

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

### Decision notice

**Date:** 19 September 2024

**Public Authority:** City of London Police

**Address:** Bishopgate Station  
182 Bishopgate  
London  
EC2M 4NP

#### **Request:**

The complainant requested the following information from City of London Police on 18 March 2024 in the annex to this notice.

#### **Commissioner's Decision:**

A public authority will breach section 10 of FOIA if it fails to respond to a request within 20 working days. Based on evidence available to the Commissioner, by the date of this notice the public authority has not issued a substantive response to this request. Therefore the Commissioner finds a breach of section 10.

#### **Steps:**

The public authority must provide a substantive response to the request in accordance with its obligations under FOIA.

The public authority must take this step within 30 calendar days of the date of this decision notice. Failure to comply may result in the Commissioner making written certification of this fact to the High Court pursuant to section 54 of FOIA and may be dealt with as a contempt of court.

**Right of Appeal:**

Either party has the right to appeal against this decision notice to the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)  
GRC & GRP Tribunals,  
PO Box 9300,  
LEICESTER,  
LE1 8DJ

Tel: 0203 936 8963

Fax: 0870 739 5836

Email: [grc@justice.gov.uk](mailto:grc@justice.gov.uk)

Website: [www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber](http://www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber)

Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

**Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF**

## **Annex – request for information**

Please provide information for each of the following periods, as specified in the tables in the Appendix:

1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021, 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022, 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023.

In your police force area:

1. What was the total number of stop and searches for all reasons, where a more thorough search occurred (PACE code A 3.6)? Please provide data sorted by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender, and age. Please provide this information by filling out the Question 1 table below, which can be found in the Appendix.
2. What was the total number of stop and searches for all reasons, where a more thorough search occurred (PACE code A 3.6) and it was a positive search? Please provide data sorted by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender, and age. Please provide this information by filling out the Question 2 table below, which can be found in the Appendix.
3. What was the total number of stop and searches for all reasons, where a search involved exposure of intimate parts of the body ('strip searches') (PACE Code A 3.7)? Please provide data sorted by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender, and age. Please provide this information by filling out the Question 3 table below, which can be found in the Appendix.
4. What was the total number of stop and searches for all reasons, where a search involved exposure of intimate parts of the body ('strip searches') (PACE Code A 3.7) and where it was a positive search? Please provide data sorted by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender, and age. Please provide this information by filling out the Question 4 table below, which can be found in the Appendix.
5. What was the total number of stop and searches for drugs (section 1 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and section 23(2) Misuse of Drugs Act 1971), where a more thorough search occurred (PACE code A 3.6)? Please provide data sorted by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender, and age. Please provide this information by filling out the Question 5 table below, which can be found in the Appendix.
6. What was the total number of stop and searches for drugs (section 1 Police and Criminal Evidence

Act 1984 and section 23(2) Misuse of Drugs Act 1971), where a more thorough search occurred (PACE code A 3.6) and where drugs were found? Please provide data sorted by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender, and age. Please provide this information by filling out the Question 6 table below, which can be found in the Appendix.

7. What was the total number of stop and searches for drugs (section 1 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and section 23(2) Misuse of Drugs Act 1971), where a search involved exposure of intimate parts of the body (PACE Code A 3.7)? Please provide data sorted by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender, and age. Please provide this information by filling out the Question 7 table below, which can be found in the Appendix.

8. What was the total number of stop and searches for drugs (section 1 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and section 23(2) Misuse of Drugs Act 1971), where a search involved exposure of intimate parts of the body (PACE Code A 3.7) and where drugs were found? Please provide data sorted by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender, and age. Please provide this information by filling out the Question 8 table below, which can be found in the Appendix.

<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Total in the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021</b>	<b>Total in the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022</b>	<b>Total in the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b>
White			
Black (or Black British)			
Asian (or Asian British)			
Other Ethnic Group			
Mixed			
Not stated / unknown			

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Total in the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021</b>	<b>Total in the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022</b>	<b>Total in the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b>
Female			
Male			
Other			
Not stated / unknown			

<b>Age</b>	<b>Total in the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021</b>	<b>Total in the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022</b>	<b>Total in the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b>
Under 10			
10 - 17			
18 - 24			
25 - 29			
30 and over			
Not stated / unknown			