

**Report of the Chief Constable to the Chair and Members
of the Operational Policing Panel
26th May 2011**

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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 October 2010 to March 2011.

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 October 2010 to March 2011, by Force and BCUs. In total 16,342 stop and searches were conducted, of these 15,689 (96%) were white and 459 (2.8%) 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 16,342 people stopped, 2247 (13.7%) were subsequently arrested; 2154 (95.9%) were white and 69 (3.1%) VME. Again the remainder of arrests (1%) 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 35.7% (5842) of all stops. This is followed by 'drugs' at 30.3% (4947).
- 3.12 The majority of arrests resulting from a search were under the category of 'stolen property' 24.5% (550) followed by 'going equipped' 23.5% (529).

- 3.13 Of those of white origin stopped (15,689) 13.7% were subsequently arrested and of the 459 VME stopped, 15% were subsequently arrested.

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 October 2010 to March 2011 the Force carried out 16,342 stop and searches, of which 96% were white and 2.8% were of a visible minority ethnic origin. Of those stopped and subsequently arrested, 95.9% were white and 3% were of VME origin.
- 5.2 Cleveland Police will continue to monitor the use of stop and search powers across the Force.

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Stop and Search by Ethnic Appearance - Force

October 2010 – March 2011

Number of searches by reason for search								
Ethnic Group	Stolen Property	Drugs	Firearms	Offensive Weapons	Going Equipped	Criminal Damage	Other	Total
White	2,327	4,602	42	1,417	5,739	291	1,271	15,689
<i>Black</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>148</i>
<i>Asian</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>169</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>279</i>
<i>Other</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>32</i>
Total VME	31	272	2	28	64	-	62	459
Not Recorded	19	45	-	7	34	1	17	123
Vehicle Only Search	13	28	2	1	5	-	22	71
Total	2,390	4,947	46	1,453	5,842	292	1,372	16,342

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	537	443	8	440	514	57	155	2,154
<i>Black</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>Asian</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>40</i>
<i>Other</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>6</i>
Total VME	7	37	-	8	11	-	6	69
Not Recorded	4	4	-	4	4	-	3	19
Vehicle Only Search	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	5
Total	550	484	8	452	529	57	167	2,247

Stop and Search by Ethnic Appearance - Hartlepool

October 2010 – March 2011

Number of searches by reason for search								
Ethnic Group	Stolen Property	Drugs	Firearms	Offensive Weapons	Going Equipped	Criminal Damage	Other	Total
White	942	1,264	19	801	1,652	63	272	5,013
Black	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2
Asian	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
Other	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Not Recorded	8	19	-	4	6	-	-	37
Vehicle Only Search	3	1	-	1	-	-	3	8
Total	953	1,290	19	807	1,659	63	275	5,066

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	224	139	4	233	150	20	34	804
Black	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Not Recorded	1	3	-	2	-	-	-	6
Vehicle Only Search	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Total	227	143	4	236	150	20	34	814

Stop and Search by Ethnic Appearance - Stockton

October 2010 – March 2011

Number of searches by reason for search								
Ethnic Group	Stolen Property	Drugs	Firearms	Offensive Weapons	Going Equipped	Criminal Damage	Other	Total
White	508	1,019	15	223	1,131	40	307	3,243
Black	3	12	-	1	6	-	2	24
Asian	5	48	2	9	8	-	8	80
Other	1	3	-	1	1	-	1	7
Not Recorded	3	5	-	-	10	-	4	22
Vehicle Only Search	2	7	1	-	-	-	4	14
Total	522	1,094	18	234	1,156	40	326	3,390

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	138	91	-	89	97	7	44	466
Black	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	5
Asian	2	4	-	1	-	-	1	8
Other	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Not Recorded	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Vehicle Only Search	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	143	98	-	91	97	7	45	481

Stop and Search by Ethnic Appearance - Middlesbrough

October 2010 – March 2011

Number of searches by reason for search								
Ethnic Group	Stolen Property	Drugs	Firearms	Offensive Weapons	Going Equipped	Criminal Damage	Other	Total
White	522	1,470	1	133	1,436	41	445	4,048
Black	6	68	-	9	9	-	18	110
Asian	11	107	-	5	28	-	27	178
Other	2	12	-	1	3	-	4	22
Not Recorded	4	16	-	2	9	1	9	41
Vehicle Only Search	6	11	1	-	3	-	5	26
Total	551	1,684	2	150	1,488	42	508	4,425

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	98	140	1	43	120	9	48	459
Black	-	11	-	1	1	-	3	16
Asian	2	15	-	3	8	-	2	30
Other	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	3
Not Recorded	2	-	-	2	1	-	2	7
Vehicle Only Search	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Total	103	167	1	29	131	9	58	518

Stop and Search by Ethnic Appearance – Redcar & Cleveland

October 2010 – March 2011

Number of searches by reason for search								
Ethnic Group	Stolen Property	Drugs	Firearms	Offensive Weapons	Going Equipped	Criminal Damage	Other	Total
White	355	849	7	260	1,520	147	247	3,385
Black	1	6	-	-	4	-	1	12
Asian	2	10	-	-	4	-	1	17
Other	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Not Recorded	4	5	-	1	9	-	4	23
Vehicle Only Search	2	9	-	-	2	-	10	23
Total	264	879	7	262	1,539	147	263	3,461

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	77	73	3	75	147	21	29	425
Black	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Asian	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Other	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Not Recorded	-	1	-	-	3	-	1	5
Vehicle Only Search	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	77	76	3	76	151	21	30	434