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## Dorset Police

# Stop and Search Performance Pack

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## Introduction

This report is intended to provide some detailed analysis into Stop Searches conducted by Dorset Police.

The report is designed to provide sufficient information to highlight areas of potential concern or interest. It has been developed to support Dorset Police in the delivery of the Equality Standard for the Police Service which provides a system for monitoring performance and assessing progress on how the priorities of the Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Strategy for the Police Service are being delivered.

Rates per 1,000 population and disproportionality ratios for Stop Search are based on 2011 Census data by ethnicity. The population profile of Dorset used in these calculations is shown below.

## Population Profile

	Bournemouth and Poole Division		Dorset County Division		Force	
	2001 Census	2011 Census	2001 Census	2011 Census	2001 Census	2011 Census
White	283,896	289,450	378,380	394,350	662,276	683,800
White Non British	9,915	20,870	7,683	9,967	17,598	30,837
Mixed	2,871	6,107	1,940	3,400	4,811	9,507
Black & Black British	943	2,284	579	924	1,522	3,208
Asian & Asian British	2,932	10,342	1,754	3,833	4,686	14,175
Other Ethnic Group	1,175	2,083	644	431	1,819	2,514
<b>Total</b>	<b>301,732</b>	<b>331,136</b>	<b>390,980</b>	<b>412,905</b>	<b>692,712</b>	<b>744,041</b>
White	283,896	289,450	378,380	394,350	662,276	683,800
BME	17,836	41,686	12,600	18,555	30,436	60,241

	White - British	White - Non British	Mixed	Black & Black British	Asian & Asian British	Other Ethnic Group	Total
Bmth Central	15,505	3,038	672	308	1,302	311	<b>21,136</b>
Bmth East	50,195	6,867	1,420	700	2,447	464	<b>62,093</b>
Bmth North	91,997	5,223	2,152	773	3,362	906	<b>104,413</b>
Bridport	33,071	781	245	47	146	40	<b>34,330</b>
Christchurch	45,414	1,177	505	83	495	78	<b>47,752</b>
Dorchester	56,597	1,393	490	120	753	66	<b>59,419</b>
East Dorset	83,876	1,769	594	106	737	84	<b>87,166</b>
North Dorset	64,936	2,041	552	197	796	61	<b>68,583</b>
Poole North	71,751	2,670	972	262	1,527	180	<b>77,362</b>
Poole South	60,002	3,072	891	241	1,704	222	<b>66,132</b>
Purbeck	43,253	1,087	326	48	231	28	<b>44,973</b>
Weymth & Portland	67,203	1,719	688	323	675	74	<b>70,682</b>
<b>Force</b>	<b>683,800</b>	<b>30,837</b>	<b>9,507</b>	<b>3,208</b>	<b>14,175</b>	<b>2,514</b>	<b>744,041</b>

## **Delivering the Police and Crime Plan Priorities**

The Police and Crime Commissioner and Dorset Police agree a number of Policing Priorities each year. These are laid out in our Police and Crime Plan, which also sets out how Dorset Police organizes itself and its activity in order to achieve these priorities. The 2013-2017 Police and Crime Plan is a public document and is available from the following link:

<https://www.dorset.pcc.police.uk/delivering-the-police-and-crime-plan/>

### **Our Policing Priorities 2016/17**

- Reduce the number of victims of crime and anti-social behaviour
- Reduce the number of people seriously harmed in Dorset
- Help protect the public from serious threats (local, regional and national) to their safety including organised crime and terrorism
- Reduce re-offending
- Increase peoples satisfaction with Policing in Dorset
- Support neighbourhood policing that is appropriate for both rural and urban communities in Dorset

## Object of Search

The tables below provide details about the purpose/object of search of those stop searches conducted in the current year to date, between 1 April and 31 October 2016. The first table provides the Force level overview, whilst the second table considers the data broken down by the ethnicity of the person searched. Due to a small element of data quality discrepancies whereby a person can be listed with more than one ethnicity on the Force's new records management system, some duplication of stop searches results when the data is broken down by the ethnicity of the searched person. This situation has improved throughout the year however, with only a small degree of duplication now existing when compared to the position a number of months ago.

	Article for use in theft	Articles for use in criminal damage	Controlled drugs	Firearms	Not Recorded	Offensive weapons	Other	Stolen goods	Total stop searches	Total Arrests	Arrest Rate	Positive Searches	Rate of Positive Searches
<b>Total</b>	141	30	1,454	7	18	103	46	189	1,988	311	15.6%	845	42.5%

Between April and October 2016, there have been a total of 1,988 stop searches recorded within Dorset; the majority of which have been undertaken with the purpose of finding controlled drugs (73% of the total). In total, 311 arrests resulted from the stop searches, equating to an arrest rate of 15.6%. Although an arrest was not always made, in 42.5% of cases, the search was positive as it resulted in some further action, e.g. a community resolution or penalty notice of disorder was issued. There were 18 stop searches in the year to date where the object of search was not recorded.

