

# STOP & SEARCH

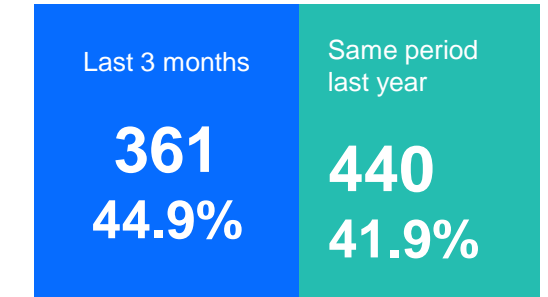
Quarter 4  
Jan 26 –  
Mar 26

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## Total number of stops



## Times item was found



During Q4 2025, Berks East LCU recorded 805 stop and searches, representing a 23.4% reduction compared to the same period last year. Of the total searches conducted, 403 involved white individuals, 280 involved individuals from black & ethnic minority groups, 20 were recorded as other and 227 as self-defined ethnicity not stated. Disproportionality data shows an overall ethnic minority disproportionality of 1.5, with black individuals at 3.2, asian individuals at 1.2, mixed ethnicity individuals at 1.7, and other ethnic groups at 1.0, when compared to white individuals. These figures have remained broadly consistent.

Analysis highlights that the rate of stop and search per 1,000 population remains highest for black individuals (5.1 per 1,000), compared to 1.6 per 1,000 for white individuals and 2.3 per 1,000 for all ethnic minority groups combined. Disproportionality trends continue to be monitored, with no emerging concerns identified.

In relation to under-18 searches, the majority involved individuals aged 14–17, with a high proportion being male.

The majority of searches during the period were conducted under Misuse of Drugs legislation, with Drugs/Other Substances accounting for the most frequent grounds for search. Outcome data shows that while No Further Action (NFA) remains the most common outcome, there were also a significant number of arrests and community resolutions. Arrest outcomes were proportionate across ethnicities, providing assurance that stop and search powers continue to be applied based on intelligence rather than ethnicity.

The last two Community Scrutiny Panel (CSP) meetings were cancelled by the Chair. It has now been proposed that the May CSP will include a full panel review of stop and search, followed by a dedicated Use of Force data analysis, to strengthen external scrutiny and assurance.

Supervisors continue to be reminded through health checks and Team Inspector performance plans of the requirement to complete two stop and search reviews per month. Performance in this area requires improvement within Berkshire East and will continue to be monitored.

### Reason for stop

Article - criminal damage	7	(0.86%)
Drugs	489	(60.7%)
Bladed Article	52	(6.46%)
Going equipped for theft	58	(7.20%)
Offensive weapon	73	(9.06%)
Stolen goods	111	(13.79%)
S. 60 CJPOA	1	(0.12%)

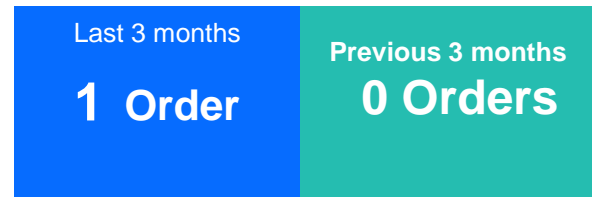
### Most frequent outcomes

Arrest	76	(9.44%)
Police discretion	36	(4.47%)
Caution - simple/conditional	3	(0.37%)
Community resolution	129	(16.02%)
No further action	528	(65.59%)
Voluntary attendance	12	(1.49%)

### Age of individual stopped



### S.60 Criminal Justice & Public Order Act



### Ethnicity of individual stopped

White	403 (50.06%)
Black	72 (8.94%)
Asian	172 (21.4%)
Mixed ethnicity	36 (4.47%)
Other	20 (2.48%)
Not stated	227 (28.2%)

Location Population  
**436,596**

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