

**Report of the Chief Constable to the Chair and Members
of the Operational Policing Panel
13th November 2009**

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(Territorial Operations)**

Status: For information

Stop and Search Statistics

1. Purpose

1.1 To present Members with the latest statistics on stop and search by ethnicity and the reason for stop and search. The report covers the period April to September 2009.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That Members note the contents of the report.

3 Reasons

3.1 The Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, Codes of Practice (Code A) outlines the statutory powers of stop and search.

3.2 The regulations/procedures in relation to stop and search were incorporated into the Force Manual of Guidance. However the Manual of Guidance is not available in the public domain. This has now been reviewed and a stand alone policy has now been introduced covering stop and search.

3.3 The Cleveland Police policy on stop and search was agreed in December 2007 setting out the responsibilities of officers and staff in relation to stop and search powers. This policy will be the subject of annual review.

- 3.4 The policy sets out a framework for the effective management of stop and search to:
- Reduce the fear of crime
 - Promote trust and confidence in the police by providing transparency and accountability, for police initiated stop and search encounters
 - Increase trust and confidence within the community.
- 3.5 Encounters between police officers and the public range from a general conversation to detention and arrest. The continuum of activity is:
1. conversational encounter
 2. stop and account
 3. stop and search
 4. arrest
- 3.6 The patrolling officer may join the continuum at any stage or may progress from one to four. It is only at stages three and four where a power exists to detain a person.
- 3.7 Stop and search encounters must be recorded in accordance with PACE Code A. The categories of the reasons for stops reported to the Home Office on a quarterly basis cover:
- Stolen property
 - Drugs
 - Firearms
 - Offensive Weapons
 - Going Equipped
 - Criminal Damage
- 3.8 The figures in the appendices show the numbers of people stopped and searched by ethnic appearance from April to September 2009, by Force and BCUs. In total 6970 stop and searches were conducted, of these 6718 (96.4%) were white and 169 (2.4%) of a visible minority ethnic (VME) origin. The remaining 1.2% accounts for searches where ethnic appearance has not been recorded and vehicle only searches.
- 3.9 Of the 6970 people stopped, 1113 (16.0%) were subsequently arrested; 1073 (96.4%) were white and 30 (2.7%) VME. Again the remainder of arrests (0.9%) resulted from searches where ethnic appearance has not been recorded.
- 3.10 The figures in the appendices also show the breakdown of reason for the stop and search and the subsequent reason for by ethnic origin.
- 3.11 The greatest reason for stop and search across the board is for 'going equipped' which accounts for 47.4% (3307) of all stops. This is followed by 'stolen property' at 17.5% (1219).

- 3.12 The majority of arrests resulting from a search were under the category of 'stolen property' 28.6% (318), followed by 'going equipped' 25.5% (284).
- 3.13 Of those of white origin stopped (6718) 16% were subsequently arrested and of the 169 VME stopped, 17.8% were subsequently arrested.
- 3.14 Members have previously requested a breakdown of stop and search figures by age, sex and ethnicity. Due to the large volumes of records of people being stopped, it is not possible to break all this data down by age, sex and ethnicity. However, a dip sample of 121 records has been conducted and the results are shown in the table below:

	White		Asian	Unknown	Total
	Female	Male	Male	Male	
13 – 16	1	32	0	0	33
17 – 20	1	29	0	2	32
21 – 30	1	37	0	0	38
31 – 40	0	14	1	0	15
41 – 50	0	3	0	0	3
Total	3	115	1	2	121

4 Implications

4.1 Financial

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

4.2 Diversity and Equal Opportunities

There are no diversity or equal opportunities implications arising from this report.

4.3 Human Rights Act

There are no Human Rights Act implications arising from this report.

4.4 Sustainability

There are no sustainability implications arising from this report.

4.5 Risk

There are no risk implications arising from this report.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 During the period April to September 2009 the Force carried out 6970 stop and searches, of which 96.4% were white and 2.4% were of a visible minority ethnic origin. Of those stopped and subsequently arrested, 96.4% were white and 2.7% were of VME origin.

