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Our ref: 2957313

Dear Mr Kermode

We write further to your request which was received on 27 February 2023 and which states:

"Further to the IOM Constabulary FOI response ref 2887097, which detailed the number of strip searches of children (persons under the age of 17) carried out by IOM Police over the last 5 years, please can you confirm the following for each of those five years 2018 to 2022 inclusive:

- 1. How many of the strip searches each year were carried out in the presence of an appropriate adult (i.e. appropriate adult present while police officers searched child who had clothes removed)?*
- 2. If any strip searches of children were carried out while an appropriate adult was not present, why was this (e.g. if search deemed urgent)?*
- 3. How many of the strip searches each year yielded items of interest (e.g. drugs, mobile phones etc)?*

*Please provide answers to the above questions in respect of the 16 searches in 2018, 8 in 2019, 30 in 2020, 22 in 2021 and 11 in 2022.
Thank you."*

Our response to your request is as follows: I have enclosed copies of the information that is being released to you.

Please quote the reference number 2957313 in any future communications.

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your freedom of information request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by completing a complaint form and submitting it electronically or by delivery/post.

An electronic version of our complaint form can be found by going to our website at <https://services.gov.im/freedom-of-information/Review> . If you would like a paper version of our complaint form to be sent to you by post, please contact me and I will be happy to arrange for this. Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made as soon as practicable. We will respond as soon as the review has been concluded.



If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner for a decision on;

1. Whether we have responded to your request for information in accordance with Part 2 of the Freedom of Information Act 2015; or
2. Whether we are justified in refusing to give you the information requested.

In response to an application for review, the Information Commissioner may, at any time, attempt to resolve a matter by negotiation, conciliation, mediation or another form of alternative dispute resolution and will have regard to any outcome of this in making any subsequent decision.

More detailed information on your right to a review can be found on the Information Commissioner's website at www.inforights.im.

Should you have any queries concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Further information about freedom of information requests can be found at www.gov.im/foi.

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely


Information Governance, Data Protection, Vetting & Disclosure Manager

Custody reference	Stop search done in the presence of an appropriate adult	Reason why appropriate adult not present	Item of interest found and what
1101	No	For the safety of officers and the defendant after comments made that drugs were down pants	None
1137	No	For safety reason defendant stated they were in possession of a knife	Yes -- 6 inch kitchen knife
1205	No	For defendants own safety as noted when booking in that they wished to harm themselves	None
1253	No	For safety of defendant after a number of empty bags were located on person following initial search	None -- Only items found during initial search
1326	No	For safety of defendant due to aggression and previous items secreted on person (defendant female and appropriate adult male)	None
238	Yes		None
239	No	Defendant seen attempting to conceal items on person by police	None
377	No	Defendant did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	None
457	No	Due to answers given in risk assessment following being brought into Custody	None
468	No	For defendant safety as information on concealment	None
631	No	For defendant safety as various documented risks of self harm and requires placing in risk suit	None
651	No	For defendant safety arrested for being in possession of Class A controlled drug	None
711	Yes		None
801	Yes		None
858	Yes		None
1144	No	Defendant did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	None
1319	Yes		None
1367	No	For defendant safety as known to secrete drugs	None

1453	No		For defendant safety after refusing to answer risk assessment questions and being violent with Custody	None
179	No		For defendant safety as previous warnings for concealing weapons	None
320	No		For defendant safety as known to secrete drugs. Appropriate adult present within custody but defendant male and appropriate adult female. Defendant also became violent during search so appropriate adult left custody	None
97/HQ/203/19	No		Officer reasonably considers the detainee might have concealed a disallowed item on the grounds of The officer has reasonable grounds for believing that a strip search is the only means of removing the item(s)	None
97/HQ/245/19	Yes			None
97/HQ/714/19	No		Defendant did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	None
97/HQ/53/20	No		Defendant did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	Yes – Class B Controlled drugs
97/HQ/222/20	Yes			None
97/HQ/363/20	Yes			None
97/HQ/377/20	Yes			None
97/HQ/384/20	No		Defendant did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	None
97/HQ/419/20	No		Defendant did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	None
97/HQ/496/20	Yes			None
97/HQ/599/20	No		For defendant and officer safety as seen to place something within trousers and further became violent when being dealt with	Yes – Mobile phone in underpants
97/HQ/626/20	No		For defendant safety stated when arrested for drugs offences further drugs Class A & B about his person	Yes – Tablets

