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STOP SEARCH REPORT: 1 JANUARY 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023 (i.e. 365 calendar days)

INTRODUCTION

The Force records the total number of stop search reports added to Niche per month. For the purposes of this report, stop search data is separated into two sections: Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE), Code A and Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 (Section 60) stop searches. 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 15/01/2024.

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

SUMMARY

a) Part 1 – All Stop Searches

- There were 14,562 stop searches.
- Police Action was taken in 28.7% (4,177) of stop searches.
- 13.7% (1,997) of stop searches with an outcome resulted in Arrest.
- 62.0% (9,032) of stop searches were for Controlled Drugs.
- The highest number of stop searches were conducted in Warrington LPU (2,767, 20.9%).
- Of the individuals stop searched, 82.6% (12,032) were Male; 79.5% (11,583) self-defined as White; and 21.4% (3,122) were aged 18-24.
- The stop search rate per 1,000 population is highest for individuals whose Self Defined Ethnic Group was Black or Black British (43.8 Stop Searches/1,000 pop). This is 3.9 times greater than the equivalent rate for individuals defined as White (11.2 per 1,000 pop).
- During the 12-month period ending December 2023, 24.4% (3,553) of all stop searches (14,562) resulted in an outcome that is linked to the Object of the Search. The number of stop searches that are linked to the Object of the Search are higher for those whose self-defined ethnicity is Asian (29.8%) and Mixed (30.4%).

b) Part 2 – Section 60 Stop Searches

- There were 159 stop searches which were conducted under Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, these were conducted in:
Eastern Area: Congleton (90), Crewe (23)
Western Area: Ellesmere Port (13) & Chester (4)
Northern Area: Warrington (27)
No Location (2)
- In most searches (139, 87.4%), Nothing found- No Further Action was the outcome. Police Action was taken in 10.7% of searches (27) with 'Other Positive Outcome' (10) being the highest Action Taken outcome.

PART 1

1. FORCE STOP SEARCH VOLUMES AND RATES

a) FORCE STOP SEARCH TREND (JANUARY 2022 – DECEMBER 2023)

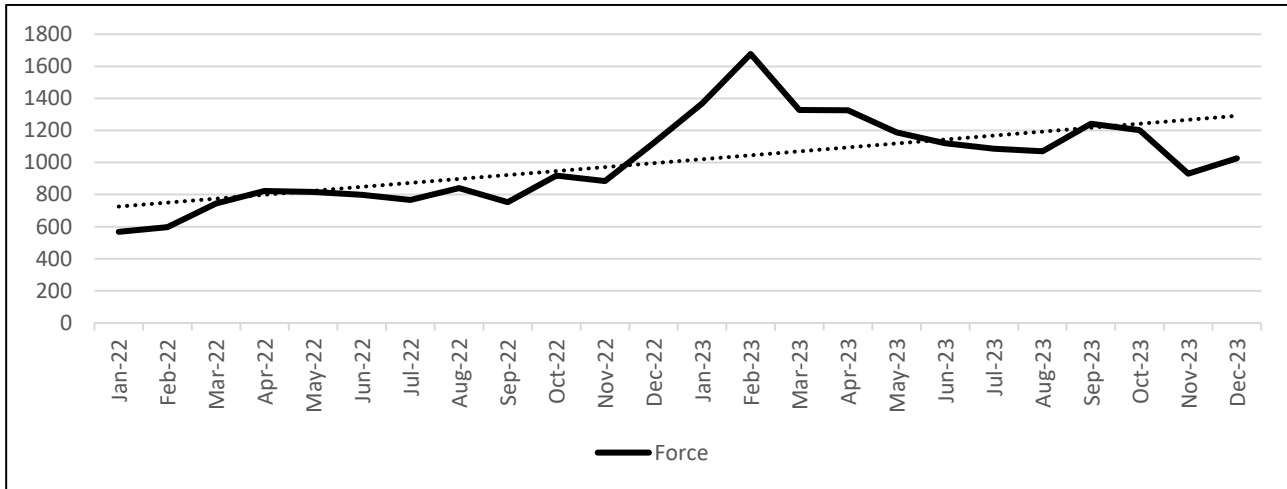


Figure 1: Force Stop Search Volumes (Jan 22-Dec 23)

The total number of stop searches recorded has increased (+4,930, +51.2%) when comparing 12 months to Dec 2023 (14,562) with 12 months to Dec 2022 (9,632). There was an average of 803 stop searches per month in the year ending December 2022 compared to an average of 1,214 stop searches per month in the year ending December 2023.

b) FORCE STOP SEARCH TREND (JANUARY 2023 – DECEMBER 2023)

Between January 2023 and December 2023, there were 14,562 stop searches recorded. There has been an overall downward trend over this time, with a reduction in volume (-239, -7.0%) recorded in the latest quarter (3,159) compared to the previous quarter (3,398). The latest quarter is an increase in volume (+234, +8.0%) compared to the same period last year (Oct 22- Dec 22) (2,925).

