

## Stop and Search

Quarter 1 – April 2022 to June 2022.

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Tackling the harm caused by drugs and anti-social behaviour are priorities for us in Gosport and powers such as Stop and Search are an extremely useful tool, enabling us to investigate suspicions without immediately using more intrusive powers, like making arrests. Its use can also lead to arrests, as was the case when we stopped five people on suspicion of possessing drugs and located said drugs during a search.

It also helps further our understanding of the nature of drug-related harm in our borough, with current information being that supply is being controlled by an organised crime network from Liverpool.

In our borough, we use stop search to target the crimes that cause us the most harm. This is why over 80 per cent of our searches are for drugs and weapons, as we seek to combat drug related and violent crime and the harm that this causes our community. We have marginally increased the number of stop searches completed during this quarter, whilst our percentages of positive outcomes have also increased. This demonstrates a consistent level of legitimacy when using stop search as a crime fighting tool.

### **Total number of stops.**

Last 3 months – 72, Previous 3 months – 70.

Arrests.

Last 3 months – 5, Previous 3 months – 5.

No further action taken/advice given.

Last 3 months – 50, Previous 3 months – 52.

### **Positive outcomes.**

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

Last 3 months – 22.

Previous 3 months – 18.

### **Gosport total population – 82,622.**

White – 79,685.

Asian – 1,073.

Mixed Race – 1,066.

Black – 592.

Other – 206.

### **Disproportionality.**

Likelihood of being stopped and searched compared to white person.

Black – 0 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 0 times more likely.

Asian – 0 times more likely.

Other – 0 times more likely.

**Reasons for stop.**

Bladed article – 4.

Drugs – cannabis – 51.

Going equipped – 3.

Offensive weapon – 9.

Stolen goods – 7.

**Outcome of stop.**

Arrest – 5.

Community resolution – 14.

No further action – 50.

Postal requisition – 1.

Voluntary attendance – 2.