

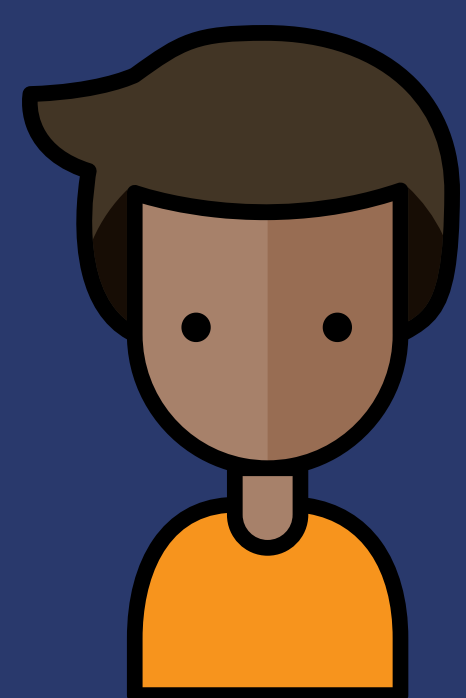
# Stop and Search Information

April 2021 - March 2022



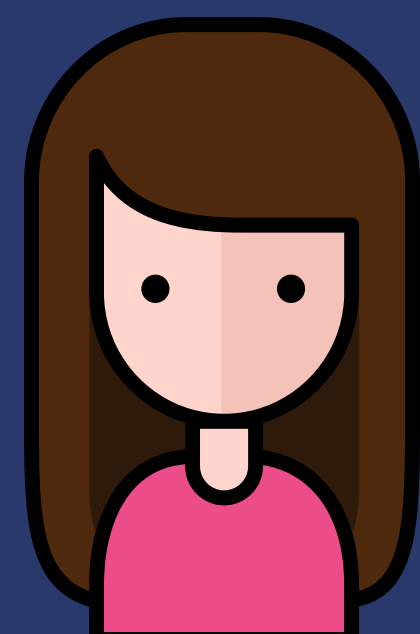
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## What is Stop and Search?



Why do the police stop and search people?

To help **detect** and **prevent crime** in the local community without having to arrest first



Why was I stop and searched?

An officer may suspect that you're carrying something **illegal**, **stolen** or **are involved in criminal acts**

## What happens if I am stopped?



### STOP

You must remain with the officer - it's the law!



### EXPLAIN

Officers will tell you who they are, why they are stopping you and what they're looking for.



### ANSWER AND ASK

Officers will ask questions about yourself including your self defined ethnicity. This is important to know which communities are affected.



### SEARCH

Searches in public view are limited to removing Jacket, Outer coat and Gloves (JOG) only. Anything beyond this will be in private with an appropriate adult present



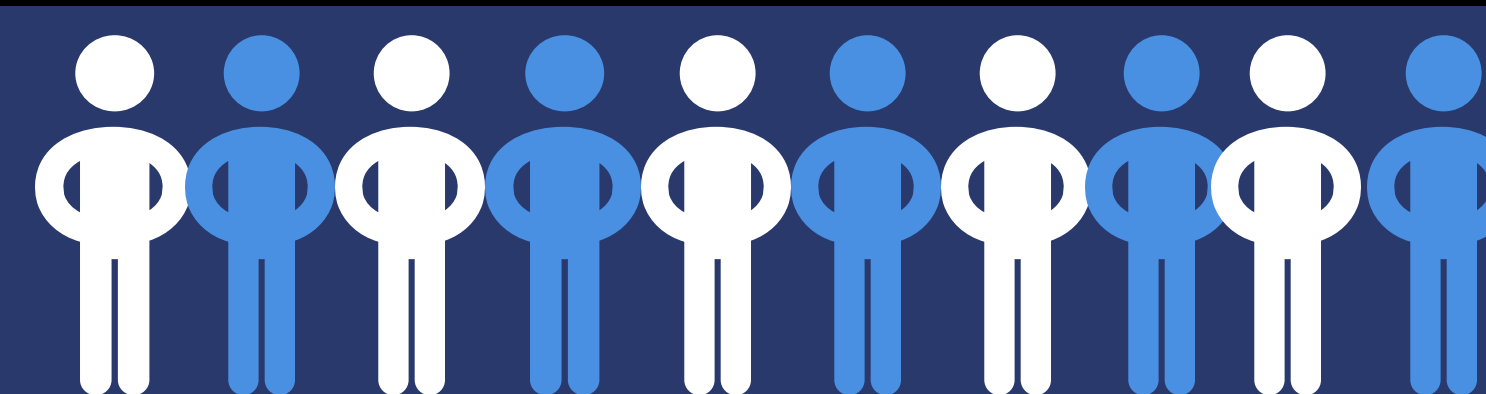
### RESULT

Search completed and appropriate action taken or you're free to go.