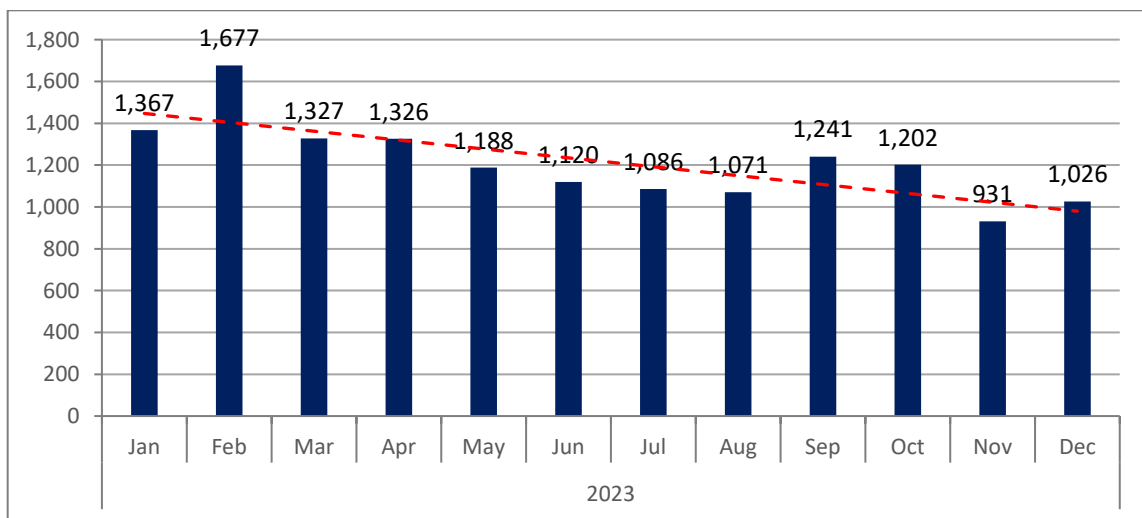


Figure 2: Monthly Stop Search Volumes Jan 23 – Dec 23

c) DAILY STOP SEARCH RATES

As expected from the volume of stop searches during this period, the trend of the daily stop search rate per month has decreased over the latest 12 months. For the 12 months to December 2023, the number of stop searches per day was 39.9 compared to approximately 26.4 stop searches per day during 12 months to December 2022. As can be seen below, this ranged from 59.9 at its peak in February 2023 to its lowest at 31.0 in November 2023.

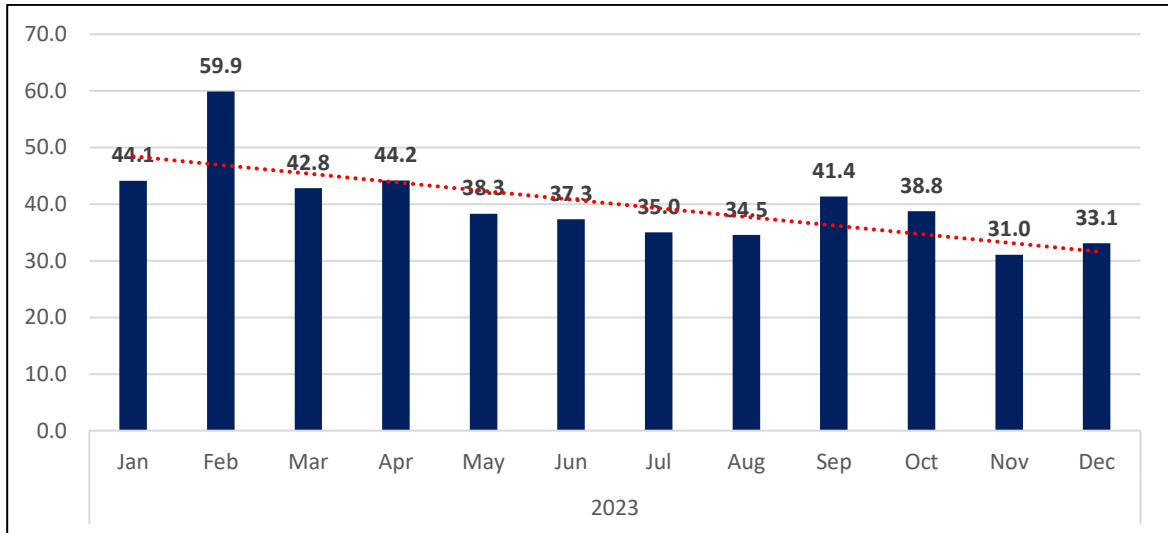


Figure 3: Daily Stop Search Rate Per Month Jan 23 – Dec 23

d) STOP SEARCHES BY DAY OF WEEK

The most stop searches took place on a Saturday (2,771, 19.0%) followed by a Friday (2,255, 15.5%). The least number of stop searches were conducted on a Tuesday (1,773, 12.2%). The Eastern Area (1,766, 45.9%) conducted a lower volume and % of stop searches between Friday-Saturday compared to the Western (1,848, 52.9%) & Northern (3,214, 49.6%) Areas.

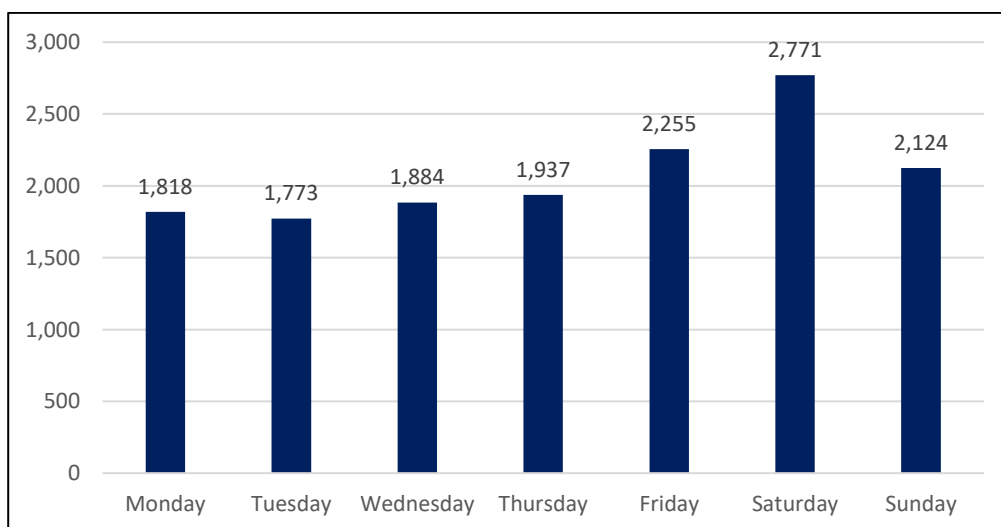


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2. AREA STOP SEARCH VOLUMES AND RATES

