

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 922/20

QUESTION;

How often have the Avon and Somerset Constabulary used section 61 on travellers (widest definition of the phrase) from 1 May 2018 to 15 Sep 2020

ANSWER

The term 'Section 61' has been identified in 6 occurrences within the time scale provided. Please be aware that the term 'Section 61' being reference in an occurrence log does not ensure its use.

The information collected for this request was identified using a key text search for the occurrence log. Please note, key word searches are problematic as they do not in any way provide an accurate response. If they key words have not been mentioned in the call log, data will not be collected. Vice versa, if they key words have been mentioned in an unrelated context, irrelevant data will be collected. As a consequence, care should be taken to ensure data collection processes and their inevitable limitations are taken in account when interpreting this data.

Local Authorities also have powers regarding unauthorised encampments therefore your request for any further information may also be better directed to them.