	Article for use in theft	Articles for use in criminal damage	Controlled drugs	Firearms	Not Recorded	Offensive weapons	Other	Stolen goods	Total Stop Searches
<b>Asian</b>	1		21			1	2		<b>25</b>
<b>Black</b>	2	1	140			8	1	7	<b>159</b>
<b>Mixed</b>		1	47		1	1		2	<b>52</b>
<b>Not stated</b>	16	3	179	1		14	6	12	<b>231</b>
<b>Other</b>			10			2		2	<b>14</b>
<b>White British</b>	116	25	1,014	6	16	66	37	157	<b>1,437</b>
<b>White Non-British</b>	11		59		1	12	2	11	<b>96</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1,470</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>2,014</b>

As the table above shows, the majority of people stop searched between April and October 2016 were of White British ethnicity, accounting for 71% of total stop searches over the reporting period. Those of Black ethnicity were the largest non-White group to be stop searched, accounting for 8% of total stop searches. Any disproportionality this may indicate is discussed further on in the report under the Ethnicity section of the report. Whilst 73% of total stop searches were completed for the purpose of finding controlled drugs, this proportion increases to 88% for searches of Black people.

## Object of Search

	Arrests	Arrest Rate
Article for use in theft	20	14.2%
Articles for use in criminal damage	1	3.3%
Controlled drugs	204	14.0%
Firearms	5	71.4%
Not Recorded	2	11.1%
Offensive weapons	29	28.2%
Other	6	13.0%
Stolen goods	44	23.3%

As the table above shows, the arrest rate was highest at 71% for stop searches where the object being searched for was a firearm although there were only 5 stop searches of this type between April and October 2016. The arrest rate was below the 15.6% stop search average for searches where the purpose was article for use in theft or criminal damage, controlled drugs or other purpose.

## Drug Searches

As the most common reason for an officer to complete a stop search, the tables below explore the drugs stop searches in more detail, looking at the volume of stop searches for cannabis/khat searches compared with searches for other drugs, as well as including information on arrests and positive searches. Please note that more than one purpose can be selected for a stop search, so there are some records where both types of drug have been selected as the object of search.

Purpose of Search	Drugs - Cannabis/khat					Drugs - Cannabis/khat;Drugs - other				
	Volume of stop searches	Arrests	Arrest Rate	Positive Searches	Rate of positive searches	Volume of stop searches	Arrests	Arrest Rate	Positive Searches	Rate of positive searches
Asian	11	1	9.1%	3	27.3%					
Black	32	8	25.0%	14	43.8%	4	2	50.0%	4	100.0%
Mixed	21	2	9.5%	9	42.9%					
Not stated	112	9	8.0%	54	48.2%	2			1	50.0%
Other	2			2	100.0%					
White British	551	61	11.1%	273	49.5%	1			1	100.0%
White Non-British	32	3	9.4%	15	46.9%					
<b>Total</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>11.2%</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>48.3%</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28.6%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>85.7%</b>

## Drug Searches

Purpose of Search	Drugs - other					Drugs - other;Suspect crime/disorder/ASB				
	Volume of stop searches	Arrests	Arrest Rate	Positive Searches	Rate of positive searches	Volume of stop searches	Arrests	Arrest Rate	Positive Searches	Rate of positive searches
Asian	10	4	40.0%	5	50.0%					
Black	104	39	37.5%	50	48.1%					
Mixed	26	2	7.7%	9	34.6%					
Not stated	64	7	10.9%	20	31.3%	1				
Other	8	1	12.5%	4	50.0%					
White British	461	59	12.8%	205	44.5%	1				
White Non-British	27	6	22.2%	9	33.3%					
<b>Total</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>17.0%</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>43.5%</b>	<b>2</b>				

In terms of the drugs being searched for, cannabis/khat has been the purpose of the search in 52% of drugs stop searches in the year to date. The rate of positive searches is at 48% for cannabis/khat, with a lower rate for those of Asian and Mixed ethnicity. The arrest rate for cannabis/khat searches is notably higher for Black individuals at 25% compared to an average of 11%. Arrest rates for 'Drugs-other' are generally higher than for Cannabis - an average of 17% which increases to 40% for those of Asian ethnicity and 38% for Black nominals. Positive search rates for these two ethnicities are also higher than the average for Drugs - other stop searches. It is worth noting that Black nominals subject to drug-related stop searches are more likely to be searched for 'drugs-other' than 'cannabis/khat'; 104 stop searches compared to 32 stop searches respectively.

