

Stop and Search.

Quarter 4. January to March 2026.

New Forest. Chief Inspector Scott Johnson.

The focus on drugs searches has reflected a district priority to tackle drug related harm in a specific town. Whilst our overall number of searches has reduced by 37, the number of positive outcomes has only fallen by 10. This translates to an improved positive outcome rate from 38.2% to 41.6%, reflecting the intelligence led approach of officers.

White subjects accounted for 78.3% of searches, 94 of the 120 conducted. During this quarter, of the 26 searches on Black, Asian and Mixed race subjects, 3 were related to suspected illegal entry to the country via a lorry. Several were through officers being directed to incidents following reports from the public e.g. traffic accidents, poaching incidents where the subjects lived out of the district or out of county. This disproportionality figures reflect the small BME resident population within the district.

Total number of stops.

This Quarter – 120, Previous 3 months – 157.

Arrests.

This Quarter – 19, Previous 3 months – 26.

No further action taken/advice given.

This Quarter – 70, Previous 3 months – 97.

Positive outcomes.

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

This Quarter – 50.

Previous 3 months – 60.

New Forest population.

White – 170,125.

Asian – 2,008.

Mixed Race – 2,233.

Black – 708.

Other – 642.

Disproportionality.

Likelihood of being stopped and searched compared to white person.

Black – 7.7 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 2.5 times more likely.

Asian – 3.4 times more likely.

Other – 14.1 times more likely.

Reasons for stop.

Drugs – 64.

Going equipped – 7.

Offensive weapon – 33.

Criminal damage – 1.

Stolen goods – 15.

Outcome of stop.

Arrest – 19.

Community resolution – 25.

No further action – 70.

Voluntary attendance – 2.

Summons – 1.

Other/words of advice – 3.