## Headlines



Stop Searches conducted on **Under 25s (U25)**



This equates to

**52.0%**

of all stop searches where age was known

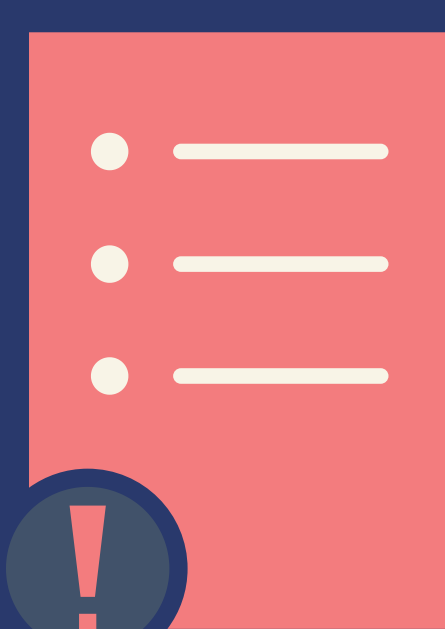
**61.0%**

of all U25 stop searches were in relation to **Misuse of drugs**



**39.4%**

of all U25 stop searches resulted in **Police Action**



# Who was searched?

## Gender

| Male         | Female | Unknown |
|--------------|--------|---------|
| <b>87.8%</b> | 10.7%  | 1.5%    |

## Age Range

| 10-17 | 18-24        |
|-------|--------------|
| 42.8% | <b>57.2%</b> |

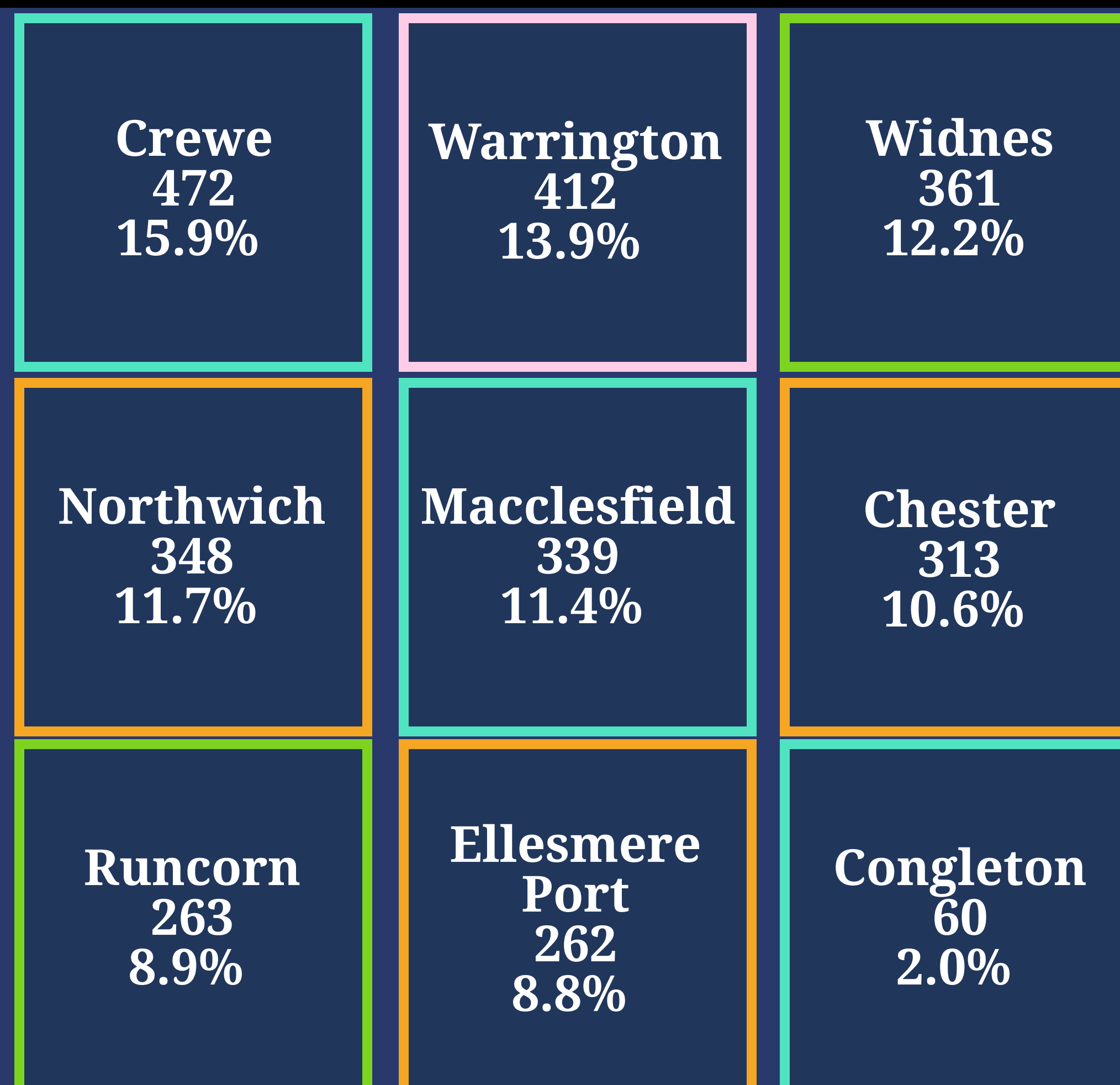
## Self Defined Ethnicity

| White        | Ethnic Minorities | Not Stated |
|--------------|-------------------|------------|
| <b>79.4%</b> | 4.5%              | 16.0%      |

