

STOP & SEARCH

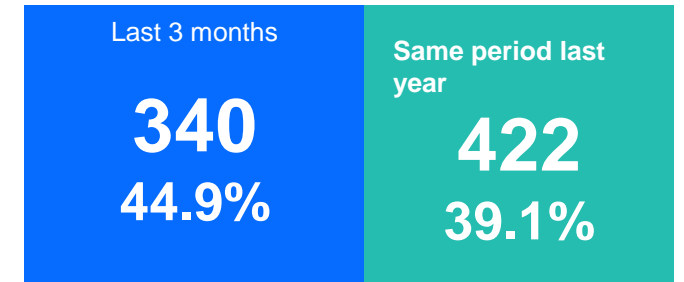
Quarter 3
Oct 25 –
Dec 25

Berkshire East C/Supt Steve Raffield

Total number of stops



Times item was found



The number of stop and search encounters in Berkshire has fallen by 30% compared with the same period last year, including a 37% reduction in searches involving children. This reflects the continued focus on ensuring stop and search powers are used proportionately and only when necessary.

Drug-related searches remain the most common, with a positive find rate of 58.78%. Officers located an item or evidence sought in 445 searches. Searches for stolen property accounted for 15% of positive outcomes (115 finds out of 757).

No Section 60 's were authorised in Q3, compared with one authorisation in Q2, which enabled officers to conduct searches without individual reasonable suspicion. That authorisation was in place for a short period, during which six searches were conducted. The use of Section 60 powers remains an exceptional measure, used only where there is a clear risk of serious violence.

A total of 75 females were searched in Q3, representing a 31% reduction compared with the same period last year.

To enhance transparency and oversight, supervisors reviewed 57 Body Worn Video (BWV) recordings of stop and search encounters, including five involving children. This information is shared with the local Community scrutiny panel. Regarding disproportionality 13.1% of searches involved black individuals, which represents a disproportionality rate of 4.03. Addressing and reducing disproportionality remains a priority, and future panels will focus specifically on these encounters to support fair, consistent and proportionate policing.

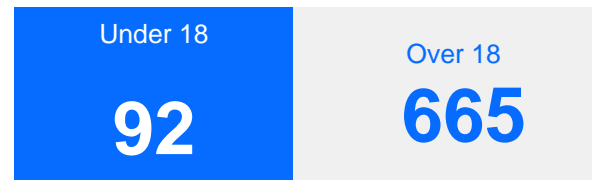
Reason for stop

Article - criminal damage	13	(1.72%)
Drugs	445	(58.78%)
Bladed Article	49	(6.47%)
Going equipped for theft	55	(7.27%)
Offensive weapon	65	(8.59%)
Stolen goods	117	(15.46%)
S. 60 CJPOA	0	

Most frequent outcomes of stop

Arrest	77	(10.2%)
Caution - simple/conditional	5	(0.7%)
Community resolution	136	(18.0%)
No further action	482	(63.8%)
Voluntary attendance	11	(1.5%)

Age of individual stopped



S.60 Criminal Justice & Public Order Act



Ethnicity of individual stopped

White	406	(53.6%)
Black	99	(13.1%)
Asian	202	(26.7%)
Mixed ethnicity	26	(3.4%)
Other	19	(2.5%)
Not stated	202	(26.7%)

Location Population
436,596

White 286,945
Asian 103,048
Mixed 15,384
Black 17,353
Other 13,866