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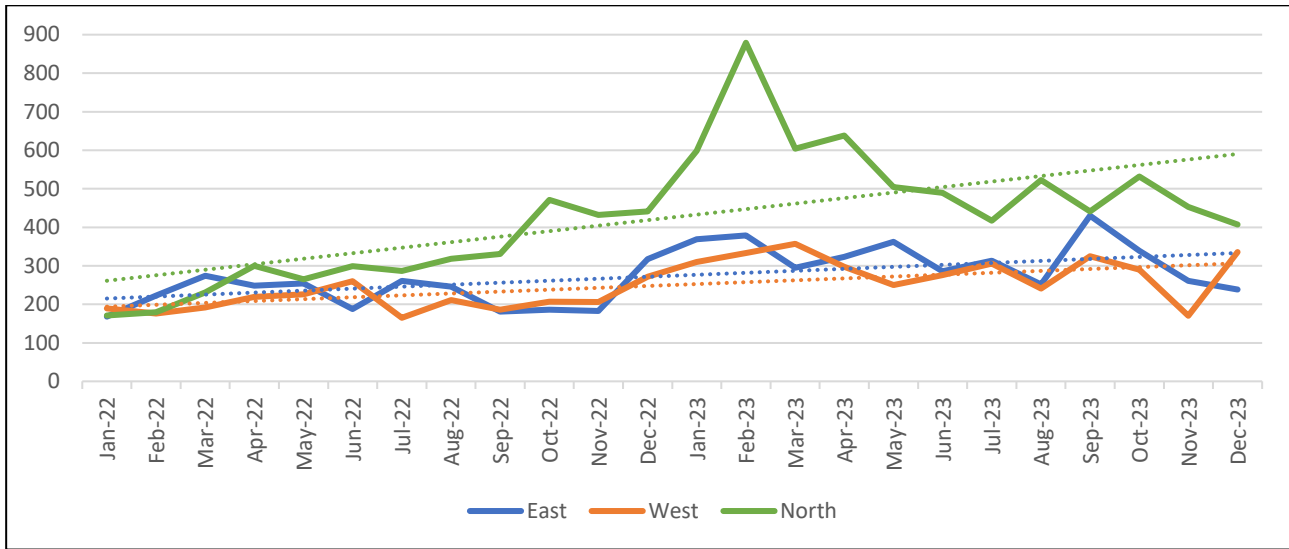


Figure 5: Area Stop Search Volumes (Jan 22-Dec 23)

All Areas have seen increases over the latest 12 months, most notably the North (+2,760, +74.1%). In the most recent quarter, the Northern Area (1,392) have seen the largest volume of stop searches. The North were the only Area to record an increase in volume compared to the previous quarter: North (+11, +0.8%), East (-157, -15.8%), & West (-76, -8.7%).

b) LOCATION OF STOP SEARCHES

The largest number of stop searches occurred in Warrington (2,767, 19.0%), Runcorn (2,140, 14.7%) and Chester (1,812, 12.4%). Warrington LPU has seen the large increase (+1,348, +95.0%) in stop searches between the years ending December 2022 & 2023.

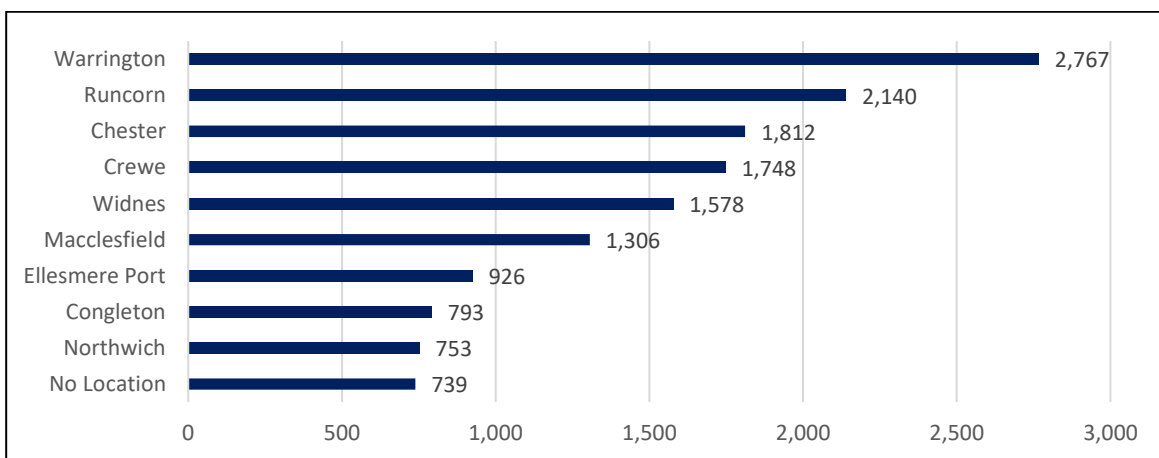


Figure 6: Location of Stop Searches Jan 23 – Dec 23

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c) STOP SEARCH LOCATION- PERIOD COMPARISON

Stop Search	12-Month Vol.		Quarter Vol.		Month Vol.	
	Previous	Latest	Previous	Latest	Previous	Latest
Force	9,632	14,562	3,398	3,159	931	1,026
East	2,729	3,847	995	838	261	238
<i>Congleton</i>	521	793	255	174	52	52
<i>Crewe</i>	1,309	1,748	435	338	112	102
<i>Macclesfield</i>	899	1,306	305	326	97	84
North	3,725	6,485	1,381	1,392	453	407
<i>Runcorn</i>	1,332	2,140	401	450	145	130
<i>Warrington</i>	1,419	2,767	658	646	234	198
<i>Widnes</i>	974	1,578	322	296	74	79
West	2,509	3,491	872	796	170	336
<i>Chester</i>	1,144	1,812	482	476	99	234
<i>Ellesmere Port</i>	610	926	204	171	34	56
<i>Northwich</i>	755	753	186	149	37	46
Stop Search	Volume and % Change					
	12-Months		Quarter		Month	
Force	4,930	51.2%	-239	-7.0%	95	10.2%
East	1,118	41.0%	-157	-15.8%	-23	-8.8%
<i>Congleton</i>	272	52.2%	-81	-31.8%	0	0.0%
<i>Crewe</i>	439	33.5%	-97	-22.3%	-10	-8.9%
<i>Macclesfield</i>	407	45.3%	21	6.9%	-13	-13.4%
North	2,760	74.1%	11	0.8%	-46	-10.2%
<i>Runcorn</i>	808	60.7%	49	12.2%	-15	-10.3%
<i>Warrington</i>	1,348	95.0%	-12	-1.8%	-36	-15.4%
<i>Widnes</i>	604	62.0%	-26	-8.1%	5	6.8%
West	982	39.1%	-76	-8.7%	166	97.6%
<i>Chester</i>	668	58.4%	-6	-1.2%	135	136.4%
<i>Ellesmere Port</i>	316	51.8%	-33	-16.2%	22	64.7%
<i>Northwich</i>	-2	-0.3%	-37	-19.9%	9	24.3%

Figure 7: Stop Search Period Comparison Jan 23 – Dec 23

Points of note:

- Northwich LPU were the only Force Area to not record an increase in stop search volume in the year ending December 2023 compared to December 2022.
- Chester LPU recorded 234 stop searches in December 2023, the highest monthly volume recorded from April 2020.
- Macclesfield (+21, +6.9%) & Runcorn (49, +12.2%) LPUs were the only LPUs to record an increase in stop searches over the latest quarter.

