

Stop and Search.

Quarter 4. January to March 2024.

Winchester. Chief Inspector Korine Bishop.

The largest proportion of our stops in this quarter related to drugs searches, which accounted for around 71 per cent of the overall total. This is in line with our district priority, with officers focusing attention on the harm caused by drugs and drug related activity.

While we have seen a slight decrease in the overall number of searches conducted by our officers, a look at the same period last year shows us this is consistent with that timescale.

Around 15 per cent of our stops related to theft offences, with the majority of these linked to those we know will persistently shoplift and we work hard within force and with partners to tackle this. One of the things we have implemented as part of this is 10 Criminal Behaviour Orders.

Our independent scrutiny panel has reviewed the data for stops, in particular our data for the disproportionality of searches. The panel were satisfied with the sample they reviewed and rational given in searches when they looked at this.

Total number of stops.

Last 3 months – 143, Previous 3 months – 197.

Arrests.

Last 3 months – 13, Previous 3 months – 18.

No further action taken/advice given.

Last 3 months – 96, Previous 3 months – 133.

Positive outcomes.

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

Last 3 months – 47.

Previous 3 months – 64.

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 – 7.8 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 4.3 times more likely.

Asian – 0.6 times more likely.

Other – 7.3 times more likely.

Reasons for stop.

Article – criminal damage – 4.

Drugs – 102.

Going equipped – 4.

Offensive weapon – 11.

Stolen goods – 22.

Outcome of stop.

Arrest – 1.

Caution – simple/conditional – 1.

Community resolution – 23.

No further action – 96.

Postal requisition/postal charge/summons – 4.

Voluntary attendance – 6.