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# EXPOSURE OF INTIMATE PARTS (EIP) STOP SEARCHES



OCTOBER 2022 – SEPTEMBER 2023 (12 MONTHS)

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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 01/11/2023 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.

## **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 OCTOBER 2022 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**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 01/11/2023.

The data is then processed in Microsoft Excel and analysed for trends and exceptions.

**1. EIP STOP SEARCH NUMBERS**

Between September 22 to October 23, there were 151 EIP Stop Searches which is 1.1% of all searches in the period, although this ranged from 0.5% (September) to 1.7% (March 2023). 150 (99.3%) were for the purpose of Controlled Drugs.

41.1% of EIP searches in the period resulted in the object linked to the search being found. This, however, ranged from 14.3% (January 2023) to 68.8% (August 2023).

| EIP Search           | 2022  |       |       | 2023  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | Total |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                      | Oct   | Nov   | Dec   | Jan   | Feb   | Mar   | Apr   | May   | Jun   | Jul   | Aug   | Sep   |       |
| EIP Search           | 15    | 14    | 6     | 7     | 20    | 23    | 12    | 11    | 10    | 13    | 16    | 4     | 151   |
| Object found         | 4     | 4     | 3     | 1     | 4     | 13    | 5     | 4     | 5     | 7     | 11    | 1     | 62    |
| % where Object found | 26.7% | 28.6% | 50.0% | 14.3% | 20.0% | 56.5% | 41.7% | 36.4% | 50.0% | 53.8% | 68.8% | 25.0% | 41.1% |

Table 1: Monthly break down of EIP stop searches Oct 22 – Sep 23

**2. AGE RANGE AND GENDER**

3 individuals subject to an EIP search were under 18, 2x in March 2023 both in Crewe & 1x in August 2023 in Warrington, specifically Creamfields Festival. The highest number of individuals subject to an EIP search were **males** aged **24 to 34** (44, 29.1%).

| Age Range          | Male       | Female    | Unknown  | Grand Total |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 10 to 17           | 3          |           |          | 3           |
| 18 to 24           | 33         | 3         |          | 36          |
| 25 to 34           | 44         | 5         |          | 49          |
| 35 and over        | 42         | 16        | 1        | 59          |
| N/A                | 3          |           | 1        | 4           |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>125</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>151</b>  |

Table 1: EIP stop searches broken down by Age Range and Gender Oct 22 – Sep 23

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**3. SELF-DEFINED ETHNICITY**

73.5% (111) of individuals subject to an EIP stop search self-defined as **White**.

| Self Defined Ethnic Group | Total      |
|---------------------------|------------|
| White                     | 111        |
| Mixed                     | 7          |
| Asian                     | 3          |
| Black                     | 3          |
| Not Stated                | 27         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>        | <b>151</b> |

*Table 3: EIP stop searches broken down by self-defined ethnicity Oct 22 – Sep 23*

**4. OUTCOME**

Positive police action was taken against 85 (56.3%) individuals subject to an EIP search. From the 13 EIP searches on those who self-defined from a Diverse Community Group, 10 (76.9%) led to Arrest.

| Object of Search |   | Controlled Drugs | Articles intended for use in connection with Criminal Damage | Grand Total |
|------------------|---|------------------|--|-------------|
| Outcome          | Arrest                                      | 53               |  | 53          |
|                  | Item Found- NFA/Advice Given                | 15               | 1  | 16          |
|                  | Community Resolution                        | 11               |  | 11          |
|                  | Article Found- Detailed Outcome Unavailable | 3                |  | 3           |
|                  | Other Positive Outcome                      | 1                |  | 1           |
|                  | Summons / charge by post                    | 1                |  | 1           |
|                  | Nothing found - No further action           | 66               |  | 66          |
| <b>Total</b>     |   | <b>150</b>       | <b>1</b>   | <b>151</b>  |

*Table 2: EIP stop searches broken down by Outcome Oct 22 – Sep 23*