

Stop and Search.

Quarter 3. October to December 2025.

East Hampshire. Chief Inspector Matt Moss.

Our use of stop and search has risen in the last quarter as we have continued to focus on the A3 and rural area being used either for supply or recreational use of drugs. The increase in drugs related stops actually outstrips our total which again highlights that focus. As we continue to try and develop our intelligence picture in relation to drugs focusing on our bigger population centres (Petersfield, Alton and Bordon in particular) and accounts for why the proportion of drugs related stops has increased.

The stop checks for weapons increase this month, and is reflective of a policing priority in the autumn for Petersfield where a group of younger people were starting to be seen carrying weapons. Extra patrols were initiated to tackle the specific individuals engaged in his activity, and the issues have very quickly stopped with no further weapon issues reported.

Our disproportionality figure is higher this month and is the impact of a number of successful stop checks on the A3, in particular of people who are travelling through our area to other larger population centres, as well as one of the people targeted during the Petersfield issue being of a BAME background. I am confident this will reduce next quarter.

Total number of stops.

Last 3 months – 158, Previous 3 months – 124.

Arrests.

Last 3 months – 27, Previous 3 months – 17.

No further action taken/advice given.

Last 3 months – 91, Previous 3 months – 70.

Positive outcomes.

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

Last 3 months – 67.

Previous 3 months – 55.

East Hampshire population.

White – 119,993.

Asian – 2,370.

Mixed Race – 2,079.

Black – 658.

Other – 642.

Disproportionality.

Likelihood of being stopped and searched compared to white person.

Black – 6.8 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 2.1 times more likely.

Asian – 0.4 times more likely.

Other – 5.5 times more likely.

Reasons for stop.

Drugs – 135.

Going equipped – 10.

Offensive weapon – 5.

Stolen goods – 8.

Outcome of stop.

Arrest – 27.

Community resolution – 31.

No further action – 91.

Postal requisition/postal charge/summons – 1.

Voluntary attendance – 4.

Caution – 2.

Other/words of advice – 2.