

29th April 2020

**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20200935**

**REQUEST**

- 1. The number of Stop and Searches in the calendar years 2017 - 2020, inclusive to the present day, separated by ethnicity and reason for search.***

**RESPONSE**

I approached our Performance & Governance Unit for assistance with your request. After clarification she has used the "object searched for" field which should fulfil the reason element of your request, she has explained below:

*Please find the data for FOI MR20200935 attached.*

*Please note the following for the requestor:*

- I can only provide stop and search data broken down by ethnicity and object of search from April 2018 as we do not have detailed records prior to that date. March 2020 is the latest data available.*
- Ethnicity of subject is not recorded in all cases, hence the 'not stated' category. Vehicle-only searches will not have an ethnicity as no people were searched, these have been recorded under the 'vehicle-only' category.*
- The 'reason for search' is a free text field and so is only used for qualitative checks, therefore, data has been provided from the 'object of search' field which has set categories. This is the object that the officer believed the subject was in possession of when searched.*