

Stop and Search.

Quarter 2. July 2023 to September 2023.

Winchester. Chief Inspector Korine Bishop.

There has been an increase in the number of Stop & Search over the last 2 quarters. However this amount of Stop & Search is consistent with the same time last year.

The largest proportion of our stops are around drugs, which sits at 81%. The increase in these searches during the latest quarter is likely down to Boomtown Festival over the summer period, where in excess of 50,000 extra people come to Winchester.

We have also seen a focus on searches relating to theft offences, for which the majority will be linked to those we know are persistently shoplifting. This has been targeted with the use of CBO's and so I am hoping for a drop over the next quarter.

We work closely with our Independent Advisory Group to scrutinise stops, ensuring they are lawful and proportionate. The group have not raised any concerns with our use of the powers.

Total number of stops.

Last 3 months – 205, Previous 3 months – 159.

Arrests.

Last 3 months – 20 (9.8%), Previous 3 months – 16 (10.1%).

No further action taken/advice given.

Last 3 months – 139 (67%), Previous 3 months – 92 (57.9%).

Positive outcomes.

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

Last 3 months – 30.7 per cent.

Previous 3 months – 37.1 per cent.

Winchester total population – 127,444.

White – 119,305.

Asian – 3,917.

Mixed Race – 2,590.

Black – 792.

Other – 840.

Disproportionality.

Likelihood of being stopped and searched compared to white person.

Black – 6.2 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 1.2 times more likely.

Asian – 1.3 times more likely.

Other – 1.2 times more likely.

Reasons for stop.

Article – criminal damage – 2.

Drugs – 167.

Firearms – 2.

Going equipped – 2.

Offensive weapon – 6.

Stolen goods – 23.

Other – 3.

Outcome of stop.

Arrest – 20.

Community resolution – 34.

No further action – 139.

Postal requisition/postal charge/summons – 3.

Voluntary attendance – 7.