

Stop and Search.

Quarter 2. July 2023 to September 2023.

Fareham. Ch Insp Chris Spellerberg.

We know communities are concerned about the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour linked to drug use and supply. We have organised drugs gangs and other suppliers of drugs in our district. Our use of search powers are intelligence led and one of a number of tactics used to tackle this impactful crime, along with warrants and other investigative opportunities. In this period, 38 people were stopped using drugs legislation (61%), 10 relating to supply and 28 for possession with an almost equal split between cannabis and other e.g. Class A.

Other searches have been for; going equipped to steal, weapons (14.5%) and stolen property (16.1%). Over 1/3 of searches (33.9%) resulted in a positive outcome; including arrest, community resolution and / or charge.

Black disproportionality has significantly reduced from 7 to 0 with no stop searches of black people in this period. 2 people who self defined as mixed ethnicity were searched. 1 for drugs and 1 for weapons, no formal action taken in both cases. 9 people did not share their ethnicity.

Our Independent Advisory Group (IAG) reviews and challenges policing practises in a constructive way, including our use of Stop and Search. This helps us improve our service to the public. Internally, we also regularly scrutinise our use of police powers so we learn and improve.

Total number of stops.

Last 3 months – 62, Previous 3 months – 81.

Arrests.

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

No further action taken/advice given.

Last 3 months – 41, Previous 3 months – 62.

Positive outcomes.

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

Last 3 months – 21.

Previous 3 months – 19.

Fareham total population – 114,512.

White – 109,499.

Asian – 2,114.

Mixed Race – 1,727.

Black – 670.

Other – 502.

Disproportionality.

Likelihood of being stopped and searched compared to white person.

Black – 0 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 1.7 times more likely.

Asian – 0 times more likely.

Other – 0 times more likely.

Reasons for stop.

Drugs – cannabis – 17.

Drugs – other – 21.

Going equipped – 5.

Offensive weapon – 10.

Stolen goods – 10.

Outcome of stop.

Alcohol seized – 1.

Arrest – 5.

Community resolution – 8.

No further action – 41.

Postal requisition/postal charge/summons – 5.

Voluntary attendance – 2.