

I write to request information under the Freedom of Information Act about recording the ethnicity of drivers stopped by your police force. For clarity, I am not looking for statistics concerning stop and searches. I am only interested in traffic stops.

Specifically, I would like to know:

Has your force run any pilot schemes between 2015 and 2022 where officers were required to record drivers' ethnicity during a traffic stop?

Please see attached information that was recorded as part of a pilot for the force which details all s.163 stops from specified campaign weeks of action.

For reference, such a scheme was piloted by the Metropolitan Police in 2022

<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.theguardian.com%2Fuk-news%2F2022&data=05%7C01%7Cfoi%40westmidlands.police.uk%7C12e0b248e90a4cbd2fc508db3e763b91%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C0%7C638172449747338638%7CUnknown%7CTWFPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=bKk0io97nVjxli99hchjYH4uDvQQsvUoZczox0%2F2XMA%3D&reserved=0...>

If your force ran such a scheme, please provide the information collected, of drivers stopped broken down by ethnicity. Please provide this information in Excel format.

If such a scheme has not been run, please provide any ethnic breakdown of drivers stopped by your force between 2015 and 2022. Please provide this information in Excel format.