

Stop and Search.

Quarter 4. January to March 2025.

Winchester. Chief Inspector Korine Bishop.

During this quarter, Winchester experienced an increase in the number of stop and search encounters. This rise is largely attributed to enhanced foot patrols within the night time economy, where officers have proactively identified offenders, particularly in relation to drug-related activity.

Drug-related searches remain the most significant number, accounting for 81 per cent of all our stops. The sharper focus reflects Winchester's ongoing commitment to its district priority of tackling drug-related harm.

Community intelligence continues to inform our approach. Reports from residents and local partners have highlighted specific areas of concern regarding drug use. In response, officers have proactively targeted these locations, resulting in the identification of individuals involved in criminal behaviour.

Oversight and accountability remain central to our work. The Independent Advisory Group (IAG) regularly reviews Winchester's Stop and Search activity, with a focus on disproportionality and positive outcome rates compared to the wider force. Following the most recent review, no issues were raised, and the panel expressed satisfaction with the findings.

### **Total number of stops.**

This Quarter – 234, Previous 3 months – 214.

Arrests.

This Quarter – 18, Previous 3 months – 29.

No further action taken/advice given.

This Quarter – 154, Previous 3 months – 138.

### **Positive outcomes.**

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

This Quarter – 34.2%.

Previous 3 months – 35.5%.

### **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.

White stops – 205 – 87.6% of total.

Black stops – 11 – 4.7% of total – 4.2 times more likely to be stopped.

Asian – 14 – 6% of total – 1.6 times more likely to be stopped.

Other – 4 – 1.7% of total – 1.5 times more likely to be stopped.

**Reasons for stop.**

Drugs – 189 – 80.8%.

Offensive weapons – 22 – 9.4%.

Stolen property – 13 – 5.6%.

Going equipped – 8 – 3.4%.

Firearms – 1 – 0.4%.

Other – 1 – 0.4%.

**Outcome of stop.**

Summons – 1 – 0.4%.

Caution – 1 – 0.4%.

Verbal warning/words of advice – 3 – 1.3%.

Voluntary Attendance – 12 – 5.1%.

Arrest – 18 – 7.7%.

Community resolution – 45 – 19.2%.

No further action – 154 – 65.8%.