

Stop and Search.

Quarter 4. January to March 2026.

East Hampshire. Chief Inspector Matt Moss.

We are continuing to see a rise in our use of stop and search in East Hampshire and this reflects the fact we are increasing our ability to disrupt drugs supply – particularly in the north of the district.

We have seen several significant stop checks in the Alton area and have disrupted a group of men who have been travelling from out of county to deal drugs in our area. Also linked to this have been a number of weapon seizures, which when all added together has meant we have increased the number of successful stop and searches by just under 10% this quarter.

Our disproportionality rate has dropped in all 4 areas highlighted, and in terms of actual numbers of stops are all less than 3 total searches. In the south of the district we have been focusing on a group dealing drugs, most of the activity in terms of search has been over the border in Havant district. This group does contain 2 people from a non-white backgrounds.

**Total number of stops.**

Last 3 months – 191, Previous 3 months – 154.

Arrests.

Last 3 months – 24, Previous 3 months – 27.

No further action taken/advice given.

Last 3 months – 118, Previous 3 months – 91.

**Positive outcomes.**

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

Last 3 months – 73.

Previous 3 months – 67.

**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 – 5.6 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 1.1 times more likely.

Asian – 1.3 times more likely.

Other – 2.3 times more likely.

**Reasons for stop.**

Drugs – 151.

Going equipped – 1.

Offensive weapon – 25.

Stolen goods – 14.

**Outcome of stop.**

Arrest – 24.

Community resolution – 34.

No further action – 118.

Postal requisition/postal charge/summons – 2.

Voluntary attendance – 10.

Caution – 1.

Other/words of advice – 2.