

The number of strip searches that the Force has carried out just relating to children please since April 2014 – April 2016.

| Strip Searches Under 18 years old | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Age | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | Grand Total |
| 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 14 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 5 |
| 15 | 9 | 5 | 0 | 14 |
| 16 | 15 | 6 | 0 | 21 |
| 17 | 15 | 23 | 1 | 39 |
| Grand Total | 42 | 37 | 1 | 80 |

Along with the number of complaints regarding strip searches for the same time period for under 18's – 0

Please note: not all complaints received relate only to strip searches, the complaint may relate to more than one matter and may relate to complaints where a strip search was not carried out but the complainant states strip search was mentioned.

Also to note: In respect of the recording of the 10-year-old being strip searched – this record has been checked and was subsequently found to be incorrectly inputted - a strip search did not take place.

To improve our data recording in 2014, we introduced a new electronic Stop and Search recording system (eSearch), which vastly improved data quality; Pre-eSearch, the data quality was poor.

In 2015, we identified some data quality and inputting issues on eSearch records, especially in relation to searches which appeared to involve Children and Young People. The database has been amended to prevent this and this is borne out by the 2016 to date data.

However under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act we must supply the recorded data even if we believe it to be inaccurate.