

Stop and Search.

Quarter 3. October to December 2023.

Rushmoor. Chief Inspector Gillian Cox.

Rushmoor remains relatively static in our use of Stop & Search. Although the district increased the number of stops by 13%, our positive outcomes increased by 18% meaning we are finding more of what we are looking for but this could improve further. A contributory factor for this will be County Lines Intensification Week (CLIW), which was a week-long initiative with focused, coordinated action against county line offenders and safeguarding victims. As a district, we have had a real drive on tackling shoplifting, which will account for the increase in searches for stolen goods. Of these searches, we have had almost a 50% positive outcome rate.

From the stops conducted, 14.1% were intelligence led and a further 69% were self-initiated by officers using their powers to complete proactive searches. The greatest area of improvement has been in disproportionality. Last quarter, a black person was 9.9 times more likely to be stopped than a white person however this has dropped to 2.9.

Our overall positive outcome rate remains static at 46% with Stop & Search continuing to be a valuable tool in addressing drug related harm and criminality in the area. I will continue to monitor our use of Stop & Search to ensure that we use our powers effectively, lawfully and proportionately.

Total number of stops.

Last 3 months – 142, Previous 3 months – 123.

Arrests.

Last 3 months – 38, Previous 3 months – 23.

No further action taken/advice given.

Last 3 months – 76, Previous 3 months – 68.

Positive outcomes.

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

Last 3 months – 66.

Previous 3 months – 54.

East Hants total population – 99,759.

White – 77,219.

Asian – 14,370.

Mixed race – 2,578.

Black – 2,531.

Other – 2,773.

Disproportionality.

Likelihood of being stopped and searched compared to white person.

Black – 2.9 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 2.2 times more likely.

Asian – 0.7 times more likely.

Other – 1.3 times more likely.

Reasons for stop.

Drugs – other – 115.

Offensive weapon – 6.

Stolen goods – 21.

Outcome of stop.

Arrest – 43.

Community resolution – 20.

No further action – 76.

Postal requisition/postal charge/summons – 1.

Voluntary attendance – 2.