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EXPOSURE OF INTIMATE PARTS (EIP) STOP SEARCHES



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CAVEATS

The data in the following report only includes data that have 'Cheshire Constabulary' recorded as the owning agency.

The data in the following report was run on 15/04/2024 and will therefore be subject to change in line with updates made to the source system.

There are a number of other caveats specific to this data set. These have been referenced throughout the report where appropriate and should be taken into consideration when reviewing the information presented.

In the following report the term Action Taken is referred to. The definition of Action Taken has been taken from the HMICFRS PEEL Digital Analysis Pack and refers to the following outcomes:

Action Taken: Arrest, Caution, Community Resolution, Drug Warning, Other Action, Seizure of property and summons.

HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS

This information has been provided for a specific policing purpose: please consider this when making decisions about further dissemination.

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EXPOSURE OF INTIMATE PARTS (EIP) (STRIP SEARCH) STOP SEARCHES: 1 APRIL 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024

INTRODUCTION

For the purposes of this report, only those stop searches that have been recorded as ‘EIP - Search exposing intimate parts of the body’ under the ‘Removal of more than outer clothing’ field within PIPs have been counted. The information has been provided for the Police Accountability Meeting.

METHOD

The data in this report was extracted from Cheshire Constabulary’s crime recording system (Niche) via Power Bi on 15/04/2024. The data is then processed in Microsoft Excel and analysed for trends and exceptions.

1. EIP STOP SEARCH VOLUMES

Between April 23 to March 24, there were 115 EIP Stop Searches which is 0.9% of all searches in the period, although this ranged monthly from 0.2% (March 2024) to 1.5% (August 2023). All 115 searches were for the purpose of Controlled Drugs.

The most EIP Stop searches took place in the Northern Area, with Widnes (28) & Warrington (17) LPU’s recording the majority of these. The East (34) & West (28) recorded similar volumes of EIP searches. Chester LPU (16) recorded the most EIP searches in the West whereas all Eastern LPU’s recorded similar volumes; Congleton (13), Crewe (9) & Macclesfield (12). The searches with ‘No Location’ relate to searches in Widnes (June & October) & Chester (August).

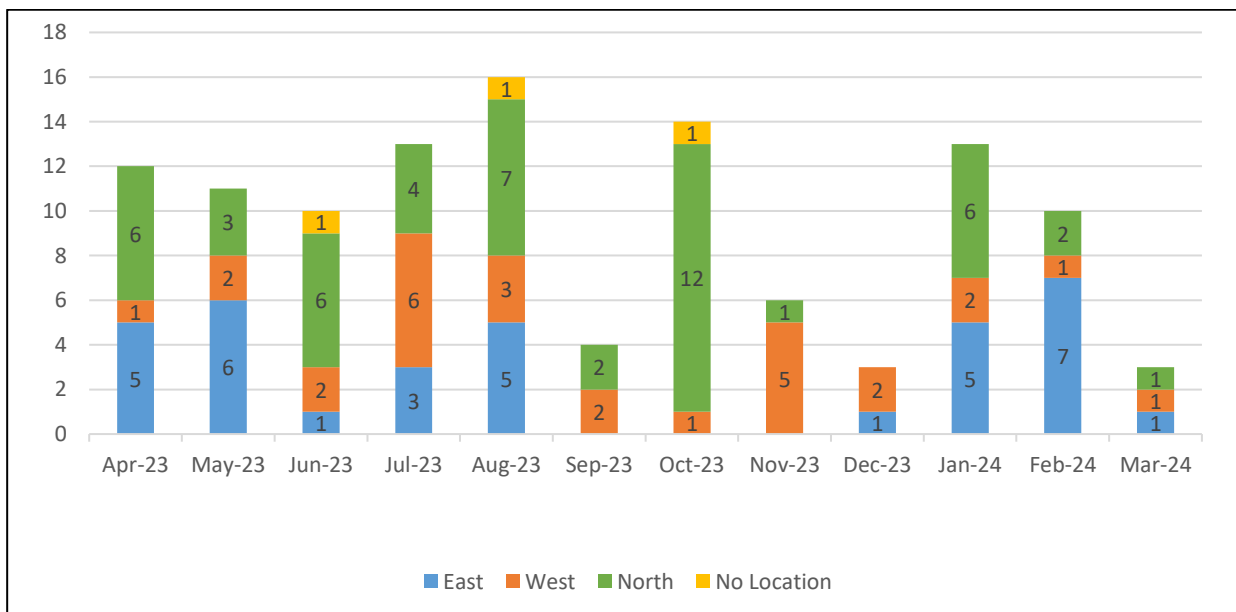


Figure 1: Monthly break down of EIP stop searches by Area Apr 23 – Mar 24

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2. OBJECT FOUND

48.7% of EIP searches in the period resulted in the object linked to the search being found. This, however, ranged from 20.0% (February 2024) to 100.0% (March 2024).

EIP Search	2023									2024			Total
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
EIP Search	12	11	10	13	16	4	14	6	3	13	10	3	115
Object found	5	4	5	7	11	1	7	3	1	7	2	3	56
% where Object found	41.7%	36.4%	50.0%	53.8%	68.8%	25.0%	50.0%	50.0%	33.3%	53.8%	20.0%	100.0%	48.7%

Figure 2: % Object Found by Month Apr 23 – Mar 24

3. AGE RANGE AND GENDER

4 individuals (3x Male, 1x Female) subject to an EIP search were under 18: 1x in August in Warrington (Creamfields), 1x in October in Widnes, 1x Crewe in February & 1x in Warrington in March. The highest number of individuals subject to an EIP search were Males aged 18 to 24 (29, 19.2%).

Age Range	Male	Female	Unknown	Total
10 to 17	3	1		4
18 to 24	29	2		31
25 to 34	26	7		33
35 and over	29	16		45
N/A	1		1	2
Total	88	26	1	115

Figure 3: EIP stop searches broken down by Age Range and Gender Apr 23 – Mar 24

4. SELF-DEFINED ETHNICITY

76.5% (88) of individuals subject to an EIP stop search self-defined as White.

Self-Defined Ethnic Group	Total	Per 1000 Pop
White	88	0.09
Not Stated	12	N/A
Mixed	8	0.46
Black	4	0.60
Asian	2	0.08
Other Ethnic Group	1	0.13
Total	115	0.10

Figure 4: EIP stop searches broken down by self-defined ethnicity Apr 23 – Mar 24

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5. OUTCOMES

Positive police action was taken against 60 (52.2%) individuals subject to an EIP search. From the 15 EIP searches on those who self-defined from a Diverse Community Group, 11 (73.3%) led to Arrest.

Object of Search		Controlled Drugs	Total
Action Taken	Arrest	39	39
	Community Resolution	11	11
	Other Positive Outcome	8	8
	Summons / Charge by Post	1	1
	Voluntary Attendance	1	1
No Further Action	Article Found-Detailed Outcome Unavailable	1	1
	Item Found-NFA	1	1
	Nothing Found - No Further Action	53	53
Total		115	115

Figure 5: EIP stop searches broken down by Outcome Apr 23 – Mar 24