5.2 Cleveland Police will continue to monitor the use of stop and search powers across the Force.

Sean Price
Chief Constable

Stop and Search by Ethnic Appearance - Force

April – September 2009

Number of searches by reason for search								
Ethnic Group	Stolen Property	Drugs	Firearms	Offensive Weapons	Going Equipped	Criminal Damage	Other	Total
White	1179	621	17	819	3227	194	661	6718
<i>Black</i>	6	7	-	12	15	-	6	46
<i>Asian</i>	17	18	-	22	37	1	10	105
<i>Other</i>	3	1	1	5	4	-	4	18
Total VME	26	26	1	39	56	1	20	169
Not Recorded	6	5	-	-	20	1	13	49
Vehicle Only Search	8	9	-	7	4	-	6	34
Total	1219	661	18	869	3307	196	700	6970

Number of arrests resulting from searches by reason for arrest								
Ethnic Group	Stolen Property	Drugs	Firearms	Offensive Weapons	Going Equipped	Criminal Damage	Other	Total
White	308	71	4	252	276	53	109	1073
<i>Black</i>	3	2	-	-	2	-	1	8
<i>Asian</i>	5	3	-	6	3	1	-	18
<i>Other</i>	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	4
Total VME	9	5	1	8	5	1	1	30
Not Recorded	1	1	-	2	3	-	2	9
Vehicle Only Search	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	318	77	5	262	284	54	113	1113

Stop and Search by Ethnic Appearance - Hartlepool

April – September 2009

Number of searches by reason for search								
Ethnic Group	Stolen Property	Drugs	Firearms	Offensive Weapons	Going Equipped	Criminal Damage	Other	Total
White	272	159	4	235	593	57	124	1444
Black	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2
Asian	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2
Other	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
Not Recorded	-	-	-	1	4	-	1	6
Vehicle Only Search	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	3
Total	273	161	4	237	600	57	127	1459

Number of arrests resulting from searches by reason for arrest								
Ethnic Group	Stolen Property	Drugs	Firearms	Offensive Weapons	Going Equipped	Criminal Damage	Other	Total
White	69	23	2	71	59	13	18	255
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asian	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not Recorded	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Vehicle Only Search	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	69	24	2	71	60	13	18	257

Stop and Search by Ethnic Appearance - Stockton

April – September 2009

Number of searches by reason for search								
Ethnic Group	Stolen Property	Drugs	Firearms	Offensive Weapons	Going Equipped	Criminal Damage	Other	Total
White	302	169	4	252	837	39	208	1811
Black	1	1	-	2	1	-	2	7
Asian	6	2	-	6	8	1	3	26
Other	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	4
Not Recorded	1	4	-	3	1	1	3	13
Vehicle Only Search	1	4	-	3	1	-	3	12
Total	311	180	5	268	848	41	220	1873

Number of arrests resulting from searches by reason for arrest								
Ethnic Group	Stolen Property	Drugs	Firearms	Offensive Weapons	Going Equipped	Criminal Damage	Other	Total
White	84	17	1	98	74	9	39	286
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Asian	1	-	-	3	-	1	-	4
Other	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Not Recorded	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	3
Vehicle Only Search	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	85	18	2	104	74	10	41	297

Stop and Search by Ethnic Appearance - Middlesbrough

April – September 2009

Number of searches by reason for search								
Ethnic Group	Stolen Property	Drugs	Firearms	Offensive Weapons	Going Equipped	Criminal Damage	Other	Total
White	260	121	1	161	641	33	193	1410
Black	5	4	-	7	10	-	4	30
Asian	11	15	-	10	15	-	7	58
Other	2	1	-	3	-	-	2	8
Not Recorded	3	-	-	-	7	-	5	15
Vehicle Only Search	1	3	-	-	-	-	1	5
Total	282	144	1	181	673	33	212	1526

Number of arrests resulting from searches by reason for arrest								
Ethnic Group	Stolen Property	Drugs	Firearms	Offensive Weapons	Going Equipped	Criminal Damage	Other	Total
White	85	20	-	49	59	10	36	259
Black	3	1	-	-	2	-	-	6
Asian	4	2	-	3	1	-	-	10
Other	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
Not Recorded	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Vehicle Only Search	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	94	23	-	53	62	10	37	279

Stop and Search by Ethnic Appearance – Redcar & Cleveland

April – September 2009

Number of searches by reason for search								
Ethnic Group	Stolen Property	Drugs	Firearms	Offensive Weapons	Going Equipped	Criminal Damage	Other	Total
White	345	172	8	171	1156	65	136	2053
Black	-	1	-	3	3	-	-	7
Asian	-	-	-	6	13	-	-	19
Other	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	4
Not Recorded	2	1	-	-	8	-	4	15
Vehicle Only Search	5	2	-	3	3	-	1	14
Total	353	176	8	183	1186	65	141	2112

Number of arrests resulting from searches by reason for arrest								
Ethnic Group	Stolen Property	Drugs	Firearms	Offensive Weapons	Going Equipped	Criminal Damage	Other	Total
White	70	11	1	34	84	21	16	217
Black	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Asian	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not Recorded	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	3
Vehicle Only Search	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	70	12	1	34	88	21	17	243