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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011480/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/10/2023, I note you seek access to the following information:

I am doing an EPQ on “ Are Stop & Search powers effective and do they reduce crime?”. To assist with my research, I would like to request the following information regarding the training of Police Officers on the topic of Stop and Search:

Question 1

- a) Training Letters & Memos that detail any information and guidance on the training of Police Officers*
- b) PowerPoints and similar presentations on the use of these powers*
- c) Any other training guides that the Police Officers receive on Stop & Search powers*

The documents should relate to all Stop & Search powers, including, but not exclusive to, Section 1 of PACE, Section 23 of the Misuse of Drugs Act and Section 43 of the Terrorism Act.

It is essential that any training that relates to the terrorism act details what Officers can do with detained persons' phones and for all, how Officers are trained in GO WISLEY, what a police officer can ask a person to remove and what details that a police officer can ask a person to give.

Question 2

- a) All the stop and search data between the calendar year of 2018 and most current data for 2023*
- b) This should include Ethnicities, locations of searches, outcome of search (including what items were found or seized), if further action was pursued, if the person was*

arrested or given street bail, age of persons, and the number of searches each month for each year

- c) This would be useful to be represented both as multiple graphs, but also as a table where the outcomes of searches and the other relevant data*
- d) I would also like to have an overview of the total number of items found each year, which have been split up into each item, for example number of kitchen knives seized each year*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that some of the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

Question 1

PEQF training materials are produced and owned by the University of Salford. Please contact them for the training materials. They are based on the College of Policing guidance for the Professional Policing Degree, the CoP page relating to Stop Search is [Stop and search | College of Policing](#).

Question 2

a) & Part A of b) The exemption applicable to the information is **Section 21 - Information reasonably accessible by other means**. This is because the information is already freely available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/police-powers-and-procedures-england-and-wales>

The file includes

- Numbers of stop and search
- Self-defined ethnicity
- Outcomes
- Gender
- Age group
- Reason for search – there are no record of items on the standard recording format, just what type of object was sought which can be found on this column

Part B of b) - The exact location, month & age breakdown have been exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

c) No information held

d) No information held – please refer to “Reason for search” on Question 2 Part A of b)

More information on stop and search on GMP website here –

<https://www.gmp.police.uk/stopandsearch>