

Stop and Search.

Quarter 3. October to December 2023.

East Hants. Chief Inspector Habs Rahman.

A positive quarter for the district, with a 14.9% improvement in our positive outcomes. Our intelligence picture identifies that the possession and supply of drugs is a problem within the district. Officers have used their powers to conduct searches for drugs, accounting for 67.8% of the total searches, and a 40% positive outcome rate. Stop and search is also a vital tactic in the tackling of knife crime and theft offences, for which we also have intelligence on.

In terms of Disproportionality, two out of 84 searches were conducted on someone identifying themselves as being Black or from an Ethnic Minority. One of these was intel led, 1 self-initiated by an officer, with both ending in no further action. Disproportionality has fallen again during this quarter.

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

Total number of stops.

Last 3 months – 84, Previous 3 months – 78.

Arrests.

Last 3 months – 9, Previous 3 months – 5.

No further action taken/advice given.

Last 3 months – 51, Previous 3 months – 59.

Positive outcomes.

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

Last 3 months – 33.

Previous 3 months – 19.

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 – 2.5 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 1.6 times more likely.

Asian – 0.7 times more likely.

Other – 0 times more likely.

Reasons for stop.

Article – criminal damage – 1.

Drugs – 57.

Going equipped – 7.

Offensive weapon – 6.

Stolen goods – 13.

Outcome of stop.

Arrest – 9.

Caution – simple/conditional – 2.

Community resolution – 16.

No further action – 51.

Postal requisition/postal charge/summons – 5.

Voluntary attendance – 1.