

Stop and Search.

Quarter 3. October to December 2023.

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Our officers policing our Fareham communities continue to utilise stop and search as a police tactic in an intelligence led, proportionate and ethical manner.

Our key focus in this quarter has included targeting violence and anti-social behaviour in Fareham town centre, including those who offend against women and girls. Shoplifting across the district, particularly in the town, Locks Heath and other key locations, public order and anti-social behaviour on Gosport Road, vehicle related crime and anti-social behaviour. This period included a number of burglaries in western wards and street robberies in the town where a knife was reported or threatened.

The majority of people searched (81.6%) were white, with 1 black person, no Asian and 3 people of mixed heritage.

Our Independent Advisory Group (IAG) reviews and challenges policing practises in a constructive way, including our use of Stop and Search. This helps us learn and improve our service to the public. Internally, we also regularly scrutinise our use of police powers so we learn and improve, utilising body worn video to fully understand how officers engage with those subject to intrusive street powers.

Total number of stops.

Last 3 months – 104, Previous 3 months – 62.

Arrests.

Last 3 months – 7, Previous 3 months – 5.

No further action taken/advice given.

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

Positive outcomes.

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

Last 3 months – 23.

Previous 3 months – 21.

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 – 1.9 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 2.3 times more likely.

Asian – 0 times more likely.

Other – 2.6 times more likely.

Reasons for stop.

Drugs – cannabis – 34.

Drugs – other – 29.

Going equipped – 3.

Offensive weapon – 10.

Stolen goods – 27.

Outcome of stop.

Arrest – 7.

Caution – simple/conditional – 1.

Community resolution – 15.

No further action – 81.