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3. OBJECT OF SEARCH, LEGISLATION, OUTCOMES & POSITIVE OUTCOMES

a) OBJECT OF SEARCH & LEGISLATION USED

The majority of stop searches recorded during this period were for Controlled Drugs (9,032, 62.0%).

Object of Search	Legislation Used							Grand Total
	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (\$23)	PACE 1984 (\$1)	Criminal Justice & Public Order Act 1994 (\$60)	Firearms Act 1968 (\$47)	Other**	Terrorism Act 2000 (\$43)	Not Stated	
Controlled Drugs	9,003	26			3			9,032
Offensive Weapons	3	1,457	158		1			1,619
Articles intended for use in connection with theft	1	1,531	1					1,533
Stolen Property & Goods	2	876			1			879
Articles intended for use in Criminal Damage	3	744						747
Bladed or Sharply Pointed Articles		557						557
Firearms		9		90				99
Fireworks		71						71
Other*	1	7			8			16
Terrorism Act (\$43) Only		1				5		6
Not Stated							3	3
Grand Total	9,013	5,279	159	90	13	5	3	14,562

Figure 8: Stop Search Volumes by Object of Search & Legislation Jan 23 – Dec 23

*Other= Intoxicating Liquor (6), Wildlife Offences (4), Unlawful Imports/Exports (3), Articles Made or Adapted for Offence (2), Psychoactive Substances (1)

Other**= (3) Aviation Security Act 1982 (\$27), Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (\$19) (2) Criminal Justice Act 1988 (\$139B) (1) Psychoactive Substances Act 2016 (\$36), Police Reform Act 2002 (\$4), Public Stores Act 1875 (\$6), Customs & Excise Management Act 1979 (\$163), Poaching Prevention Act 1862 (\$2)

b) OUTCOMES

The most common outcome was 'Nothing Found- No Further Action (9,460, 65.0%). Police action was taken in 28.7% of searches (4,177) with 13.7% (1,997) of stop searches resulting in Arrest. In 16 stop searches no outcome was recorded which will affect police action taken.

Stop Searches by Outcome: January 2023 to December 2023			Total	% Split
Generalised Outcome	Detailed Outcome			
Police Action Taken	Arrest		1,997	13.7%
	Community Resolution		1,511	10.4%
	Other Positive Outcome		432	3.0%
	ASB Dispersal/Warning/Removal of U16		91	0.6%
	Summons / charge by post		62	0.4%
	Voluntary Attendance		46	0.3%
	Other *		38	0.3%
Nothing Found - NFA	Nothing found - No further action		9,460	65.0%
	Item found - No Further action / advice given		766	5.3%
	Article found - Detailed outcome unavailable		143	1.0%
No Outcome Recorded	No Outcome Recorded		16	0.1%
Grand Total			14,562	

Figure 9: Stop Search Volumes by Outcome Jan 23 – Dec 23

*Other = Caution (14), Khat or Cannabis Warning (12), Alcohol Seized (10), Postal Requisition (1), Discretionary Resolution (1)

c) POSITIVE OUTCOMES

For the period of Jan 23 to Dec 23, the percentage of stop searches which resulted in police action was 28.7%, although this ranged from 22.5% in February to 35.2% in December. Overall, the percentage of action taken has shown an overall upward trajectory. Over the latest quarter action taken has been higher (32.5%) compared to the previous quarter (30.2%). The Northern Area (27.8%) had the lowest action taken over the latest quarter: Western (33.3%) & Eastern (40.1%).

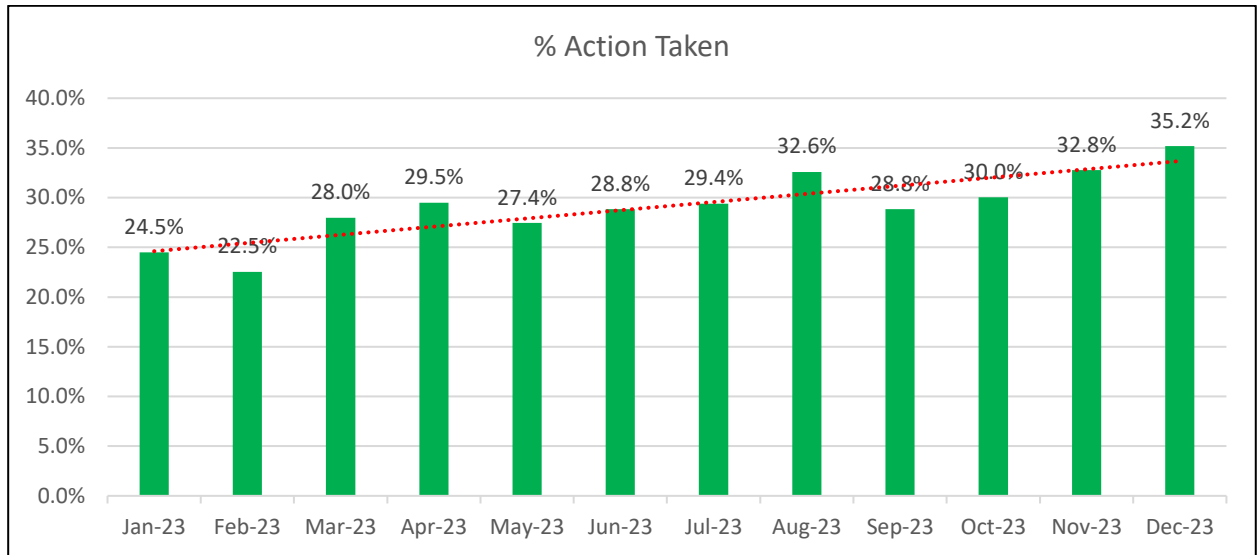


Figure 10: Percentage of Stop Searches Resulting in Police Action Taken Jan 23 – Dec 23

Overall, there is a downward trend for stop searches resulting specifically in arrest (13.7%) for the 12-month period. The lowest percentage for arrests specifically was in September 2023 (12.0%) with all Areas recording a low arrest rate. The arrest rate in the most recent quarter (12.8%) a small increase compared to the previous quarter (12.6%).

