

Stop and Search.

Quarter 4. January to March 2024.

Fareham. Chief Inspector Chris Spellerberg.

Our key focus this quarter has included targeting those involved in drug misuse, preventing harm from weapon enabled offences and those who steal. Drug use and shoplifting continue to be the most frequently raised crime concerns in Fareham.

The majority of our searches were conducted on white people, making up 85 per cent, with three black people stopped and searched, one Asian person and two people of mixed heritage.

An arrest was made in 10 per cent of the searches conducted, with 30 per cent resulting in the item we were looking for being found.

We continue to utilise proportionate and appropriate stop and search powers, to keep people safe, prevent crime and to build trust and maintain public confidence.

Stop and search remains a hugely important police power for protecting the public, tackling crime and keeping our communities safe. It must be used in a fair and effective way, and is scrutinised each quarter by the Independent Advisory Group (IAG).

Total number of stops.

Last 3 months – 92, Previous 3 months – 104.

Arrests.

Last 3 months – 9, Previous 3 months – 7.

No further action taken/advice given.

Last 3 months – 64, Previous 3 months – 81.

Positive outcomes.

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

Last 3 months – 28.

Previous 3 months – 23.

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 – 6.2 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 1.6 times more likely.

Asian – 0.7 times more likely.

Other – 2.8 times more likely.

Reasons for stop.

Article – criminal damage – 2.

Drugs – cannabis – 40.

Drugs – other – 24.

Going equipped – 2.

Offensive weapon – 14.

Stolen goods – 10.

Outcome of stop.

Arrest – 9.

Community resolution – 11.

No further action – 64.

Postal requisition/postal charge/summons – 2.

Voluntary attendance – 6.