

Stop and Search.

Quarter 2. July to September 2025.

Hart. Chief Inspector Alex Reading.

The number of Stop & Searches completed has decreased slightly, but the proportion of searches which have led to arrests has increased significantly which is a positive sign, meaning that officers are still targeting the right people based on intelligence.

Drug related searches continue to account for the majority. We will always actively look to take drugs off our streets and to deal with those who deal drugs..

Disproportionality is always subject to close scrutiny with the support of our Independent Advisory Group to ensure that we can justify each and every search. Black people remain more likely to be stop searched than white people. This has reduced significantly from 12.1 times more likely in the previous quarter, and the justification of all of the searches carried out has been scrutinised.

Stop & Search continues to be a valuable tool in addressing drug related harm and criminality in the area. We remain committed to monitoring our use of Stop & Search to ensure that we use our powers effectively, lawfully and proportionately.

Total number of stops.

This Quarter – 78, Previous 3 months – 58.

Arrests.

This Quarter – 14, Previous 3 months – 8.

No further action taken/advice given.

This Quarter – 44, Previous 3 months – 35.

Positive outcomes.

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

This Quarter – 34.

Previous 3 months – 23.

Hart population.

White – 91,952.

Asian – 3,595.

Mixed Race – 2,231.

Black – 843.

Other – 783.

Disproportionality.

Likelihood of being stopped and searched compared to white person.

Black – 5.2 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 1.3 times more likely.

Asian – 0.4 times more likely.

Other – 3.7 times more likely.

Reasons for stop.

Drugs – 63.

Offensive weapon – 17.

Going equipped – 2.

Offensive weapon – 5.

Poaching – 2.

Stolen goods – 6.

Outcome of stop.

Arrest – 14.

Caution – 3.

Community resolution – 12.

No further action – 44.

Postal requisition – 1.

Voluntary attendance – 1.

Other/words of advice – 3.