

Stop and Search.

Quarter 3. October 2023 to December 2023.

Winchester. Chief Inspector Korine Bishop.

There has been a slight decrease in the number of stops from the last quarter. However this amount is consistent with the same time last year.

The largest proportion of searches are around drugs, which sits at 75.9% and equating to 148 searches. Last quarter, there were 167 stops for drugs. The decrease in searches is likely to be down to Boomtown Festival over the summer period where in excess of 50,000 extra people come to Winchester for the festival. One of the district priorities for Winchester is drug related harm, which is where officers are focusing most of their attention.

12.3% of all stops are relating the theft offences, which the majority will be linked to those nominals who are persistently shoplifting. We have successfully implemented 10 Criminal Behaviour Orders over the last quarter as part of our work to tackle this.

The scrutiny panel have reviewed Winchester's statistics around disproportionality as well. No issues were reported and the panel were happy with the results.

Total number of stops.

Last 3 months – 195, Previous 3 months – 205.

Arrests.

Last 3 months – 18, Previous 3 months – 20.

No further action taken/advice given.

Last 3 months – 132, Previous 3 months – 139.

Positive outcomes.

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

Last 3 months – 32.3 per cent.

Previous 3 months – 30.7 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 – 5.3 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 2.3 times more likely.

Asian – 2.8 times more likely.

Other – 2.2 times more likely.

Reasons for stop.

Article – criminal damage – 4.

Drugs – 148.

Firearms – 1.

Going equipped – 7.

Offensive weapon – 11.

Stolen goods – 24.

Outcome of stop.

Arrest – 18.

Caution – simple/conditional – 1.

Community resolution – 36.

No further action – 132.

Postal requisition/postal charge/summons – 4.

Voluntary attendance – 4.