

Stop and Search.

Quarter 4. January to March 2026.

Isle of Wight. Superintendent Marcus Cator.

Recently we have been using our stop and search powers to support closure orders for premises that have been taken over for the purposes of using or supplying drugs. This behaviour causes misery to those who live with it or near it. Stopping and searching those people attending these addresses provides evidence of drug use. This supported the closure order applications that the Newport neighbourhood policing team worked hard to achieve, supported by the housing authority.

Vulnerable people are targeted by unscrupulous criminals who will use their premises for their own gains, the occupants are often put into debt or offered drugs to keep them under the control of these criminals. The orders provide safeguarding and support for the occupant, and peace for their neighbours. Officers will continue to patrol and check the premises for breaches of the orders, using their stop search powers where the grounds exist.

The Island has achieved a positive outcome rate of 54.9% this quarter, more than half of the people searched have received a formal outcome. This indicates that our powers are being used in a proportionate way, effectively targeting those who chose to commit offences and bringing them to justice.

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

Last 3 months – 182, Previous 3 months – 177.

Arrests.

Last 3 months – 41, Previous 3 months – 39.

No further action taken/advice given.

Last 3 months – 82, Previous 3 months – 89.

#### **Positive outcomes.**

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

Last 3 months – 100.

Previous 3 months – 88.

#### **Isle of Wight population.**

White – 136,219.

Asian – 1,663.

Mixed Race – 1,720.

Black – 478.

Other – 379.

#### **Disproportionality.**

Likelihood of being stopped and searched compared to white person.

Black – 5.2 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 1.5 times more likely.

Asian – 0.5 times more likely.

Other – 2.2 times more likely.

**Reasons for stop.**

Drugs – 135.

Going equipped – 3.

Offensive weapon – 15.

Stolen goods – 16.

Criminal damage – 9.

Other – 3.

Firearms – 1.

**Outcome of stop.**

Arrest – 41.

Community resolution – 37.

No further action – 82.

Postal requisition/postal charge/summons – 5.

Voluntary attendance – 12.

Other/words of advice – 4.

Caution – 1.