## Ethnicity of Person Stop Searched

	Total Stop Searches	Stop Searches per 1,000 popn (2011 Census)	Disproportionality Ratio	Arrests	Arrest Rate	Positive Searches	Rate of positive searches
Asian	25	1.76	0.84	5	20.0%	8	32.0%
Black	159	49.56	23.58	53	33.3%	74	46.5%
Mixed	52	5.47	2.6	4	7.7%	18	34.6%
Not stated	231			18	7.8%	79	34.2%
Other	14	5.57	2.65	2	14.3%	8	57.1%
White British	1,437	2.1		213	14.8%	628	43.7%
White Non-British	96	3.11	1.48	16	16.7%	38	39.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,014</b>			<b>311</b>		<b>853</b>	

As the table above identifies, the lowest rate of stop searches per 1,000 resident population is for those of Asian ethnicity, with 1.76 people searched for every 1,000 Asian people resident in Dorset. With a disproportionality ratio of less than 1, this means that an Asian person in Dorset is less likely to be stop searched than a person of White British ethnicity. In contrast, the ratio of Black to White British searches between April and October 2016 is 24:1, meaning that for every White British person searched, there will be 24 Black nominals searched.

The arrest rate for persons of White British ethnicity is 15% in the year to date, but this increases to 33% for Black individuals and is also higher at 20% for those people of Asian ethnicity stop searched. It is also worth noting that the rate of positive searches (i.e. some further action taken as a result of the stop search) is higher for Black stop searches than for those of White British nominals. The highest positive search rate however is for those of 'Other' Ethnic group at 57% although the number of stop searches recorded for Other ethnic group nominals is relatively low at just 14 in the year to date.



## Ethnicity of Person Stop Searched

Black Stop Searches	Total Stop Searches	Arrests	Arrest Rate	Positive Searches	Rate of positive searches
Bmth Central	17	3	17.6%	8	47.1%
Bmth East	61	25	41.0%	33	54.1%
Bmth North	5	1	20.0%	3	60.0%
Bridport	3				
Christchurch					
Dorchester	7	4	57.1%	4	57.1%
East Dorset	2	1	50.0%	1	50.0%
North Dorset	6	2	33.3%	2	33.3%
Poole North	1				
Poole South	15	2	13.3%	4	26.7%
Purbeck					
Weymth & Portland	33	14	42.4%	16	48.5%
Unknown	9	1	11.1%	3	33.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>33.3%</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>46.5%</b>

The table above shows that the majority of Black Stop Searches take place in one of two locations within Dorset; Bournemouth East (38%) and Weymouth & Portland (21%). Arrest rates for Black nominals are above the average for Black stop searches in these two Sections, as is the rate of positive searches. In contrast, in Poole South, the arrest rate for Black nominals stop searched is below the 33.3% average at 13.3%, as is the rate of positive searches within this Section. Whilst the arrest rate is also below average in Bournemouth Central, its rate of positive searches is in line with the Force average for Black stop searches.

## **Stop Search Powers**

The tables below show the legal powers under which the stop searches have been conducted in the year to date.

<b>Legal Power</b>	<b>Stop Search Volume</b>
Drugs 1971 - S23	1,459
Firearms 1968 - S47	4
Other statutory power - see remarks	23
PACE 1984 - S1	492
PACE 1984 - S32	4
Terrorism 2000 - S43	1
Wildlife/game powers	3
	2

Between April and October 2016, the legal power field has not been completed in 2 cases - these will be reviewed and updated. The majority of searches are conducted under Section 23 of the 1971 Drugs Act (73% of the total). Any Terrorism Searches & Section 60 Searches are automatically reviewed for accuracy as their use is so rare.

## Stop Search Locations

The table below shows the location of the Stop Searches in the year to date, broken down by Police Section. The corresponding arrests and positive search information is also included in the table below.

	Total Stop Searches	Arrests	Arrest Rate	Positive Searches	Rate of positive searches
Bmth Central	180	28	15.6%	73	40.6%
Bmth East	335	71	21.2%	165	49.3%
Bmth North	172	33	19.2%	91	52.9%
Bridport	54	9	16.7%	22	40.7%
Christchurch	88	18	20.5%	45	51.1%
Dorchester	73	12	16.4%	24	32.9%
East Dorset	120	10	8.3%	54	45.0%
North Dorset	126	8	6.3%	48	38.1%
Poole North	111	9	8.1%	39	35.1%
Poole South	272	40	14.7%	106	39.0%
Purbeck	37	7	18.9%	20	54.1%
Weymth & Portland	349	61	17.5%	134	38.4%
Unknown	71	5	7.0%	24	33.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,988</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>15.6%</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>42.5%</b>

Between April and October 2016, location details were not fully completed for 71 Stop Searches (3.6%) and therefore cannot be assigned to a specific Police Section.

Where a location was specified, Weymouth & Portland Section completed the most stop searches (17.6% of the total), followed closely by 16.9% of stop searches taking place in Bournemouth East (335 searches). In terms of arrest rate from stop searches, East and North Dorset and Poole North are outliers with arrest rates that are notably below the Force average at less than 10%. The positive search rates for North Dorset and Poole North are also lower than the Force average although East Dorset is above average. Arrest rates within Bournemouth East and Weymouth & Portland, where a large proportion of the Stop Searches are taking place are above average, whilst the positive search rate for Bournemouth East also exceeds the Force average.