sgt Review	740	2.50%
	Total	29099	
Unknown / blank	Pass	1024	92.10%
	Fail	10	0.90%
	No selection	25	2.20%
	No Sgt Review	53	4.80%
	Total	1112	

1st January 2020 - 30th November 2023			
Self Defined Ethnicity		Number of Searches	Rate
Asian	Pass	3013	95.80%
	Fail	28	0.90%
	No selection	34	1.10%
	No Sgt Review	69	2.20%

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	Total	3144	
Black	Pass	7043	95.30%
	Fail	69	0.90%
	No selection	83	1.10%
	No Sgt Review	195	2.60%
	Total	7390	
Mixed	Pass	2195	95.30%
	Fail	20	0.90%
	No selection	28	1.20%
	No Sgt Review	60	2.60%
	Total	2303	
Other	Pass	781	95.40%
	Fail	7	0.90%
	No selection	17	2.10%
	No Sgt Review	14	1.70%
	Total	819	
White	Pass	21811	96.10%
	Fail	148	0.70%
	No selection	205	0.90%
	No Sgt Review	543	2.40%
	Total	22707	
Not stated / blank	Pass	11722	94.60%
	Fail	110	0.90%
	No selection	138	1.10%
	No Sgt Review	419	3.40%
	Total	12389	

Legal Power:

1st January 2020 - 30th November 2023			
Legal Power		Number of Searches	Rate
Criminal Justice Act 1988 (s139B)	Pass	7	100.00%
	Fail	0	0.00%
	No selection	0	0.00%
	No Sgt Review	0	0.00%
	Total	7	
Criminal Justice and PO Act 1994 (s60) or (s60AA)	Pass	370	94.10%
	Fail	5	1.30%
	No selection	3	0.80%
	No Sgt Review	15	3.80%
	Total	393	
Customs and Excise Man Act 1979 (s164)	Pass	2	100.00%
	Fail	0	0.00%
	No selection	0	0.00%
	No Sgt Review	0	0.00%
	Total	2	
Firearms Act 1968 (s47)	Pass	83	96.50%
	Fail	2	2.30%
	No selection	0	0.00%
	No Sgt Review	1	1.20%
	Total	86	
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23)	Pass	33190	95.70%
	Fail	225	0.60%
	No selection	324	0.90%
	No Sgt Review	936	2.70%
	Total	34675	
PACE 1984 (s1) or (s4)	Pass	12525	95.00%
	Fail	148	1.10%
	No selection	168	1.30%
	No Sgt Review	341	2.60%
	Total		

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	Total	13182	
Police Reform Act 2002 (sch3C)	Pass	5	71.40%
	Fail	0	0.00%
	No selection	2	28.60%
	No Sgt Review	0	0.00%
	Total	7	
Psychoactive Subs Act 2016 (s36(2))	Pass	39	97.50%
	Fail	0	0.00%
	No selection	0	0.00%
	No Sgt Review	1	2.50%
	Total	40	
Scot - Civic Govt (Scot) 1982 s60 BTP	Pass	96	100.00%
	Fail	0	0.00%
	No selection	0	0.00%
	No Sgt Review	0	0.00%
	Total	96	
Scot - Crim Law (Con Scot) 1995 s48.1 or s49B or s50 BTP	Pass	177	99.40%
	Fail	0	0.00%
	No selection	0	0.00%
	No Sgt Review	1	0.60%
	Total	178	
Terrorism Act 2000 (s43) or (s43(a)) or (s47A(2))	Pass	49	83.10%
	Fail	2	3.40%
	No selection	6	10.20%
	No Sgt Review	2	3.40%
	Total	59	
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (s19)	Pass	1	100.00%
	Fail	0	0.00%
	No selection	0	0.00%
	No Sgt Review	0	0.00%
	Total	1	
(blank)	Pass	21	80.80%
	Fail	0	0.00%
	No selection	2	7.70%
	No Sgt Review	3	11.50%
	Total	26	