

Stop and Search.

Quarter 2. July to September 2024.

Rushmoor. Chief Inspector Gillian Cox.

The number of stops we have conducted has risen this quarter, and is up from the same time last year as well. The type of searches conducted across the district remains static with the majority being for drugs, with small amounts for shoplifting and offensive weapons. We continue to prioritise drug-related harm, and I am comfortable that these account for the majority of searches.

There have been no significant changes to disproportionality that cause me concern this quarter. To give you some insight into the kinds of information we scrutinise, there were five people stopped on more than one occasion in this quarter, but we had positive outcomes - where an item is found - in all but one of those.

Our positive outcome rate remains static at around 32%, with the majority of stops being self-initiated followed by intelligence led. Whilst the Scrutiny Panel did not highlight any concerns in terms of the proportionality or lawful use of search powers we could improve in finding items that individuals are being searched for. I will continue to monitor our use of the tool to ensure we use it to address criminality effectively, lawfully and with proportionality.

Total number of stops.

This Quarter – 164, Previous 3 months – 136.

Arrests.

This Quarter – 21, Previous 3 months – 27.

No further action taken/advice given.

This Quarter – 111, Previous 3 months – 90.

Positive outcomes.

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

This Quarter – 53.

Previous 3 months – 46.

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 – 2.4 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 1.5 times more likely.

Asian – 1.1 times more likely.

Other – 0.6 times more likely.

Reasons for stop.

Criminal damage – 1.

Drugs – 130.

Going equipped – 4.

Offensive weapons – 9.

Stolen goods – 20.

Outcome of stop.

Property seized – 1.

Arrest – 21.

Community resolution – 22.

No further action – 111.

Postal requisition/postal charge/summons – 1.

Voluntary attendance – 8.