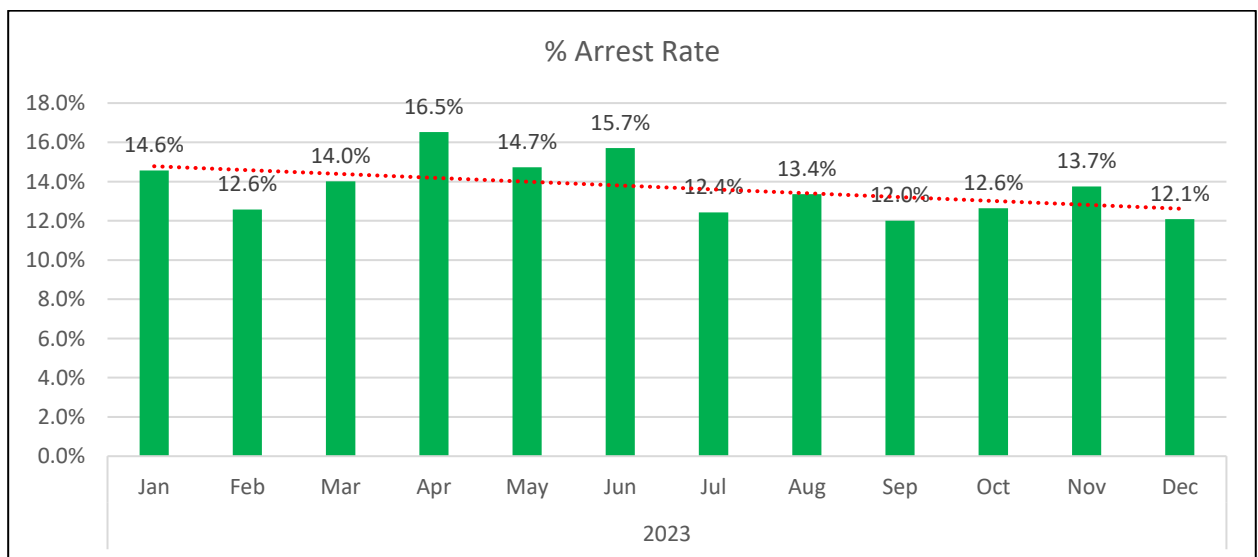


Figure 11: Percentage of PACE Code A Stop Searches Resulting in Arrest Jan 23 – Dec 23

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4. PERSON ATTRIBUTES

a) AGE RANGE/GENDER

Of the total number of stop searches, 21.1% (3,122) were Males aged between 18 and 24. There were 3 stop searches relating to 2x persons who were aged under 10 years old. These were conducted in May in Ellesmere Port LPU and more recently in July & December in Runcorn LPU both of which were conducted on the same individual.

Age Range	Gender			Grand Total
	Male	Female	Unknown	
Under 10	3	0	0	3
10-17 Years Old	2,950	447	81	3,478
18-24 Years Old	3,122	531	58	3,711
25-34 Years Old	2,514	331	35	2,880
35-44 Years Old	1,802	326	9	2,137
45-54 Years Old	913	194	5	1,112
55-64 Years Old	286	33	1	320
65+	64	7	3	74
N/A	378	39	430	847
Grand Total	12,032	1,908	622	14,562

Figure 12: Stop Search Volumes by Age Range & Gender Jan 23 – Dec 23

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b) SELF-DEFINED ETHNICITY

Number of Stop Searches per 1,000 population

The highest stop search rate per 1,000 population was for individuals whose Self Defined Ethnic Group was Black or Black British (43.8 Stop searches/1000 pop). This is 3.9 times greater than the equivalent rate for individuals defined as White (11.2 searches/1000 pop), almost identical to the year ending December 2022 (3.8). Most stop searches conducted on those with an SDE of Black or Black British were in the East (114, 39.3%). In the most recent quarter, the Western Area (19) recorded the highest quarterly volume of searches on persons with a Black SDE within their respective Area. Overall, the number of individuals stop searched from Diverse Community Groups was low (956, 6.6%). However, 13.9% (2,023) of stop searched individuals were categorised as Not Stated which impacts the results. Since the introduction of the new stop search app the volume of 'Not Stated' SDE has reduced. In the most recent quarter only 249 (7.9%) of all stop searches had an SDE of 'Not Stated' compared to 329 (9.7%) in the previous quarter.

During the latest quarter there were 283 stop searches on persons from a Diverse Community Group (DCG). From these 283 stop searches:

- 133 (47.0%) were Cheshire Residents
- 132 (46.6%) were Non-Cheshire Residents
- 18 (6.4%) had no recorded address

Self-Defined Ethnic Group	Self-Defined Ethnicities	Total	Population (2021 Census)	Stop Searches per 1000 pop
White	White - White British (W1)	10,764	989,198	10.9
	White - White Irish (W2)	183	7,261	25.2
	White - Gypsy/Traveller (W3)	42	905	46.4
	White - Roma (W4)	0	874	0.0
	White - Any other White ethnic background (W9)	594	39,947	14.9
White Total		11,583	1,038,185	11.2
Asian or Asian British	Asian or Asian British - Indian (A1)	17	8,540	2.0
	Asian or Asian British - Pakistani (A2)	63	3,978	15.8
	Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi (A3)	10	1,623	6.2
	Asian or Asian British - Chinese (A4)	7	4,624	1.5
	Asian or Asian British - Any other Asian ethnic background (A9)	94	6,387	14.7
Asian or Asian British Total		191	25,152	7.6
Black or Black British	Black or Black British - Caribbean (B1)	45	1,342	33.5
	Black or Black British - African (B2)	100	4,355	23.0
	Black or Black British - Any other Black ethnic background (B9)	145	919	157.8
Black or Black British Total		290	6,616	43.8
Mixed	Mixed - White and Black Caribbean (M1)	55	4,448	12.4
	Mixed - White and Black African (M2)	34	2,723	12.5
	Mixed - White and Asian (M3)	49	6,099	8.0
	Mixed - Any other Mixed ethnic background (M9)	142	4,206	33.8
Mixed Total		280	17,476	16.0
Other Ethnic Group	Any other ethnic Group - Arab (O2)	25	1,938	12.9
	Other ethnic group - Any other ethnic group (O9)	170	6,005	28.3
Any Other Ethnic Group Total		195	7,943	24.5
Not Stated	Not Stated (NS)	2,023	0	0.0
Not Stated Total		2,023	0	0.0
Grand Total		14,562	1,095,372	13.3

