

Stop and Search.

Quarter 4. January to March 2026.

Winchester. Chief Inspector Matt Kirby.

As a district policing team, we have a continued focus on proportionate, intelligence-led policing, and this reflects in the circumstances we use our powers and the frequency with which we use them.

Our operational priorities during this period included rural crime, and we have used stop and search powers in rural locations across the district to disrupt offending including theft and other criminality which impacts the community.

We have also used the powers in the night-time economy and throughout the wider Winchester district as part of our identification and tackling the use and supply of drugs.

This all retains a clear focus on making sure the powers are used lawfully, fairly and where necessary to prevent crime and protect the community.

Total number of stops.

This Quarter – 227, Previous 3 months – 201.

Arrests.

This Quarter – 20, Previous 3 months – 40.

No further action taken/advice given.

This Quarter – 141, Previous 3 months – 102.

Positive outcomes.

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

This Quarter – 86.

Previous 3 months – 99.

Winchester total population – 127,444.

White – 119,305.

Asian – 3,917.

Mixed Race – 2,590.

Black – 792.

Other – 840.

Disproportionality.

Likelihood of being stopped and searched compared to white person.

Black – 4.2 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 2.3 times more likely.

Asian – 0.3 times more likely.

Other – 2.4 times more likely.

Reasons for stop.

Drugs – 160.

Offensive weapons – 44.

Stolen property – 16.

Criminal damage – 5.

Going equipped – 1.

Other – 1.

Outcome of stop.

No further action – 141.

Community resolution – 50.

Arrest – 20.

Voluntary attendance – 8.

Postal requisition/postal charge/summons – 5.

Seizure of property – 1.

Other/Words of advice – 2.