97/HQ/628/20	No		For defendants safety co accused found with drugs on person and concerned defendant may also have drugs about person	None
97/HQ/629/20	No		For defendants safety co accused found with drugs on person and concerned defendant may also have drugs about person. Defendant also stated they did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	None
97/HQ/630/20	No		For defendants safety co accused found with drugs on person and concerned defendant may also have drugs about person. Defendant also stated they did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	None
97/HQ/680/20	Yes			None
97/HQ/820/20	No		For defendant safety as previous custody visit large amount of drugs found hidden around genitals. Defendant also stated they did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	None
97/HQ/890/20	No		During previous custody visit has drugs on person which he attempted to take. Defendant also stated they did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	None
97/HQ/906/20	Yes			None
97/HQ/952/20	No		For defendant safety due to offence being arrested for and may be in possession of drugs about their person	None
97/HQ/954/20	Yes			None
97/HQ/956/20	No		Defendant has been arrested for drugs offences and whilst in custody it is noted a strong smell of Cannabis coming from them the defendant continues to try and place hands down pants and using distractions towards officers therefore believed that the defendant may have items about their person	None
97/HQ/1003/20	No		Officer reasonably considers the detainee might have concealed a disallowed item on the grounds of The officer has reasonable grounds for believing that a strip	None

97/HQ/1087/20	No	search is the only means of removing the item(s). Defendant presented as violent and unable to assess Defendant did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	None
97/HQ/1113/20	No	For defendant safety due to violent behaviour	None
97/HQ/1486/20	No	Defendant did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	None
97/HQ/1531/20	Yes		None
97/HQ/1572/20	No	Defendant did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	None
97/HQ/1672/20	No	For defendant safety due to violent behaviour	None
97/HQ/1673/20	No	For defendant safety due to violent behaviour	None
97/HQ/1820/20	Yes		None
97/HQ/1835/20	No	For defendant safety due to the offence in which they were arrested for	None
97/HQ/1836/20	No	For defendant safety due to the offence in which they were arrested for	None
97/HQ/185/21	No	Officer has reasonable grounds for believing that a strip search is the only means of removing the item(s). Defendant prior to arrest had opportunity to secret items, Defendant continually playing with waste band, co-accused was located with cannabis	None
97/HQ/263/21	Yes		None
97/HQ/331/21	No	Defendant did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	None
97/HQ/360/21	No	Defendant did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	None
97/HQ/384/21	No	For defendant safety as previously concealed drugs about person defendant also stated they did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	None
97/HQ/404/21	No	Defendant did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	None

97/HQ/483/21	No	Defendant did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	None
97/HQ/571/21	No	Defendant refused for appropriate adult to be present during search	Yes - 2 Blades
97/HQ/585/21	No	Defendant did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	No
97/HQ/668/21	Yes		None
97/HQ/1031/21	Yes		None
97/HQ/1040/21	No	For defendants safety due to the offence they were arrested for	Yes - 2 packages containing cannabis
97/HQ/1060/21	Yes		None
97/HQ/1061/21	Yes		None
97HQ/1063/21	No	Defendant did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	None
97HQ/1197/21	Yes		None
97HQ/1222/21	No	Defendant did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	None
97HQ/1223/21	No	Defendant did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	None
97HQ/1225/21	No	Defendant did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	None
97HQ/1469/21	Yes		None
97HQ/1577/21	Yes		None
97HQ/1705/21		Search not carried out - Does not have any underwear on under outer clothing therefore unlikely to have anything secreted	
97HQ/165/22	No	Defendant did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	None
97HQ/174/22	No	Defendant did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	None
97HQ/358/22	No	Defendant did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	Yes - Quantity of drugs

97HQ/617/22	Yes			None
97HQ/730/22	No		Defendant did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	Yes - Articles found were White wraps and brown resinous matter
97HQ/1349/22	No		Defendant has a history of selling drugs and during this occasion has ran from police. Defendant whilst in custody has been fidgeting with his backside. Concerns items might be secreted	None
97HQ/1032/22	No		Defendant did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	None
97HQ/1507/22	No		Defendant did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	None
97HQ/1508/22	No		Defendant did not wish for appropriate adult to be present during search	None
97HQ/1823/22	Yes			None
97HQ/1849/22	Yes			None