

Stop and Search.

Quarter 1. April to June 2024.

Rushmoor. Chief Inspector Gillian Cox.

Whilst the Stop Search numbers in Rushmoor have dropped this quarter they are equitable to the same period last year and the dip is likely to be reflective of seasonal demand increases which means officers may not be as proactive at this time of year. Searches for drugs remains high, likely due to drug related harm still being a priority in the district.

Whenever we conduct a stop, a person is asked their ethnicity, which is used to calculate the disproportionality figure. This includes an 'other' option for people who did not characterise themselves in the other three choices, and it can also be where it has not been provided. I am working with our Independent Advisory Group to ensure officers are asking the right questions here to ensure we are ethically recording what we are doing.

For the district, the positive outcome rate has declined further and whilst this is only a 2.4% decrease we are failing to find those things we are searching for 66% of the time. I will work with my Inspectors to support officers in identifying grounds for search both for self-initiated stops and how to use intelligence in this area. Stop & Search continues to be a valuable tool in addressing drug related harm and criminality in the area. I remain committed to monitoring our use of Stop & Search to ensure that we use our powers effectively, lawfully and proportionately.

Total number of stops.

This Quarter – 136, Previous 3 months – 218.

Arrests.

This Quarter – 27, Previous 3 months – 46.

No further action taken/advice given.

This Quarter – 90, Previous 3 months – 139.

Positive outcomes.

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

This Quarter – 46.

Previous 3 months – 79.

Rushmoor total population – 99,759.

White – 77,219.

Asian – 14,370.

Mixed race – 2,578.

Black – 2,531.

Other – 2,773.

Disproportionality.

Likelihood of being stopped and searched compared to white person.

Black – 0.5 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 1 times more likely.

Asian – 0.5 times more likely.

Other – 6 times more likely.

Reasons for stop.

Article – criminal damage – 1.

Drugs – 105.

Going equipped – 15.

Stolen goods – 15.

Outcome of stop.

Arrest – 27.

Caution – simple/conditional – 3.

Community resolution – 15.

No further action – 90.

Postal requisition/postal charge/summons – 1.