Figure 13: Stop Search Volumes by Self-Defined Ethnicity Jan 23 – Dec 23

c) DIVERSE COMMUNITY GROUP & NOT STATED SDE SEARCHES

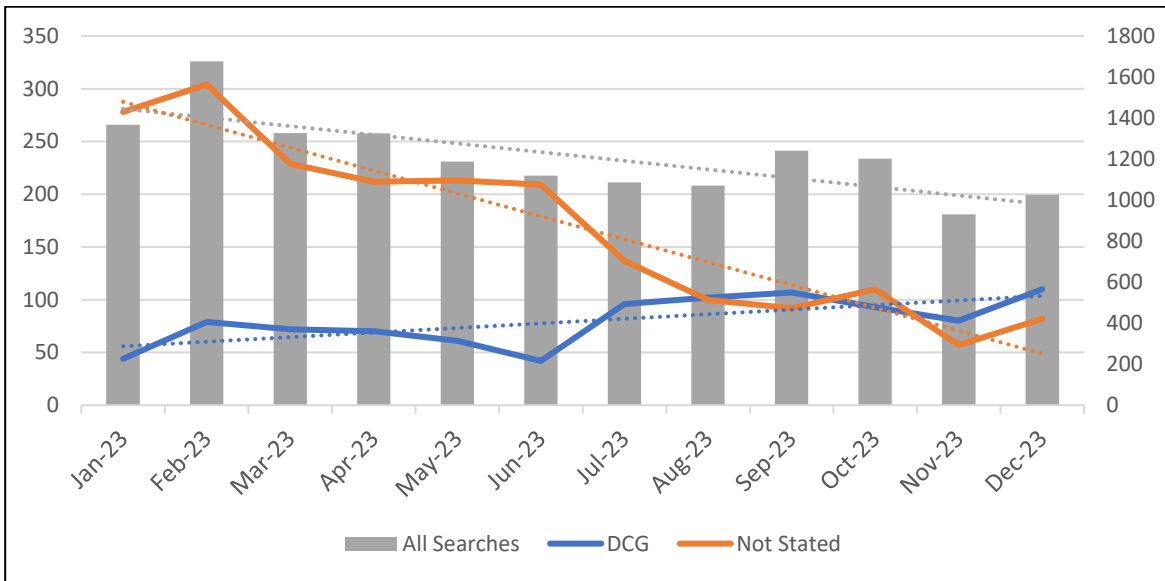


Figure 14: DCG & Not Stated Stop Search Volumes Jan 23 – Dec 23

Despite the volume of monthly stop searches decreasing between January-December 2023 the volume of searches on persons from a Diverse Community Group (DCG) has increased. In the same period, the volume of searches where the person has an SDE of ‘Not Stated’ has decreased. Notably both the DCG increase and Not Stated decrease started to occur in July 2023 when the new stop search app was introduced. This suggests that the increase in volume of DCG searches is due to SDE being recorded more accurately since the introduction of the new stop search app.

d) OFFICER DEFINED ETHNICITY

Most searched persons had an officer defined ethnicity (ODE) as ‘White’ (13,089, 89.9%). 6.3% of persons had an ODE from a Diverse Community Group. There were 559 persons (3.8%) who were subject to a stop search who had an OED as Not Stated.

Officer Defined Ethnicity	Total	%
White	13,089	89.9%
Asian	342	2.3%
Black	425	2.9%
Chinese, Japanese or any other SE Asian	29	0.2%
Middle Eastern	118	0.8%
Not Stated	559	3.8%
Total	14,562	100.0%

Figure 15: Stop Search Volumes by Officer Defined Ethnicity Jan 23 – Dec 23

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5. 'OUTCOMES' – STOP SEARCHES: 1 JANUARY 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

a) 'FIND RATES' FOR STOP SEARCHES UNDER PACE CODE A

During the 12-month period ending December 2023, 24.4% (3,553) of all stop searches (14,562) resulted in an outcome that is linked to the object of the search.

The number of stop searches that are linked to the object of the search are higher for those whose self-defined ethnicity is Mixed (30.4%), Asian (29.8%) and Other Ethnic Group (28.7%) compared to both White SDE individuals (24.0%) as well as to the rate overall (24.4%).

PACE Code A Stop Searches	White	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British	Mixed	Other Ethnic Group	Not Stated	Grand Total
Number of Outcome Linked SS	2,781	57	79	85	56	495	3,553
Total Number of SS	11,583	191	290	280	195	2,023	14,562
% Find Rate	24.0%	29.8%	27.2%	30.4%	28.7%	24.5%	24.4%

Figure 16: Stop Search Find Rate by Self Defined Ethnicity Jan 23 – Dec 23

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b) STOP SEARCHES BY OUTCOME & PURPOSE OF SEARCH

Arrest was highest when the object of search was for Firearms (29.3%) & Stolen Goods & Property (28.4%). Community Resolutions were more likely to be the outcome of a stop search when the object of search was for Controlled Drugs (14.1%). Where the object of search was for Fireworks, police action taken (12.7%) was the lowest. The Western (10.0%) & Northern Areas (10.7%) recorded the lowest action taken rate for Fireworks searches compared to the East (18.2%).

