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Our ref: FOI 2023/1097

Reply contact name:

Dear

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14th November 2023 concerning post-arrest strip searches.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by Business Intelligence at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Custody detentions and related strip searches: data request

I wish to request post-arrest strip search rates by person characteristics for your police force.

I am requesting the following data:

For the **three (3) financial years**: 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 from your custody database

I would like an **Excel format tables** with **annual totals for each of the years**. For each year, I would like four tables with the annual totals broken down by the following variables:

- 1.(Financial) year of detention.
- 2.Sex/gender (as appropriate).
- 3.Grouped age at time of detention (i.e. under 18, 18 and over)
- 4.Self-defined ethnicity.

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Response:

Self defined race	Gender /Age		Female Total	Male		Male Total	Grand Total
	Female 18 or over	Under 18		18 or over	Under 18		
Arrest Fiscal Year							
2019-2020	96	26	122	411	57	468	590
A1. Indian				1	1	2	2
A2. Pakistani				11	3	14	14
A3. Bangladeshi				2		2	2
A4. Chinese				2		2	2
A9. Any other Asian background				2	3	5	5
B1. Caribbean	1		1	28	9	37	38
B2. African				17	3	20	20
B9. Any other Black background				15	5	20	20
M1. White and Black Caribbean	10		10	11	2	13	23
M2. White and Black African				1	2	3	3
M3. White and Asian				2		2	2
M9. Any other mixed				3	2	5	5
NS. Not stated	3		3	27	4	31	34
O9. Any other				2		2	2
W1. British	77	25	102	267	20	287	389
W2. Irish		1	1	4		4	5
W9. Any other white background	5		5	16	3	19	24
2020-2021	77	31	108	290	43	333	441
A1. Indian				4	2	6	6
A2. Pakistani				4	1	5	5
A3. Bangladeshi				3	1	4	4
A9. Any other Asian background				4		4	4
B1. Caribbean				18	6	24	24
B2. African				9	3	12	12
B9. Any other Black background	1		1	14	4	18	19
M1. White and Black Caribbean				5	1	6	6
M2. White and Black African				6	1	7	7
M3. White and Asian	1		1	1		1	2
M9. Any other mixed				5		5	5
NS. Not stated	6		6	10	2	12	18
O9. Any other	1		1	1	1	2	3
W1. British	67	31	98	189	21	210	308

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W9. Any other white background	1		1	17		17	18
2021-2022	72	4	76	266	22	288	364
A1. Indian				1		1	1
A2. Pakistani				3		3	3
A3. Bangladeshi				1		1	1
A9. Any other Asian background				1		1	1
B1. Caribbean	1		1	16		16	17
B2. African				7		7	7
B9. Any other Black background	1		1	9		9	10
M1. White and Black Caribbean	1	1	2	2		2	4
M2. White and Black African					1	1	1
M3. White and Asian				1		1	1
M9. Any other mixed	1		1	2	2	4	5
NS. Not stated	2		2	28	1	29	31
W1. British	66	3	69	187	14	201	270
W2. Irish				2		2	2
W9. Any other white background				6	4	10	10
Grand Total	245	61	306	967	122	1089	1395

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Force Disclosure Decision Maker

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