

Stop and Search.

Quarter 4. January to March 2024.

Rushmoor. Chief Inspector Gillian Cox.

We have seen an increase of overall stops in Rushmoor by 51 per cent in the latest quarterly data, which can largely be attributed to our focus on tackling drug related harm, which is a priority for us as a district. A large number of our searches are initiated by officers completing proactive stops while out on duty, but we do also use intelligence submitted to us by the community.

Disproportionality amongst the black community has increased slightly and this is something for me to be vigilant of. However, disproportionality does generally remain low, despite the increase of searches conducted. To provide some reassurance on this, I have reintroduced dip-sampling of searches to ensure that our powers being used correctly.

The overall total of positive outcomes - where we find the item we are searching for - has increased this quarter, and stop and search remains a valuable tool in addressing drug related harm and criminality in the area. I remain committed to monitoring our use of stop and search to ensure that we use our powers effectively, lawfully and proportionately.

Total number of stops.

Last 3 months – 218, Previous 3 months – 142.

Arrests.

Last 3 months – 46, Previous 3 months – 38.

No further action taken/advice given.

Last 3 months – 139, Previous 3 months – 76.

Positive outcomes.

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

Last 3 months – 79.

Previous 3 months – 66.

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 – 3.4 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 2.1 times more likely.

Asian – 0.4 times more likely.

Other – 0.4 times more likely.

Reasons for stop.

Drugs – 180.

Going equipped – 5.

Offensive weapon – 13.

Stolen goods – 20.

Outcome of stop.

Arrest – 46.

Community resolution – 24.

No further action – 139.

Postal requisition/postal charge/summons – 1.

Voluntary attendance – 2.