



Our Ref: 0199.2019-20

Your Ref:

Date: 10 June 2019

Civil Disclosure
Joint Corporate Legal Services

Dear A Powell-Smith,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 0199.2019-20

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by North Yorkshire Police on 10 May 2019. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. The total number of searches carried out by the force under "stop and account" powers. Please supply this data by month, for as many months as are available.*
- 2. A breakdown of the total number of "stop and account" searches by the subject's self-defined ethnicity. Please supply this data by month as above.*

Extent and Result of Searches to Locate Information

To locate the information relevant to your request searches were conducted within North Yorkshire Police. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by North Yorkshire Police.

Decision

I have today decided to disclose the located information to you.

1, 2. Please see enclosed tables which set out the requested information relating to stop and search in North Yorkshire between 01.01.2017 and 30.04.2019, by subject's self-defined ethnicity. Due to the way in which data recording changed in 2017, the data can only be provided from this date.

Further to your email dated 31 May 2019, I have attached the additional results for incidents relating to 'stop and account'. The data relates to recorded incidents by North Yorkshire Police by self-defined ethnicity dated between 01.01.2017 and 30.04.2019.

Please be advised that comprehensive data on stop and search is already routinely published by the home office, accessible via the open data tables here;
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/police-powers-and-procedures-england-and-wales-year-ending-31-march-2018>

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Please note that systems used for recording information are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted therefore that this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other responses you may receive.

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet which details your right of complaint.

If you have any queries concerning this request, please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

Elisha Marsay
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Joint Corporate Legal Services

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

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

You have the right to request that North Yorkshire Police review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

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.

Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision North Yorkshire Police made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information you can lodge a complaint with North Yorkshire Police to have the decision reviewed. North Yorkshire Police must be notified of your intention to complain within 2 months of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to:

Force Solicitor and Head of Legal Services
North Yorkshire Police
Alverton Court
Crosby Road
Northallerton
North Yorkshire
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In all possible circumstances North Yorkshire Police will aim to respond to your complaint as soon as practicable but within 20 working days.

The Information Commissioner

After lodging a complaint with North Yorkshire Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make 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 <https://ico.org.uk> Alternatively, phone: 0303 123 1113 or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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