

## REQUEST

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The request is outlined below in the most precise way possible. The request is in regards to being stopped by police while driving or being questioned by police while stationary.

**1. Is the driver legally obliged to provide name, address and date of birth, or any other information whenever a police officer requests for this at road side?**

A driver's responsibilities are outlined in the Road Traffic Act Part VII refers

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1988/52/contents>

**2. Does the driver have right to refuse to provide such information under any circumstances, if not, what are the consequences if a driver refuses to do so, if any at all?**

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**3. Do police officers keep any form of record of the conversations and actions even when no crime has been committed, if so, could you provide an example of such report? Could you also outline what is contained within the report?**

There is no set way that this should or shouldn't be recorded but may include officer pocket notebook entry, body cam footage or incident log

Dependent on the circumstances, a traffic offence report may be completed and an entry made against an individual or vehicle on the Police National Computer.

**3.1 Can the driver request for this report at some point in future, if so, what is the process for requesting this report?**

As within Question 3, there is not set way or report to record conversations / information with individuals.

However to assist should you wish to know what information (if any) West Midlands Police holds about you can complete a subject access form.

Please see the relevant link which provides further information in relation to this process.

<https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/about-us/privacy-notice/other-rights-of-access>

**3.2 Is this report accessible by any other police officers e.g. can this report be viewed by another officer at a different date if pulled over again for same reason or for another reason?**

Dependent on the circumstances and how (if any) information is recorded  
Other officers may have access to these entries if required.

**3.3 Is the report recorded under the vehicle reg. or driver, or both?**

There is no set way that this should or shouldn't be recorded, however to assist, we can advise it is usual practice that the details of any vehicle stop are recorded and this includes the vehicle details and that of the driver / occupants.

**3.4 How long is this report retained on the police system and accessible by officers?**

This is again dependent on the circumstances and what information is recorded, if an offence has been committed then we adhere to the retention of information as detailed within the MOPI guidelines,

Please see relevant link/s below

<https://www.app.college.police.uk/app-content/information-management/management-of-police-information/retention-review-and-disposal-of-police-information/>

<https://www.acro.police.uk/>