	Controlled Drugs	Offensive Weapons	Articles for Theft	Stolen Property & Goods	Articles for Criminal Damage	Bladed Articles	Firearms	Fireworks	Other	Total
No Items Found - NFA/ Advice Given	5,784	1,123	975	432	568	444	57	62	15	9,460
Arrest	1,076	245	286	250	55	55	29	1		1,997
Community Resolution	1,270	46	83	63	31	13	1	4		1,511
Item Found - NFA / Advice Given	457	115	87	44	56		3		4	766
Other Positive Outcome	229	46	58	39	12	41	4	3		432
Article Found- Detailed Outcome Unavailable	87	16	11	22	7					143
ASB Dispersal/Warning/Removal of U16	18	16	19	15	17		5	1		91
Summons/Charge by Post	46	2	8	5					1	62
Voluntary Attendance	25	3	5	8	1	3			1	46
Other*	30	5	1	1		1				38
Not Stated	10	2							4	16
Total	9,032	1,619	1,533	879	747	557	99	71	25	14,562

Figure 17: Stop Search Volumes by Outcome & Purpose Jan 23 – Dec 23

	Controlled Drugs	Offensive Weapons	Articles for Theft	Stolen Property & Goods	Articles for Criminal Damage	Bladed Articles	Firearms	Fireworks	Other	Total
No Items Found - NFA/ Advice Given	64.0%	69.4%	63.6%	49.1%	76.0%	79.7%	57.6%	87.3%	60.0%	65.0%
Arrest	11.9%	15.1%	18.7%	28.4%	7.4%	9.9%	29.3%	1.4%		13.7%
Community Resolution	14.1%	2.8%	5.4%	7.2%	4.1%	2.3%	1.0%	5.6%		10.4%
Item Found - NFA / Advice Given	5.1%	7.1%	5.7%	5.0%	7.5%		3.0%		16.0%	5.3%
Other Positive Outcome	2.5%	2.8%	3.8%	4.4%	1.6%	7.4%	4.0%	4.2%		3.0%
Article Found- Detailed Outcome Unavailable	1.0%	1.0%	0.7%	2.5%	0.9%					1.0%
ASB Dispersal/Warning/Removal of U16	0.2%	1.0%	1.2%	1.7%	2.3%		5.1%	1.4%		0.6%
Summons/Charge by Post	0.5%	0.1%	0.5%	0.6%					4.0%	0.4%
Voluntary Attendance	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.9%	0.1%	0.5%			4.0%	0.3%
Other*	0.3%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%		0.2%				0.3%
Not Stated	0.1%	0.1%							16.0%	0.1%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Figure 18: Stop Search Percentages by Outcome & Purpose Jan 23 – Dec 23

Other= Intoxicating Liquor (6), Anything that may constitute evidence that they are a terrorist (6), Wildlife Offences (4), Unlawful Imports/Exports (3), Articles Made or Adapted for Offence (2), Psychoactive Substances (1), Not Stated (3)

Other*= Caution (14), Khat or Cannabis Warning (12), Alcohol Seized (10), Postal Requisition (1), Discretionary Resolution (1)

c) POSITIVE OUTCOME STOP SEARCHES BY SELF-DEFINED ETHNICITY

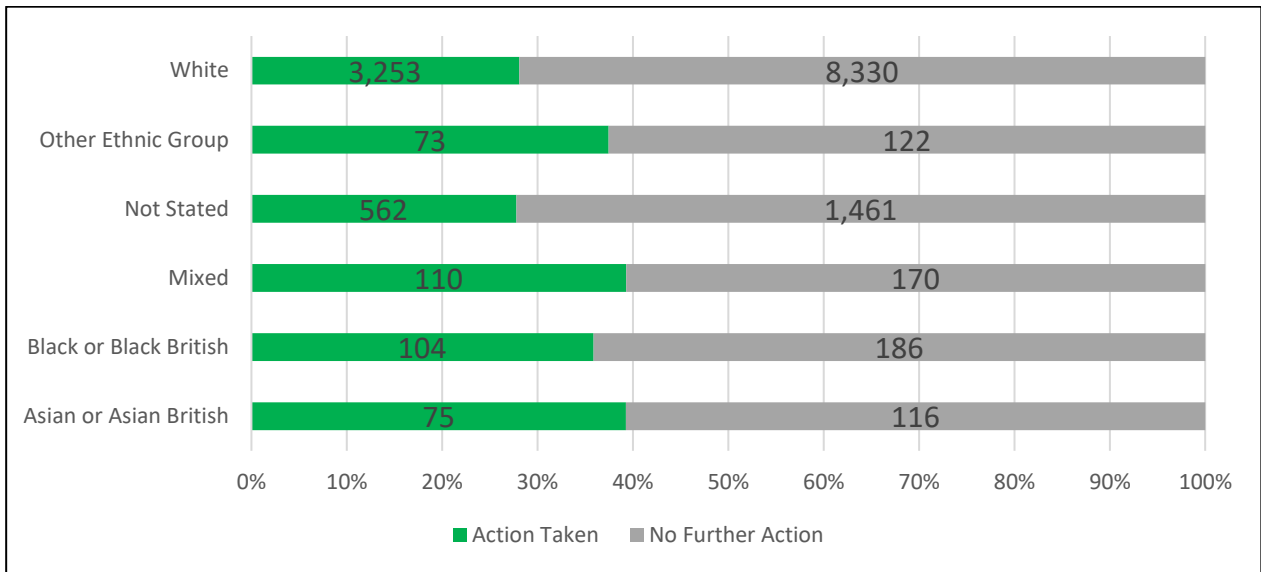


Figure 19: Positive Outcome Stop Search Volumes by SDE Jan 23 – Dec 23

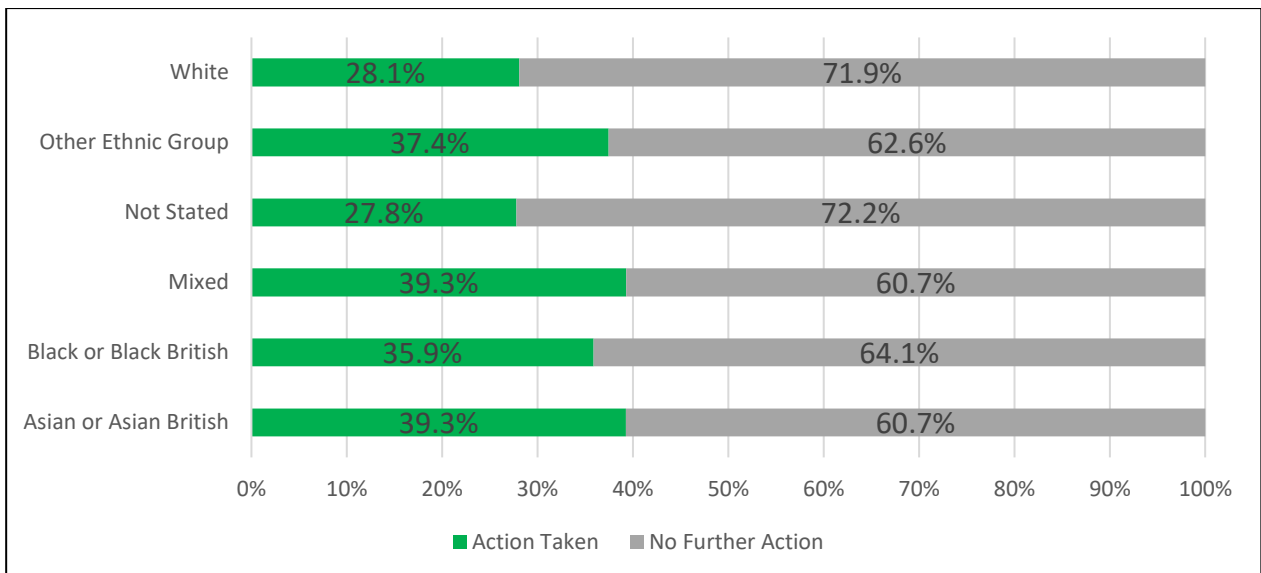


Figure 20: Positive Outcome Stop Search Percentages by SDE Jan 23 – Dec 23

Positive outcomes were more likely to be the outcome for those whose self-defined ethnicity was Other Ethnic Group (37.4%) & Asian or Asian British (39.3%).

It should be kept in mind that the outcomes for those whose self-defined ethnicity was White will be closer to the rates of the searches overall because they account for most of the overall searches and low volumes of other ethnicities will make the percentages more volatile.

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PART 2

1. CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC ORDER ACT 1994 (SECTION 60) STOP SEARCH NUMBERS AND RATES: 1 JANUARY 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

Section 60	Feb-23	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Dec-23	Total
Chester		4					4
Congleton				89	1		90
Crewe				22	1		23
Ellesmere Port	13						13
Warrington			27				27
No Location						2	2
Total	13	4	27	111	2	2	159

Figure 21: Section 60 Stop Search Monthly Volumes by Location Jan 23 – Dec 23

There were 159 stop searches which were conducted under Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 which were conducted in Chester, Congleton, Crewe, Ellesmere Port & Warrington.

- Searches in **Chester** (4) were conducted on **04/03/2023** in relation to a medium risk Football match (Chester FC v Banbury United), none of which resulted in police action.
- Searches in **Ellesmere Port** (13) were conducted on **09/02/2023** in relation to a spate of knifepoint robberies.
- Searches in **Warrington** (27) were conducted on **15/06/2023** in relation to multiple reports of youths with weapons.
- Searches in **Crewe** were in Nantwich were conducted on **17/09/23** in relation to Males with Machetes & possible Firearms.
- Searches in **Congleton** were at Sandbach Wakes Funfair, conducted between **22/09/23-24/09/23** in relation to intel of weapons being bought in for a fight.
- Searches in October:
 - Crewe:** This should have been a Section 1 PACE search not Section 60. The officer and their supervisor have been emailed and given feedback.
 - Congleton:** This was incorrectly recorded and refers to a search that took place on 22/09/23 at Sandbach Wakes Funfair.
- Searches in December were recorded by an officer on **05/12/23** who was policing a pro-Palestinian march in London.

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2. SECTION 60 STOP SEARCHES BY OUTCOMES

Section 60 Stop Searches by Outcome: Jan 2023- Dec 2023		Total	%
Police Action Taken	Other Positive Outcome	10	6.3%
	Community Resolution	5	3.1%
	Voluntary Attendance	1	0.6%
	Arrest	1	0.6%
No Further Action	Item Found- No Further Action	3	1.9%
	Nothing found - NFA	139	87.4%
Total		159	100.0%

Figure 22: Section 60 Stop Search Volumes by Outcome Jan 23 – Dec 23

In most searches (139, 87.4%), Nothing found- No Further Action was the outcome. Police action was taken in 10.7% of searches (17). This relates to the following:

- **Congleton LPU:** 10x Other Positive Outcome, 1x Community Resolution, 1x Voluntary Attendance
- **Crewe LPU:** 3x Community Resolution, 1x Arrest
- **Warrington LPU:** 1x Community Resolution

3. SECTION 60 STOP SEARCHES BY PERSON ATTRIBUTES

a) AGE RANGE/GENDER

Age Range	Gender			Total
	Male	Female	Unknown	
10-17 Years Old	91	16		107
18-24 Years Old	17	2		19
25-34 Years Old	8	3		11
35-44 Years Old	1			1
45-54 Years Old				0
55-64 Years Old	1			1
65+	1			1
N/A	13	1	5	19
Total	132	22	5	159

Figure 23: Section 60 Stop Search Volumes by Age Range & Gender Jan 23 – Dec 23

The majority (132, 83.0%) of Section 60 searches were conducted upon Males with only a few searches on Females (22, 13.8%). The most common age for those stopped was aged between 10-17 years old (107, 67.3%) with most of these 10-17 years olds being searched in Congleton LPU (82, 76.6%).

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b) SELF-DEFINED ETHNICITY

Self-Defined Ethnic Group	Total	%
White	135	84.9%
Not Stated	13	8.2%
Mixed	5	3.1%
Black	3	1.9%
Asian	2	1.3%
Other Ethnic Group	1	0.6%
Total	159	100.0%

Figure 24: Section 60 Stop Search Volumes by Self-Defined Ethnicity Jan 23 – Dec 23

Where the ethnicity was stated, most persons had an SDE of White (135, 84.9%) with 13 persons not having their SDE recorded. Where the person had an SDE from a Diverse Community Group (11, 6.9%) these searches took place in Congleton (7) & Warrington (4).