

# STOP & SEARCH

Quarter 4  
Jan 26 –  
Mar 25

OXFORDSHIRE C/Supt Ben Clark

## Total number of stops

Last 3 months

1033

Same period last  
year

1022

## Times item was found

Last 3 months

466  
45.1%

Same period last  
year

419  
41.0%

The number of stop and search encounters in Oxfordshire has increased by 1.08% compared with the same period last year. Searches involving children have also risen (by 8.94%).

Drug-related searches remain the most common and had a 49.8% positive find rate, with officers locating an item or evidence sought in 345 searches. Searches for stolen property were more effective, with items recovered in 72 out of 129 encounters.

There were no Section 60 authorisations used during this period. Section 60 remains an important measure that is regularly considered to target incidents of serious violence/disorder.

To strengthen transparency, supervisors reviewed 83 Body Worn Video (BWV) recordings of S&S. Oxfordshire's Community Scrutiny Panel also reviewed 4 clips (plus 3 clips for Use of Force) and highlighted improvements around recording of self-defined ethnicity, safeguarding referrals for children and written grounds for S&S. Their feedback is being used to support learning as well as acknowledging good practice for frontline teams. The panel has been focussing on disproportionality in its scrutiny. As an improvement from the 38% positive rate in Q3 for black individuals, Q4 has seen a 47.2% positive rate for searches involving black individuals (compared to 45.1% overall). Understanding and addressing disproportionality remains a priority, with the panel currently focusing on these encounters to support fair and proportionate policing. The panels annual report provides further details of the learning and feedback they have provided to the Local Command Unit throughout the year and planned areas of focus moving forward. This will shortly be available on TVP website in addition to summaries of meeting discussions.

## Reason for stop

Article - criminal damage	11 (1.06%)
Drugs	693 (67.1%)
Bladed Article	69 (6.68%)
Going equipped for theft	48 (4.65%)
Offensive weapon	72 (6.97%)
Stolen goods	129 (12.49%)
S. 60 CJPOA	0 (0%)

## Most frequent outcomes of stop

Arrest	100 (9.68%)
Caution - simple/conditional	2 (0.19%)
Community resolution	181 (17.52%)
No further action	657 (63.6%)
Voluntary attendance	32 (3.1%)
Police discretion	25 (2.4%)

## Age of individual stopped

Under 18

195

Over 18

838

## S.60 Criminal Justice & Public Order Act

Last 3 months

0 Orders

Previous 3 months

2 Orders

## Ethnicity of individual stopped

White	706 (68.35%)
Black	123 (11.91%)
Asian	129 (12.49%)
Mixed ethnicity	56 (5.42%)
Other	19 (1.84%)
Not stated	179 (17.3%)

Location Population  
725,280

White 630,090  
Asian 46,379  
Mixed 22,634  
Black 14,850  
Other 11,327