

## Stop and Search.

Quarter 4. January to March 2026.

Havant. Chief Inspector Matt Moss.

Our stop and search numbers have seen a rise in the last 3 months with more than a 10% increase in stop and searches for drugs, and 20% for weapons. This reflects the work done on two significant priorities for Havant over the winter months as we pursued two groups dealing drugs across the district. This activity also contributed to the rise in weapons related searches as we removed weapons from the streets.

Compared with the last quarter our disproportionality has jumped significantly amongst people who are black (1.4 to 6.6 times more likely) and those of 'other' ethnicity (2.0-5.8 times more likely) to be searched. The raw numbers behind this are rises from 1 to 5 searches and 1 to 3 searches, so very small numbers indeed, but that makes a significant statistical difference when overall population of people from backgrounds other than white is so low in the district.

The reason for the above change can be attributed to one of the groups we have been pursuing who whilst being majority white, do have two members who are black and of other ethnicity – meaning they have been searched as part of that work whereas the group we have been pursuing previously were all from a white background.

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

Last 3 months – 166, Previous 3 months – 144.

Arrests.

Last 3 months – 41, Previous 3 months – 43.

No further action taken/advice given.

Last 3 months – 99, Previous 3 months – 61.

### **Positive outcomes.**

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

Last 3 months – 67.

Previous 3 months – 83.

### **Havant population.**

White – 119,127.

Asian – 2,107.

Mixed Race – 1,719.

Black – 750.

Other – 507.

### **Disproportionality.**

Likelihood of being stopped and searched compared to white person.

Black – 6.6 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 2.3 times more likely.

Asian – 0.9 times more likely.

Other – 5.8 times more likely.

**Reasons for stop.**

Drugs – 107.

Going equipped – 4.

Offensive weapon – 27.

Criminal damage – 3.

Stolen goods – 25.

**Outcome of stop.**

Arrest – 41.

Community resolution – 12.

No further action – 99.

Postal requisition/postal charge/summons – 5.

Voluntary attendance – 7.

Caution – 1.

Other/words of advice – 1.