

Stop and Search.

Quarter 1. April to June 2026.

Eastleigh. Chief Inspector Rachel Noble.

We have seen a significant increase in the number of reports to us about people using cannabis across the District. We are also very aware of and seek to target, the associated criminality that is involved in the supply of this drug. Whilst individuals may have wide ranging views, possession of cannabis is illegal. We have targeted areas reported for such use and this has seen an increase in the use of our stop search powers and we have been able to deal with the offences discovered.

The Independent Advisory Group continue to scrutinise stop searches and have provided positive feedback not just confirming the correct use of powers, but also commented that the manner and conduct of officers during the stop search process has been positive and professional.

Whenever we use our powers, we should do so lawfully and I am committed to ensuring that is the case to give you confidence that we are using them to tackle criminality and protect the public.

Total number of stops.

This Period – 189, Previous 3 months – 121.

Arrests.

This Period – 27, Previous 3 months – 28.

No further action taken/advice given.

This period – 117, Previous 3 months – 63.

Positive outcomes.

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

This period – 72.

Previous 3 months – 58.

Eastleigh total population – 136,444.

White – 126,083.

Asian – 5,256.

Mixed Race – 2,817.

Black – 1,300.

Other – 988.

Disproportionality.

Likelihood of being stopped and searched compared to white person.

Black – 5 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 2.3 times more likely.

Asian – 0.3 times more likely.

Other – 2.5 times more likely.

Reasons for stop.

Drugs – 124.

Firearms – 7.

Going equipped – 4.

Offensive weapon – 30.

Stolen goods – 22.

Firearms – 2.

Outcome of stop.

No further action – 117.

Arrest – 27.

Community resolution – 31.

Postal requisition/postal charge/summons – 6.

Voluntary attendance – 7.

Other/words of advice – 1.