

Information requested by PCC candidate.

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1. Current guidance on searching individuals in custody

The searching of persons is governed by the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE). There are various nuances to consider such as the extent of the search, item being searched for and circumstances of the individual such as age, sex, and any vulnerabilities to name a few.

When a search is conducted in public police officers are restricted to a search of outer clothing which can be conducted by any sex.

Any searches that require the removal of more than outer clothing may only be done by an officer of the same sex as the person being searched.

There is no current NPCC stance on the searching of trans- individuals.

2. Current guidance on cycling

There is no specific operation focusing on cyclist, but North Wales Police look at road safety in a broader sense which will make the road infrastructure safer for everyone including cyclists.