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 Date: 15/08/2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/007376/Y

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by Derbyshire Constabulary on 12/08/2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting the following information relating to use of Dispersal Order powers in your local area between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2024:

Dispersal Orders:

1. *How many dispersal orders were authorised in your area during 2020–2024?*
2. *If available, for what general reasons were they used (e.g. youth ASB, rough sleeping, begging, protests, peaceful social/community gatherings, bird feeding, loitering, drug use, sex work, gatherings outside abortion clinics)?*
3. *How many breaches of Dispersal Orders resulted in prosecution or further enforcement?*
4. *If available, disaggregated data on race, ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status and disability status for Dispersal Orders issued in this period.*

If possible, please also briefly outline how this data is typically stored and retained (e.g. database system, format, retention period).

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Derbyshire Constabulary to locate any relevant information. The searches located information relevant to your request.

Decision

I have today decided to disclose the located information to you in full.

Question 1 –

Information held.

Dispersal Orders:

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Below is a breakdown of areas:

Chesterfield Town Centre 3
 Walbrook Road Derby 1
 Cameron Road Derby 1
 Normanton Road Derby 1
 Upperdale Road Derby 1
 Ilkeston Town Centre 1
 Stanhope Street Derby 1
 Stensons Lock Ilkeston 1
 Lowerdale Road Derby 1

Question 2 –

Information held.

Please note that an Inspector may authorise a Section 34 for multiple reasons, not necessarily for a single matter. As a result, the following dataset reflects a higher number of authorisations than the actual number of Section 34 notices issued.

Begging- 5
 Drug and Alcohol use- 5
 Rough Sleeping- 1
 Prostitution- 1
 ASB Youth- 7

Question 3 –

Information held.

Between 01/01/2020 and 31/12/2024 there were 139 custody disposals for Failure to comply with Section 35.

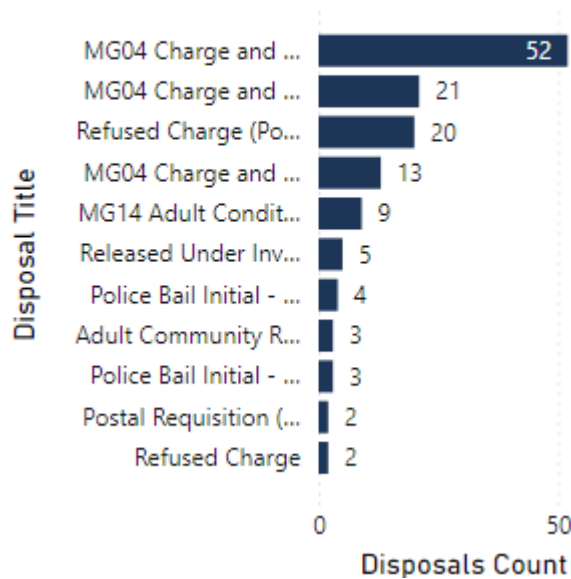
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Disposals by Disposal Title



Disposals

Data as of 14/08/25, 08:43

Filtered by Disposal DateTime (is on or after 01/01/2020 00:00:00 and is before 01/01/2025 00:00:00), Offence (is Fail to comply with a section 35 direction excluding a person from an area), Custody Suite Short Name (is Chesterfield, Derby, Ripley, or Voluntary), Relative Days (is less than or equal to 0), Disposal DateTime (is on or after 01/01/2020 00:00:00), Disposal Title (is not CPS Pre-Charge Decision (PCD) Custody)

Question 4 –

Information held.

We are unable to provide data for all dispersal notices issued, as the system does not record this information in a retrievable format. However, we can provide data relating to individuals arrested for failing to comply with a dispersal notice.

This data is readily available and can be broken down by Gender, Age, and both Self-defined and Officer-defined ethnicity.

For the purpose of this response, the dataset has been filtered to include only those cases resulting in a positive outcome.

During time period:

Males- 117

Female- 21

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Not recorded- 1

Self-defined

White- 91

Not stated- 30

B.A.M.E-17

Officer defined

White- North European- 114

Black- 12

Asian- 7

Middle Eastern- 2

White- Southern European-4

Age

134 Adults

5 Children

In relation to this data please note the following:

- The data has been extracted from the Constabulary's Crime System which is, to all intent a 'living' system in that it is constantly being updated. As such the data can only be verified for the date/time extracted.
- Every effort is made to ensure that the data presented is accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that this has been extracted from multiple sources, developed for specific policing purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the terminology of this request.
- Therefore, the data presented is subject to the inaccuracies and idiosyncrasies inherent in any large-scale recording system.
- As a consequence, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, so as to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

Right to Request a Review (Complaint)

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Derbyshire Constabulary.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact the Freedom of Information Officer, on the above telephone number quoting the reference number in the header.

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Yours sincerely

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COMPLAINT RIGHTS and COPYRIGHT ISSUES

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled or you do not think the decision is correct, you have the right to require the Derbyshire Constabulary to review their decision. Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter. That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision that Derbyshire Constabulary have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information, you can lodge a complaint with the Derbyshire Constabulary to have the decision reviewed. **However, this request must be made within 40 working days from the date of our response.**

Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to **Freedom of Information Officer, Derbyshire Police Headquarters, Butterley Hall, RIPLEY, Derbyshire, DE5 3RS** or via email at foi@derbyshire.police.uk

Where possible the Derbyshire Constabulary will aim to respond to your complaint within 20 working days. However, meeting this time scale will depend upon the circumstances and complexity of the issue.

The Information Commissioner

After lodging a complaint with the Derbyshire Constabulary, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you may make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make an application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.org.uk. Alternatively, telephone or write to: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF - Telephone: 0303 123 1113.

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