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**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2020/03561**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 26th June. I note you seek access to the following information:

**1. Statistics broken down by year and by ethnicity for the last five years (April to March) for each of the following:**

- Stop and Account
- Stop and Search
- Vehicle Stops

**2. Please can you tell me the total population for your policing area broken down by year for the last five years (April to March)**

**3. Please can you tell me the total population broken down by year and by ethnicity for your policing area for the last five years (April to March)**

I am aware that the Metropolitan Police are required to record stop and accounts on the force intelligence system so I'm assuming the data I've asked for is available in all police forces.

If any of the data I'm asking for above isn't available I'd be grateful to know why and how you record data from stop and account, stop and search and vehicle stops.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

Following enquiries within the Force please see our response below: -

1. Bedfordshire Police do not record stop and account

Recorded STOP-SEARCH data							
Recorded dates: April 2015 - March 2017							
Count of sz URN	Home Office Reason						
Fiscal YEAR / Ethnicity	Drugs	Firearms	Going Equipped	Offensive Weapons	Other	Stolen Property	Grand Total
<b>2015 / 2016</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>2281</b>
Asian	277	7	35	31	17	39	406
Black	208	4	39	62	21	43	377
Not Recorded	52		3	15	13	22	105
Other	1		1	1		1	4
Vehicle Only	35		6	2	4	7	54
White	727	6	197	144	52	209	1335
<b>2016 - 2017</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>1632</b>

Asian	197	3	31	39	6	20	296
Black	126	1	28	54	2	28	239
Not Recorded	37		2	23	9	12	83
Other	2						2
Vehicle Only	20		4	1	2	13	40
White	532	8	143	98	30	161	972
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2214</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>3913</b>

Recorded STOP-SEARCH data									
Recorded dates: April 2017 - March 2020									
Count of URN	ADR Reason								
Fiscal Year / Ethnicity	Criminal Damage	Drugs	Firearms	Going Equipped	Offensive Weapons	Other	Section 60	Stolen Property	Grand Total
<b>2017 - 2018</b>		<b>807</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>1452</b>
Asian		204	5	11	55	14		11	300
Black		140	1	18	66	6	1	28	260
Other			1						1
Unknown		65	1	7	11	27		21	132
White		398	2	104	114	26	1	114	759
<b>2018 - 2019</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1527</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>2451</b>
Asian	1	383	3	50	89	5		18	549
Black	2	308	2	48	112		1	22	495
Other		11		5	6			1	23
Unknown		73	7	17	17	4		10	128
White	20	752	5	200	187	6		86	1256
<b>2019 - 2020</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>4692</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>1046</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>283</b>	<b>6928</b>
Asian	10	1136	18	150	288	10		8	1620
Black	4	881	10	81	275			30	1281
Other		62		14	8				84
Unknown	2	238	6	39	41			22	348
White	32	2375	11	500	434	20		223	3595
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>7026</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1244</b>	<b>1703</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>10831</b>

2. No information held (County councils may hold this data or Gov.uk website)
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The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Bedfordshire Police provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Bedfordshire Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.