

Hart and Rushmoor Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel

Public Minutes

September to November 2023

Headlines

In this period, 30 stops were carried out in Hart and 87 were carried out in Rushmoor. This was slightly down from the previous quarter. This is likely due to the summer period and high calls for service, coupled with lower officer numbers due to holidays.

There is still quite a large proportion of “not stated” for a person’s ethnicity. The panel agreed that this does not give us a true reflection of disproportionality in the district.

Reviews conducted

Repeat Persons

Two people were identified as having been stopped more than once in the stated period. The circumstances for these was reviewed by the panel.

The review did flag two further people as having been stopped more than once, however a review of this found this was a system error.

Searches reviewed

A dip sample of six searches from across both areas was conducted and these searches reviewed by the panel.

As this is a new panel, the first half of this was spent discussing what kind of things they may be looking for when scrutinising searches, and how they could provide feedback.

Of the searches reviewed, the panel found in one instance that the grounds for the search could have been better explained.

Final comments

The panel expressed, that out of the searches they viewed, officers had a very nice manner to them. That the officers were skilled at getting the tone right and that they were non-judgemental.

It was noted that the body worn video was not available for some of the searches picked. This will be looked into to ensure officers are correctly uploading this footage, or whether this was a system fault.