

Stop and Search.

Quarter 3. October to December 2025.

Southampton. Superintendent Alex Charge.

During this period, we have become more effective in how we use stop and search. Although the total number of stops compared to the same period last year has reduced, Positive outcomes have increased, Arrests have increased, "No further action" outcomes have reduced. Our focus is on using stop and search effectively to tackle the exploitation of young people involved in drug dealing. We are working closely with Southampton City Council. One of the most frequently stopped individuals is a young, black person who is homeless. This is a complex situation that requires support from multiple agencies, not just policing. This targeted activity can contribute to increased disproportionality. To make sure we are using our powers properly and meeting public expectations, we have independent scrutiny panels made up of members of the public We actively seek people with lived experience of stop and search to join. These panels act as a critical friend and help us improve. The panels help us: Explain why and how we use stop and search, Ensure our approach is fair and understood by the community, Learn and improve how we use these powers.

Being open to public scrutiny is essential to building trust and getting better.

If you would like to join one of these panels, please get in touch.

### **Total number of stops.**

Last 3 months – 873, Previous 3 months – 720.

Arrests.

Last 3 months – 153, Previous 3 months – 130.

No further action taken/advice given.

Last 3 months – 520, Previous 3 months – 590.

### **Positive outcomes.**

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

Last 3 months – 353.

Previous 3 months – 90.

### **Southampton total population – 248,920.**

White – 200,829.

Asian – 26,414.

Mixed Race – 8,309.

Black – 7,539.

Other – 5,829.

### **Disproportionality.**

Likelihood of being stopped and searched compared to white person.

Black – 5.5 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 1.9 times more likely.

Asian – 1.1 times more likely.

Other – 2.7 times more likely.

**Reasons for stop.**

Criminal damage – 9.

Drugs – 623.

Firearms – 2.

Going equipped – 26.

Offensive weapon – 104.

Stolen goods – 108.

Fraud – 1.

**Outcome of stop.**

Arrest – 153.

Caution – simple/conditional – 2.

Community resolution – 151.

No further action – 520.

Postal requisition/postal charge/summons – 17.

Voluntary attendance – 22.

Seizure of property – 1.

Other/words of advice – 7.