



# WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE

## Freedom Of Information

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## Information Management

Our ref: 7161/19

Date: 18/03/2020

Dear R. Venables,

Thank you for your request for information, received by West Yorkshire Police on 18/11/19.

You requested the following information:

I'd like details of all Section 60 'stop and search' orders made by your force over the past five years (from 1st November 2014 to 31st October 2019.)

For each order can you include:

1. The date, time and duration.
2. The geographical area the order covered.

Please see the table below showing Section 60 Stop and Search information from 01/11/2014 to 31/10/2019.

Date	Time	Duration	Area covered
17/02/2015	U/K	U/K	Within Leeds city centre
14/11/2015	U/K	U/K	Within Bradford city centre
30/07/2016	U/K	U/K	Within Dewsbury
07/04/2019	16:15	15 hours	Golcar, Huddersfield
11/04/2019	17:30	11 hours	BD, Keighley
28/04/2019	23:30	15 hours	Area between Golcar and Brackenhall
04/05/2019	16:00	10 hours	LD, Harehills
13/09/2019	16:00	15 hours	Huddersfield town centre

U/K means we are unable to retrieve this information due to recording processes.

3. The number of people searched under the order.
4. The number of arrests resulting from it.

All stop and search information can be found online via the below link;

<https://data.police.uk/data/>

West Yorkshire Police participated in the Best Use of Stop and Search Scheme (BUSSS) from 2014 to 2019.

This meant stricter guidance, most notably the minimum level of authorising officer changing from Inspector to Assistant Chief Constable or Commander; and a requirement that incidents of serious violence 'will' take place opposed to 'may' take place.

These changes meant that the power was not used as frequently.

In 2019, the authority levels in the guidance were relaxed back to Inspector and above, with a lower threshold requirement for incidents of serious violence reducing from 'will' back to 'may' take place. This relaxation in the guidance has therefore meant that more incidents now fit into the criteria for authorising searches under Section 60 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994.

#### COMPLAINT RIGHTS

If you are not satisfied with how this request has been handled or with the information provided, please read the advice notice attached to this letter. If you do wish to take up your right of complaint, please remember to quote the reference number above, in any future correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

Emily Dawson  
Disclosure Officer.

## COMPLAINT RIGHTS

### 1. Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to request that West Yorkshire Police review their decision. Prior to lodging a formal complaint, we encouraged that you discuss the decision with the case officer that has dealt with your request.

### 2. Ask to have the decision looked at again

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again, is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter. That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

### 3. Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of West Yorkshire Police, made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding access to information, you can lodge a written complaint to have the decision internally reviewed.

A West Yorkshire Police internal review of your decision, will be carried out by a senior member of staff who is fully trained in interpreting Freedom of Information legislation. The review will be independent conducted, regardless to the original decision made.

Complaints will only be treated as valid, if they are received by West Yorkshire Police within a 60 day timeframe from the date of the decision letter. They must include the original FOI Reference Number and can only be submitted in writing, by using the following contact details:

[foi@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)

Or

West Yorkshire Police  
FOI Internal Reviews  
PO Box 9  
Laburnum Road  
Wakefield  
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In all possible circumstances, West Yorkshire Police will aim to complete and respond to your internal review within 20 working days. However this date may be extended in exceptional circumstances, by another 20 working days.

### 4. The Information Commissioner

If you are still dissatisfied with the internal review decision, made by West Yorkshire Police. You can then make an application to the Information Commissioner, for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Alternatively, you can phone their helpline or write to them at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
FOI Help Line: 0303 1231113