

Stop and Search.

Quarter 4. January to April 2026.

Basingstoke. Chief Inspector Hayley O'Grady.

We have had a positive quarter with some fantastic results and a notable increase in the positive outcomes from our use of stop and search, which tells me we are using our powers correctly and proportionately.

A large proportion of our stops have been linked to drug use during this quarter, which is likely attributed to County Lines Intensification week. This is a targeted week of action that sees officers using disruption tactics to prevent and detect drug related harm but also has a wide focus on a broader partnership approach to safeguarding vulnerable people linked to drug activity and the use of civil orders to support our policing powers.

When we scrutinise our use of stop and search powers, we put extra focus on any children who have been stopped repeatedly and in particular any stop searches that result in no further action.

Stop and search powers are valuable in preventing and detecting crime, but its important we are always scrutinising how we use it and that we have independent scrutiny through our IAG group.

Our disproportionality numbers have only changed slightly this quarter and the IAG members review officers conduct, grounds for searching and help us identify learning to make sure we are getting it right and improve where we can.

Total number of stops.

Last 3 months – 214, Previous 3 months – 180.

Arrests.

Last 3 months – 53, Previous 3 months – 41.

No further action taken/advice given.

Last 3 months – 115, Previous 3 months – 92.

Positive outcomes.

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

Last 3 months – 46.3%.

Sam period last year – 31.5%.

Basingstoke population.

White – 163,840.

Asian – 10,967.

Mixed Race – 4,717.

Black – 3,611.

Other – 2,019.

Disproportionality.

Likelihood of being stopped and searched compared to white person.

Black – 2.4 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 3.9 times more likely.

Asian – 0.7 times more likely.

Other – 2.3 times more likely.

Reasons for stop.

Drugs – 67.3%.

Stolen property – 15%.

Going equipped – 1.4%.

Criminal damage – 1.4%.

Other – 1.4%.

Offensive weapons – 13.6%.

Outcome of stop.

No further action – 53.7%.

Arrest – 24.8%.

Community resolution – 12.6%.

Voluntary attendance – 5.6%.

Verbal warning – 0.5%.

Summons – 2.8%.