

Stop and Search.

Quarter 4. January to March 2024.

East Hants. Chief Inspector Habs Rahman.

We have seen a slight decrease in the number of stops in East Hants this quarter, but stop and search remains an important tactic for us.

Possession and supply of drugs remains a problem within the district, and officers are using these powers to conduct searches and disrupt and tackle drug related harm. We also have intelligence around knife crime and theft offences, and so we will use stop and search in response to this.

In terms of disproportionality, 29 per cent of our stops were on non-white people, with three of these being stops of black people, three of Asian people, and two of people of mixed heritage. What this does mean, is a black person is 8.3 times more likely to be stopped and this is something I will be reviewing and addressing.

Searches are scrutinised by my sergeants and inspectors, with body worn video being reviewed to identify learning and best practice. This is something our Independent Advisory Group also do, providing a report to me as district commander.

Total number of stops.

Last 3 months – 93, Previous 3 months – 86.

Arrests.

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

No further action taken/advice given.

Last 3 months – 60, Previous 3 months – 52.

Positive outcomes.

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

Last 3 months – 33.

Previous 3 months – 34.

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 – 8.3 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 2.6 times more likely.

Asian – 2.3 times more likely.

Other – 5.7 times more likely.

Reasons for stop.

Drugs – 65.

Firearms – 1.

Going equipped – 9.

Offensive weapon – 10.

Stolen goods – 8.

Outcome of stop.

Arrest – 9.

Caution – simple/conditional – 1.

Community resolution – 18.

No further action – 60.

Postal requisition/postal charge/summons – 6.

Voluntary attendance – 5.