

Stop and Search.

Quarter 2. July 2023 to September 2023.

East Hants. Chief Inspector Habib Rahman.

To tackle the issues with supply of drugs in the district, our team have used the powers available under the Misuse of Drugs Act to carry out searches, with this accounting for almost three quarters of all stops.

Our use of stop and search powers is an important tactic for our relentless pursuit of criminals, particularly where there are knife crime and theft offences.

In terms of Disproportionality, 4 out of 78 (5.1%) searches were conducted on someone identifying themselves as being Black or from an Ethnic Minority. All 4 searches conducted were completed in response to ongoing dynamic incidents, 3 drugs related and 1 theft.

Searches our scrutinised by Sergeants and Inspectors and BWV is dip sampled to identify learning and best practice. The IAG also review and provides feedback.

Total number of stops.

Last 3 months – 78, Previous 3 months – 72.

Arrests.

Last 3 months – 5 (6.4%), Previous 3 months – 7 (9.7%).

No further action taken/advice given.

Last 3 months – 59 (74.6%), Previous 3 months – 43 (59.7%).

Positive outcomes.

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

Last 3 months – 19.

Previous 3 months – 29.

East Hants total population – 125,742.

White – 119,993.

Asian – 2,370.

Mixed race – 1,719.

Black – 658.

Other – 642.

Disproportionality.

Likelihood of being stopped and searched compared to white person.

Black – 1.9 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 0.7 times more likely.

Asian – 0.3 times more likely.

Other – 0 times more likely.

Reasons for stop.

Drugs – 58.

Going equipped – 6.

Offensive weapon – 3.

Stolen goods – 11.

Outcome of stop.

Arrest – 5.

Caution – simple/conditional – 1.

Community resolution – 11.

No further action – 59.

Postal requisition/postal charge/summons – 1.

Voluntary attendance – 1.