\*Self Defined Ethnicity information does not have to be provided\*

# Where did searches occur?

Areas below refer to Local Policing Units (LPU)

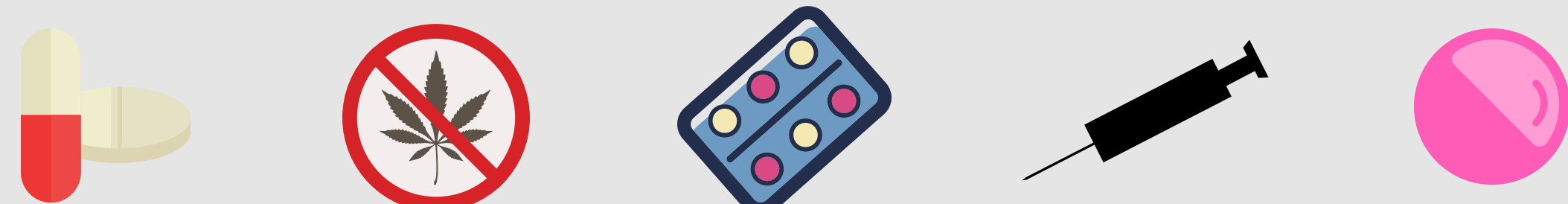


132 stop searches (4.5%) had a search location recorded as Other. These are comprised of no search location, out of force and motorways.

# What legislation was used?

The most common legislation used for stop searches conducted was

**Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (section 23)**



accounting for **61.0%** of stop searches

followed by

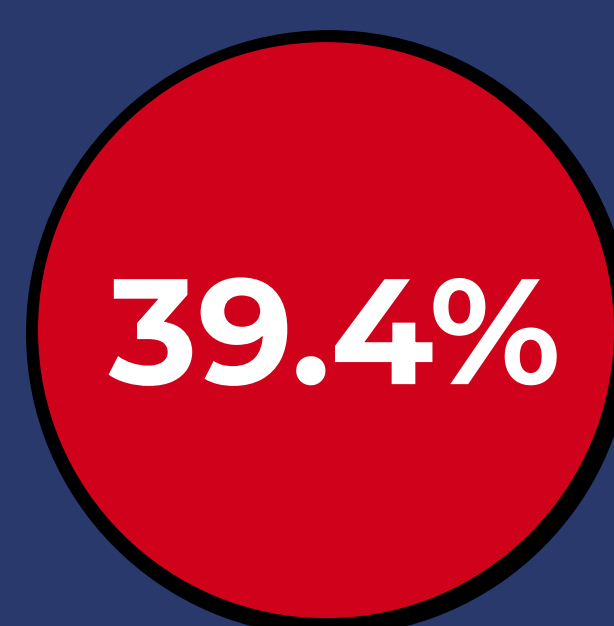
**Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (section 1)**

accounting for **37.4%** of stop searches

\*1.5% of stop searches were conducted under other legislation

# What happened?

Searches resulted in:



Police action taken

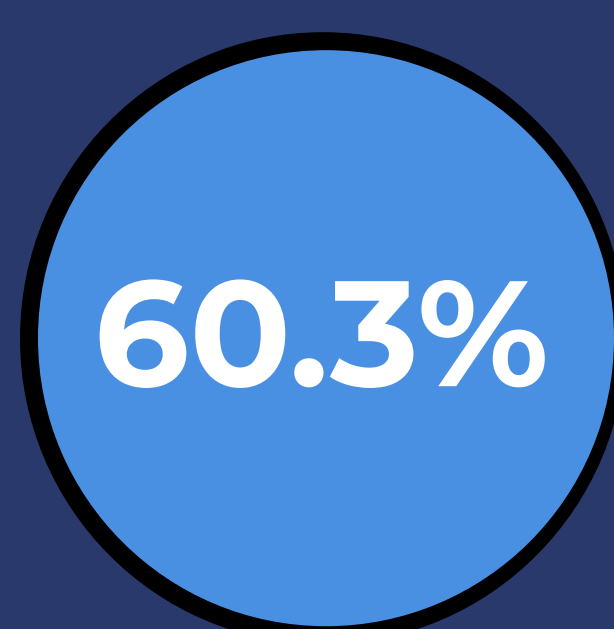
Arrest



Community Resolution



Warning/ Caution



No further action

\*0.3% of stop searches conducted had no outcome at the time of data collation

# Remember!



The Stop and Search will take place immediately, without a parent/guardian present



Stop Searches will be recorded on body worn video cameras



Ask for a receipt afterwards - it's your right!

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