



NORFOLK
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Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 003749/16

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 11th October 2016 in which you sought access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act I request information about strip searches of children aged 17 years old or younger conducted by your police force. My definition of "strip search" relates to both:

- A 'More thorough searches', as part of a stop and search, where the officer deems it necessary that the subject removes more than outer coat, jacket or gloves (as outlined in PACE, Code A, 3.6); and
- B 'Searches involving exposure of intimate parts of the body' as part of a stop and search where the person removes all or most of their clothing (as outlined in PACE, Code A, 3.7).

Please provide the following information:

- Q1 The total number of incidents of strip searching of children aged 17 years old or younger while in police custody in (a) 2015 and (b) 2016 (from 1st January 2016 up to and including 1st October 2016).
- Q2 Please breakdown the figures in Q1 (a) and (b) by age.
- Q3 Please breakdown the figures in Q1 (a) and (b) by type of search.

Please breakdown the figures in Q1 (a) and (b) by presence of appropriate adult or carer during the intimate strip search.

Norfolk Constabulary holds information relevant to your request.

Response to your Request

Norfolk Constabulary has located the following information as relevant to your request.

The following information has been collated by the Joint Performance and Analysis Department. The figures have been extracted from the Stop & Search database and are based on the recorded dates of birth.

The database has a column which refers to strip-search. These figures have been provided. With regard to whether an appropriate adult was present, this information is not recorded.

- Q1 A total of 27 strip searches have been recorded for those aged 17 and under.

Q2 2015

Age	Number of Strip Searches
9	1
15	2
16	2
17	8
Total	13

2016

Year and Age	Number of Strip Searches
11	1
15	6
16	2
17	5
Total	14

Q3

Type of Stop	Number of Strip Searches
2015	
A - Account (Stop & Account)	1
C - Drugs (S23 Misuse of Drugs Act)	12
2016	
B - Stop and Search for Stolen Property (S1 PACE)	2
C - Drugs (S23 Misuse of Drugs Act)	12
Grand Total	27