



# Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commission

## Freedom of Information Act

### Request Response

No. 21082015-1

### Question

Dear Police Commissioner, Freedom of information Request Regarding your Services stop and search statistics for 2014/15. Looking at the population profile of males and females, I note that males are disproportionately represented. That is 91.2% stopped were male and only 8.8% female. Bearing in mind males represent about 49% of the population. I quote from your report summary- "Males were more likely to be stop and searched in comparison to the offending (80%) and population profile (49.2%)." On the face of it males are being unfairly and disproportionately targeted. One might say that this activity is inherently sexist. Your figures do not show the 'success' rate for stops on male and females. Are stops on females rare that they are more successful than stops on males? What action is your police service taking to balance enforcement -stop and search- activity so that males are not subject to disproportionate use of police powers?

### Answer

I am writing to advise you that, following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by this Department.

There is currently a dedicated page on Northamptonshire Police's website regarding Stop and Search which gives you access to further information and detailed statistics. This can be found at:[www.northants.police.uk/#!/StopandSearch](http://www.northants.police.uk/#!/StopandSearch)

Northamptonshire Police's Information Unit also may hold some of the information you are seeking. If you have not already done so, then you may wish to write to Ian Kelly, Freedom of Information and Data Protection Team Leader, Information Unit, Force Headquarters, Wootton Hall, Northampton, NN4 0JQ

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Iain Britton, Chief Executive, Office of the Northamptonshire Police and Crime

Commissioner, West Wing, Force Headquarters, Wootton Hall, Northampton, NN4 0JQ

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF