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CAVEATS

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There are several 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

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STOP SEARCH REPORT: 1 APRIL 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024 (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 15/04/2024.

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

SUMMARY

a) Part 1 – All Stop Searches

- There were 13,406 stop searches.
- There was an increase in Force stop searches over the latest quarter (+35, +1.1%) mainly due to increases in the Western Area (+63, +7.9%).
- Police Action was taken in 30.4% (4,078) of stop searches.
- 13.6% (1,824) of stop searches with an outcome resulted in Arrest.
- 63.3% (8,480) of stop searches between Apr 23- Mar 24 were for Controlled Drugs. There was a slight increase in searches for Controlled Drugs in the latest quarter (2,139, 66.8%) compared to the previous quarter (1,998, 63.0%).
- The stop search rate per 1,000 population is highest for individuals whose Self Defined Ethnic Group was Black or Black British (45.2 Stop Searches/1,000 pop). This is 4.3 times greater than the equivalent rate for individuals defined as White (10.5 per 1,000 pop).
- During the 12-month period ending March 2024, 26.8% (3,594) of all stop searches (13,406) 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 (32.5%), Other Ethnic Group (32.2%) & Mixed (31.4%).

b) Part 2 – Section 60 Stop Searches

- There were 142 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)
Northern Area: Warrington (27)
No Location: (2)
- In most searches (125, 88.0%), Nothing found- No Further Action was the outcome. Police Action was taken in 12.0% of searches (17) 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

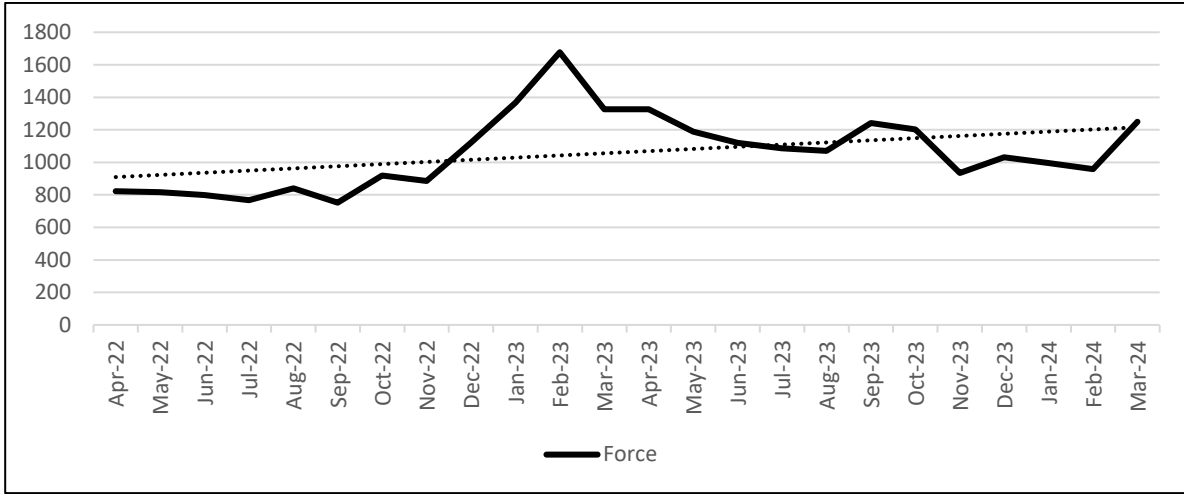


Figure 1: Force Stop Search Volumes (Apr 22-Mar 24)

The total number of stop searches recorded has increased (+1,313, +10.9%) when comparing 12 months to Mar 2024 (13,406) with 12 months to Mar 2023 (12,093). There was an average of 1,008 stop searches per month in the year ending March 2023 compared to an average of 1,117 stop searches per month in the year ending March 2024.

b) FORCE STOP SEARCH TREND

Between April 2023 and March 2024, there were 13,406 stop searches recorded with an overall downward trend over this time. However, there has been an increase in volume (+35, +1.1%) recorded in the latest quarter (3,204) compared to the previous quarter (3,169). The latest quarter is a decrease in volume (-1,167, -26.7%) compared to the same period last year (Jan 23- Mar 23) (4,371).

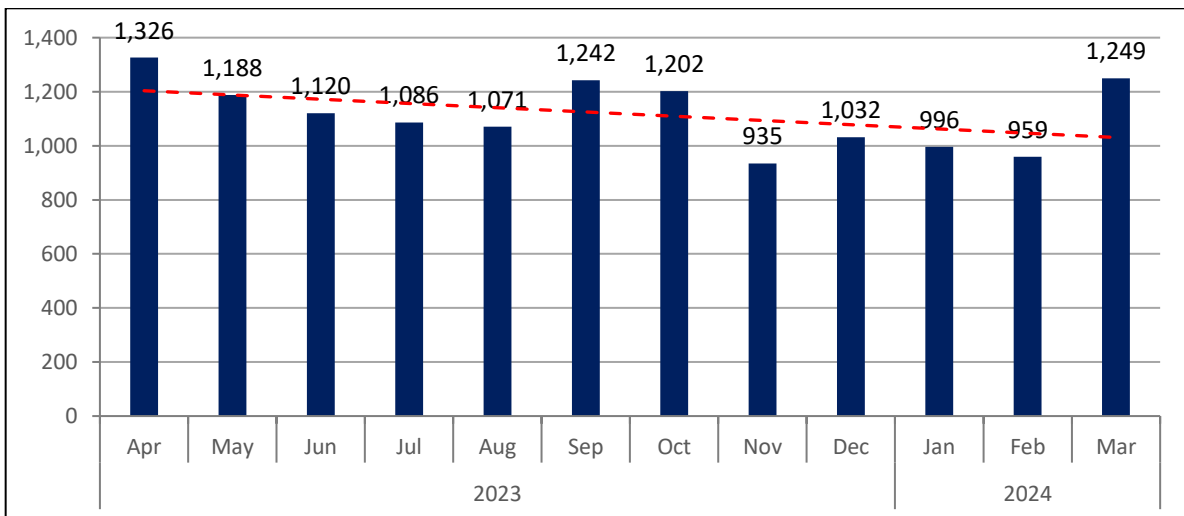


Figure 2: Monthly Stop Search Volumes Apr 23 – Mar 24

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 March 2024, the number of stop searches per day was 36.6 compared to approximately 33.1 stop searches per day during 12 months to March 2023. As can be seen below, this ranged from 44.2 at its peak in April 2023 to its lowest at 31.2 in November 2023.

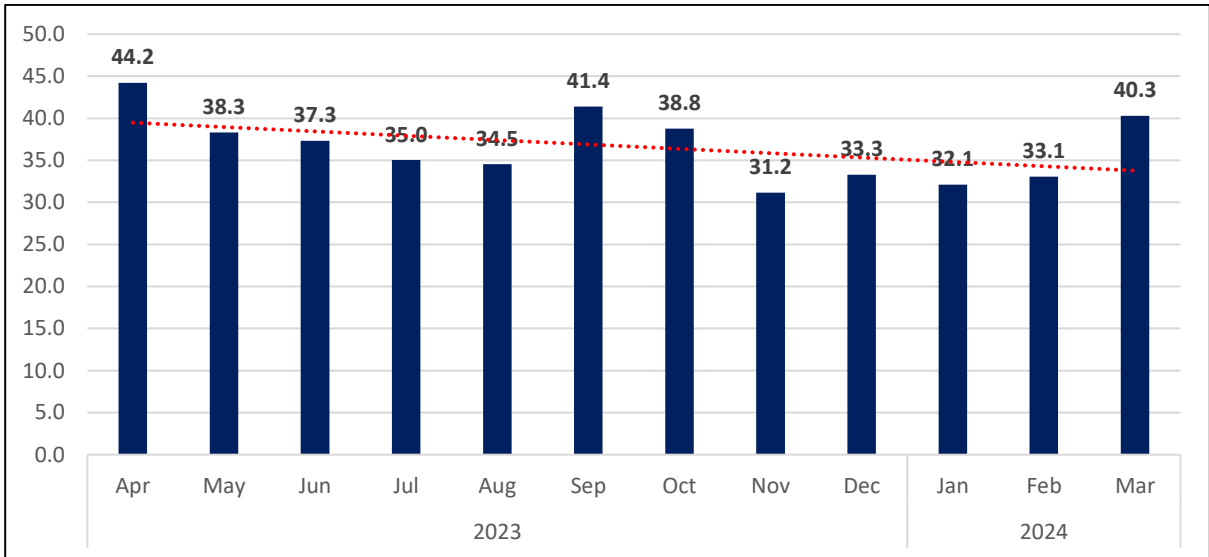


Figure 3: Daily Stop Search Rate Per Month Apr 23 – Mar 24

d) STOP SEARCHES BY DAY OF WEEK

The most stop searches took place on a Saturday (2,519, 18.8%) with the least number of stop searches were conducted on a Monday (1,590, 11.9%). The Western Area (1,706, 50.8%) conducted a higher % of stop searches between Friday-Saturday compared to the Eastern (1,656, 45.9%) & Northern (2,757, 47.5%) Areas.

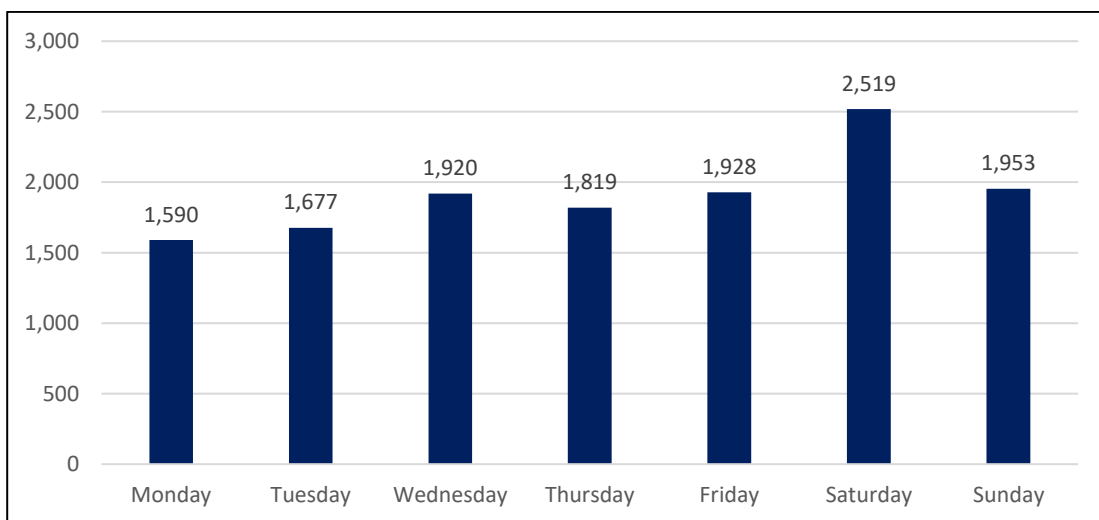


Figure 4: Weekday of Stop Searches Apr 23 – Mar 24

2. AREA STOP SEARCH VOLUMES AND RATES

a) AREA STOP SEARCH TREND

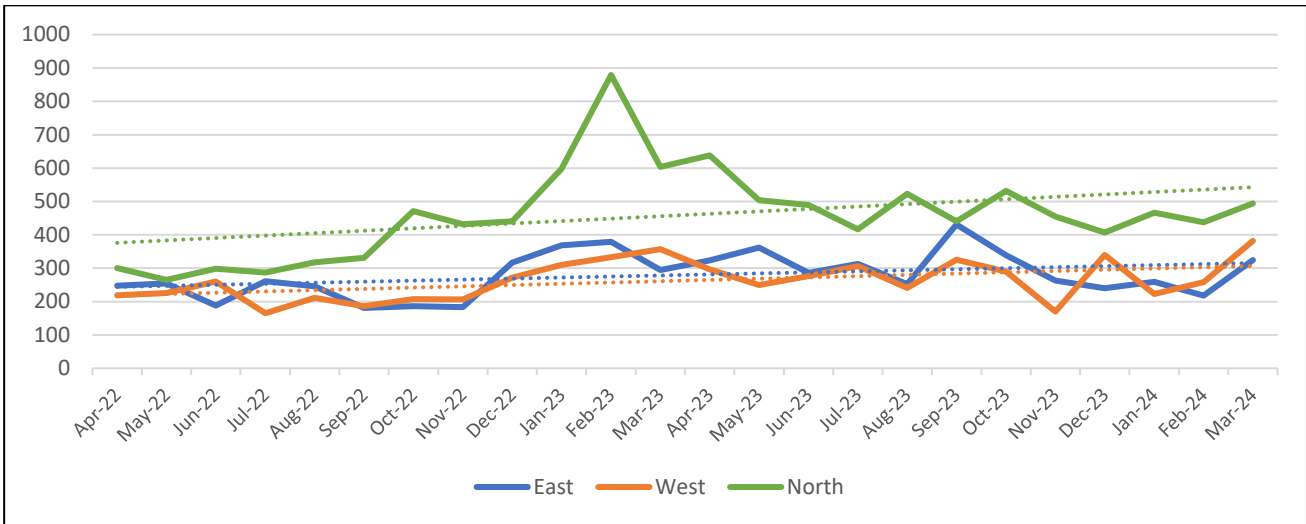


Figure 5: Area Stop Search Volumes (Apr 22 – Mar 24)

All Areas have seen increases in volume of between 11%-16% over the latest 12 months. In the most recent quarter, the Northern Area (1,398) have seen the largest volume of stop searches. The East were the only Area to record a decrease in volume compared to the previous quarter: East (-41, -4.9%), North (+4, +0.3%), & West (+63, +7.9%).

b) LOCATION OF STOP SEARCHES

The largest number of stop searches occurred in Warrington (2,555, 17.5%).

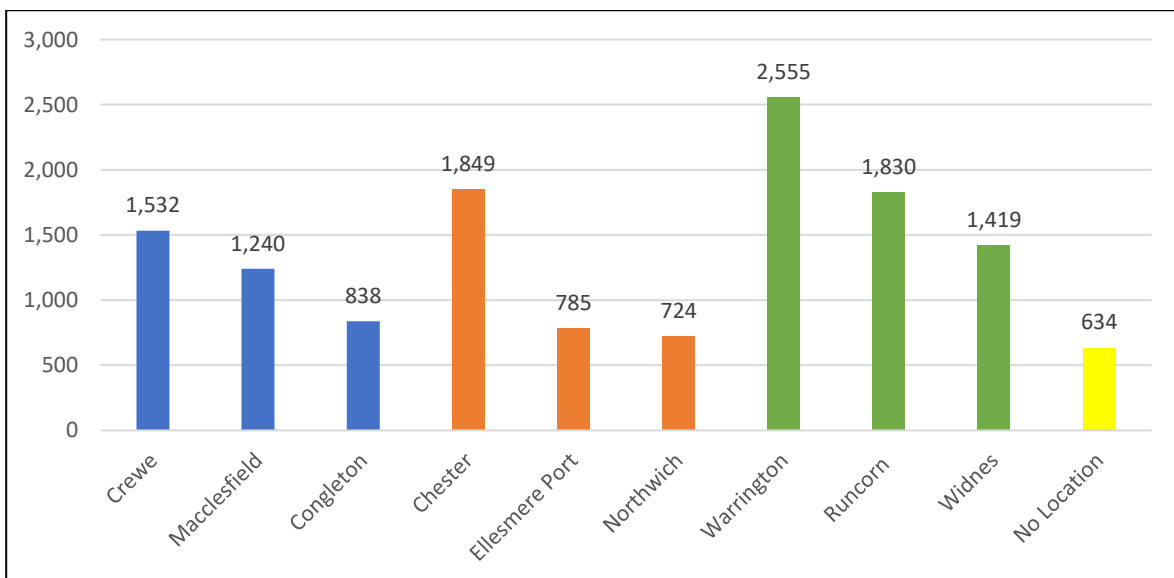


Figure 6: Location of Stop Searches Apr 23 – Mar 24

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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	12,093	13,406	3,169	3,204	959	1,249
East	3,107	3,610	842	801	218	324
<i>Congleton</i>	588	838	174	199	56	87
<i>Crewe</i>	1,496	1,532	339	311	63	152
<i>Macclesfield</i>	1,023	1,240	329	291	99	85
North	5,225	5,804	1,394	1,398	438	494
<i>Runcorn</i>	1,904	1,830	450	439	158	132
<i>Warrington</i>	2,053	2,555	646	614	172	235
<i>Widnes</i>	1,268	1,419	298	345	108	127
West	2,952	3,358	800	863	258	382
<i>Chester</i>	1,411	1,849	480	518	154	238
<i>Ellesmere Port</i>	796	785	171	153	27	69
<i>Northwich</i>	745	724	149	192	77	75
Stop Search	Volume and % Change					
	12-Months		Quarter		Month	
Force	1,313	10.9%	35	1.1%	290	30.2%
East	503	16.2%	-41	-4.9%	106	48.6%
<i>Congleton</i>	250	42.5%	25	14.4%	31	55.4%
<i>Crewe</i>	36	2.4%	-28	-8.3%	89	141.3%
<i>Macclesfield</i>	217	21.2%	-38	-11.6%	-14	-14.1%
North	579	11.1%	4	0.3%	56	12.8%
<i>Runcorn</i>	-74	-3.9%	-11	-2.4%	-26	-16.5%
<i>Warrington</i>	502	24.5%	-32	-5.0%	63	36.6%
<i>Widnes</i>	151	11.9%	47	15.8%	19	17.6%
West	406	13.8%	63	7.9%	124	48.1%
<i>Chester</i>	438	31.0%	38	7.9%	84	54.5%
<i>Ellesmere Port</i>	-11	-1.4%	-18	-10.5%	42	155.6%
<i>Northwich</i>	-21	-2.8%	43	28.9%	-2	-2.6%

Figure 7: Stop Search Period Comparison Apr 22 – Mar 24

Points of note:

- Warrington LPU saw the largest increase in volume (+502) over the 12-month period.
- Chester, Congleton & Widnes were the only Force LPUs to record an increase in volume over the 12-month, quarterly & monthly periods. Conversely, Runcorn were the only Force LPU to record decreases during these periods.

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

a) OBJECT OF SEARCH

Object of Search by Quarter	Q1 Apr-Jun		Q2 Jul-Sep		Q3 Oct-Dec		Q4 Jan-Mar		Total	
	Vol	%	Vol	%	Vol	%	Vol	%	Total	%
Controlled Drugs	2,261	62.2%	2,082	61.3%	1,998	63.0%	2,139	66.8%	8,480	63.3%
Articles intended for use in connection with theft	418	11.5%	324	9.5%	302	9.5%	286	8.9%	1,330	9.9%
Offensive Weapons	503	13.8%	315	9.3%	147	4.6%	128	4.0%	1,093	8.2%
Bladed or Sharply Pointed Articles	2	0.1%	293	8.6%	263	8.3%	316	9.9%	874	6.5%
Stolen Property & Goods	213	5.9%	198	5.8%	227	7.2%	178	5.6%	816	6.1%
Articles intended for use in Criminal Damage	199	5.5%	155	4.6%	158	5.0%	140	4.4%	652	4.9%
Firearms	29	0.8%	27	0.8%	12	0.4%	16	0.5%	84	0.6%
Fireworks	2	0.1%	1	0.0%	58	1.8%	1	0.0%	62	0.5%
Other*	7	0.2%	4	0.1%	4	0.1%			15	0.1%
Total	3,634	100.0%	3,399	100.0%	3,169	100.0%	3,204	100.0%	13,406	100.0%

Figure 8: Stop Search Volumes by Object of Search & Legislation Apr 23 – Mar 24

There was a higher volume & proportion of searches for Controlled Drugs in the latest quarter (2,139, 66.8%) compared to previous quarters within the latest 12 months.

*Other= Intoxicating Liquor (5), Wildlife Offences (3), Terrorism Act (S43) (3), Articles Made or Adapted for Offence (2), Psychoactive Substances (1), Unlawful Imports/Exports (1).

b) OUTCOMES

The most common outcome was ‘Nothing Found- No Further Action (8,884, 66.3%). Police action was taken in 30.4% of searches (4,078) with 13.6% (1,824) of stop searches resulting in Arrest. In 5 stop searches no outcome was recorded.

Stop Searches by Outcome: April 2023 to March 2024			Total	% Split
Generalised Outcome	Detailed Outcome			
Police Action Taken	Arrest		1,824	13.6%
	Community Resolution		1,455	10.9%
	Other Positive Outcome		618	4.6%
	Voluntary Attendance		68	0.5%
	ASB Dispersal/Warning/Removal of U16		51	0.4%
	Summons / Charge by Post		33	0.2%
	Other *		29	0.2%
Nothing Found - NFA	Nothing found - No Further Action		8,884	66.3%
	Item found - No Further Action / Advice Given		365	2.7%
	Article found - Detailed Outcome Unavailable		74	0.6%
No Outcome Recorded	No Outcome Recorded		5	0.0%
Total			13,406	

Figure 9: Stop Search Volumes by Outcome Apr 23 – Mar 24

*Other = Khat or Cannabis Warning (11), Alcohol Seized (8), Caution (8), Postal Requisition (1), Discretionary Resolution (1)

c) POSITIVE OUTCOMES

For the period of Apr 23 to Mar 24, the percentage of stop searches which resulted in police action was 30.4%, although this ranged from 27.4% in May 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 lower (30.6%) compared to the previous quarter (32.6%). The Northern Area (26.1%) had the lowest action taken over the latest quarter: Western (33.0%) & Eastern (35.1%).

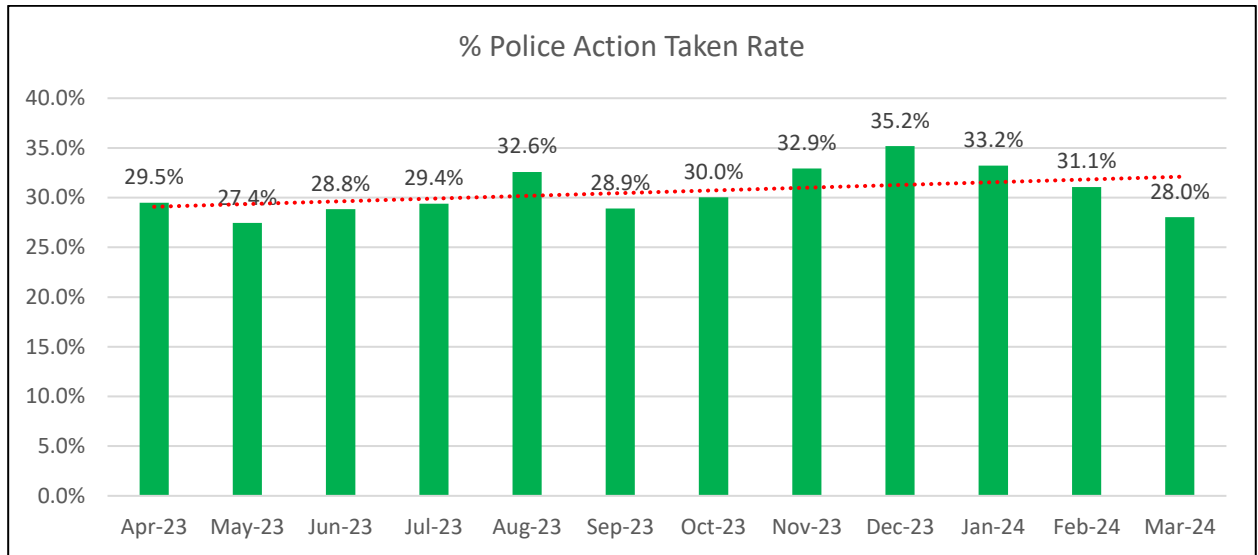


Figure 10: Percentage of Stop Searches Resulting in Police Action Taken Apr 23 – Mar 24

Overall, there is a downward trend for stop searches resulting specifically in Arrest (13.6%) for the 12-month period. The lowest percentage for arrests specifically was recently in March 2024 (10.5%) with the North (7.5%) & West (10.2%) recording a low arrest rate. The arrest rate in the most recent quarter (13.1%) was a small increase (+0.3pp) compared to the previous quarter (12.8%).

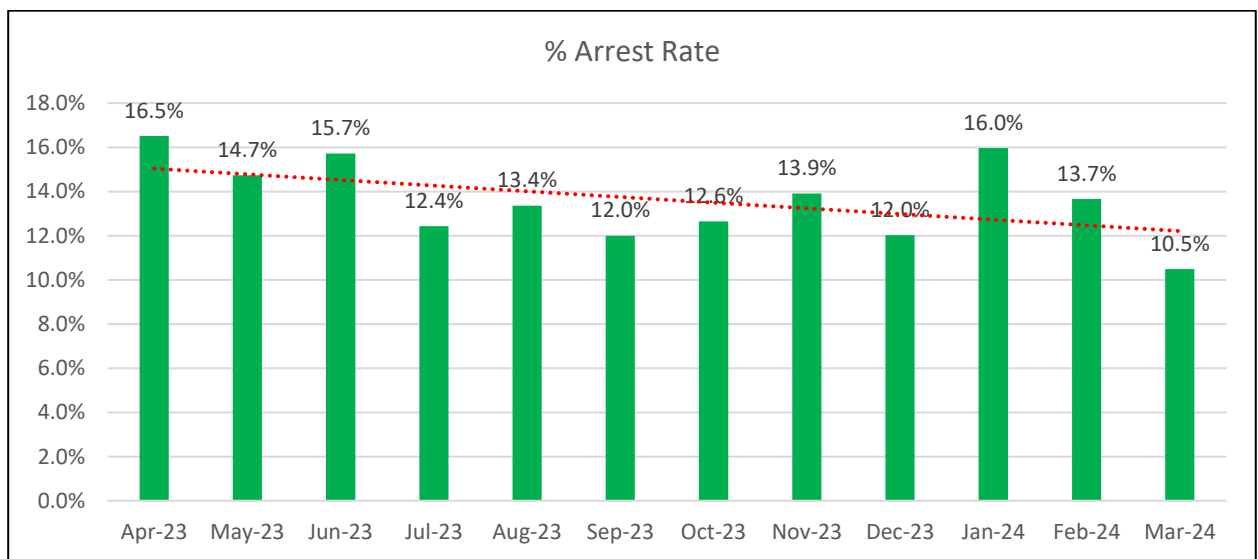


Figure 11: Percentage of PACE Code A Stop Searches Resulting in Arrest Apr 23 – Mar 24

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4. PERSON ATTRIBUTES

a) AGE RANGE/GENDER

Of the total number of stop searches, 22.0% (2,947) 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 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	2,688	401	44	3,133
18-24 Years Old	2,947	503	25	3,475
25-34 Years Old	2,433	323	25	2,781
35-44 Years Old	1,666	309	11	1,986
45-54 Years Old	828	156	2	986
55-64 Years Old	280	39	1	320
65+	65	8	3	76
N/A	418	42	186	646
Grand Total	11,328	1,781	297	13,406

Figure 12: Stop Search Volumes by Age Range & Gender Apr 23 – Mar 24

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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 (45.2 Stop searches/1000 pop). This is 4.3 times greater than the equivalent rate for individuals defined as White (10.5 searches/1000 pop). Most stop searches conducted on those with an SDE of Black or Black British were in the East (105, 35.1%) in the latest 12 months. In the most recent quarter, the Northern (27) & Western (25) Areas recorded a higher quarterly volume of searches on persons with a Black SDE than the East (19). Overall, the number of individuals stop searched from Diverse Community Groups was low (1,076, 8.0%). However, 10.5% (1,405) 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 192 (6.0%) of all stop searches had an SDE of 'Not Stated' compared to 250 (7.9%) in the previous quarter.

During the latest quarter there were 314 stop searches on persons from a Diverse Community Group (DCG). From these 314 stop searches:

- 152 (48.4%) were Cheshire Residents
- 131 (41.7%) were Non-Cheshire Residents
- 31 (9.9%) 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)	10,200	989,198	10.3
	White - White Irish (W2)	166	7,261	22.9
	White - Gypsy/Traveller (W3)	52	905	57.5
	White - Roma (W4)	0	874	0.0
	White - Any other White ethnic background (W9)	507	39,947	12.7
White Total		10,925	1,038,185	10.5
Asian or Asian British	Asian or Asian British - Indian (A1)	32	8,540	3.7
	Asian or Asian British - Pakistani (A2)	90	3,978	22.6
	Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi (A3)	15	1,623	9.2
	Asian or Asian British - Chinese (A4)	15	4,624	3.2
	Asian or Asian British - Any other Asian ethnic background (A9)	103	6,387	16.1
Asian or Asian British Total		255	25,152	10.1
Black or Black British	Black or Black British - Caribbean (B1)	47	1,342	35.0
	Black or Black British - African (B2)	96	4,355	22.0
	Black or Black British - Any other Black ethnic background (B9)	156	919	169.7
Black or Black British Total		299	6,616	45.2
Mixed	Mixed - White and Black Caribbean (M1)	61	4,448	13.7
	Mixed - White and Black African (M2)	33	2,723	12.1
	Mixed - White and Asian (M3)	64	6,099	10.5
	Mixed - Any other Mixed ethnic background (M9)	125	4,206	29.7
Mixed Total		283	17,476	16.2
Other Ethnic Group	Any other ethnic Group - Arab (O2)	44	1,938	22.7
	Other ethnic group - Any other ethnic group (O9)	195	6,005	32.5
Any Other Ethnic Group Total		239	7,943	30.1
Not Stated	Not Stated (NS)	1,405	0	0.0
Not Stated Total		1,405	0	0.0
Grand Total		13,406	1,095,372	12.2

Figure 13: Stop Search Volumes by Self-Defined Ethnicity Apr 23 – Mar 24

c) DIVERSE COMMUNITY GROUP & NOT STATED SDE SEARCHES

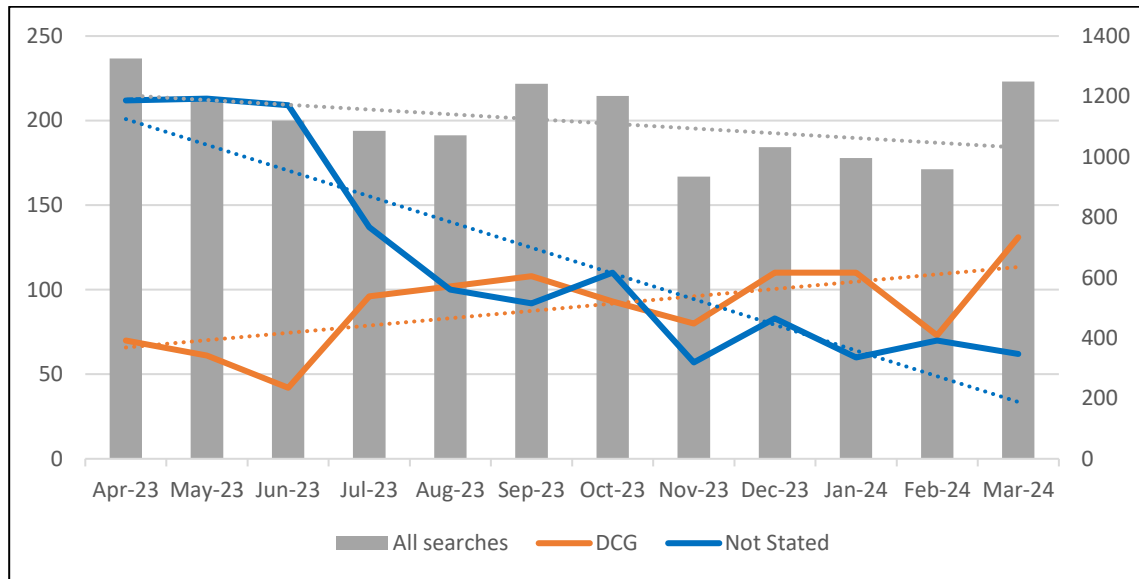


Figure 14: DCG & Not Stated Stop Search Volumes Apr 23 – Mar 24

Despite the volume of monthly stop searches decreasing between April 2023 -March 2024 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’ (12,115, 90.4%). 7.8% of persons had an ODE from a Diverse Community Group. There were 356 persons (3.8%) who were subject to a stop search who had an OED as Not Stated.

Officer Defined Ethnicity by Quarter	Q1 Apr-Jun		Q2 Jul-Sep		Q3 Oct-Dec		Q4 Jan-Mar		Total	
	Vol	%	Vol	%	Vol	%	Vol	%	Vol	%
White	3,203	88.1%	3,095	91.1%	2,907	91.7%	2,910	90.8%	12,115	90.4%
Asian	78	2.1%	100	2.9%	85	2.7%	106	3.3%	369	2.8%
Black	107	2.9%	116	3.4%	82	2.6%	95	3.0%	400	3.0%
Chinese, Japanese or other SE Asian	5	0.1%	10	0.3%	8	0.3%	14	0.4%	37	0.3%
Middle Eastern	27	0.7%	30	0.9%	31	1.0%	41	1.3%	129	1.0%
Not Stated	214	5.9%	48	1.4%	56	1.8%	38	1.2%	356	2.7%
Total	3,634	100.0%	3,399	100.0%	3,169	100.0%	3,204	100.0%	13,406	100.0%

Figure 15: Stop Search Volumes by Officer Defined Ethnicity Apr 23 – Mar 24

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5. 'OUTCOMES'

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

During the 12-month period ending March 2024, 26.8% (3,594) of all stop searches (13,406) 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 (32.5%), Other Ethnic Group (32.2%) & Mixed (31.4%) compared to both White SDE individuals (26.4%) as well as to the rate overall (26.8%).

Outcome Linked x SDE	White	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British	Mixed	Other Ethnic Group	Not Stated	Grand Total
Number of Outcome Linked SS	2,883	83	78	89	77	384	3,594
Total Number of SS	10,925	255	299	283	239	1,405	13,406
% Find Rate	26.4%	32.5%	26.1%	31.4%	32.2%	27.3%	26.8%

Figure 16: Stop Search Find Rate by Self Defined Ethnicity Apr 23 – Mar 24

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b) STOP SEARCHES BY OUTCOME & PURPOSE OF SEARCH

Arrest was highest when the object of search was for Articles intended for use in Criminal Damage (31.6%) & Firearms (31.0%). Community Resolutions were more likely to be the outcome of a stop search when the object of search was for Controlled Drugs (14.5%). Where the object of search was for Fireworks, police action taken (11.3%) was the lowest.

	Controlled Drugs	Articles for Theft	Offensive Weapons	Bladed Articles	Stolen Property & Goods	Articles for Criminal Damage	Firearms	Fireworks	Other	Total
No Items Found - NFA/ Advice Given	5,576	864	756	686	389	505	45	52	11	8,884
Arrest	981	251	165	95	258	46	26	2		1,824
Community Resolution	1,233	63	43	21	62	27	2	4		1,455
Other Positive Outcome	330	79	54	68	48	29	7	3		618
Item Found - NFA / Advice Given	216	39	51		24	32	1		2	365
Article Found- Detailed Outcome Unavailable	46	5	9		10	4				74
Voluntary Attendance	42	8	3	3	10	1			1	68
ASB Dispersal/Warning/Removal of U16	8	16	3		12	8	3	1		51
Summons/Charge by Post	25	4	2		2					33
Other*	21	1	5	1	1					29
Not Stated	2		2						1	5
Total	8,480	1,330	1,093	874	816	652	84	62	15	13,406

Figure 17: Stop Search Volumes by Outcome & Purpose Apr 23 – Mar 24

	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	65.8%	65.0%	69.2%	78.5%	47.7%	77.5%	53.6%	83.9%	73.3%	66.3%
Arrest	11.6%	18.9%	15.1%	10.9%	31.6%	7.1%	31.0%	3.2%		13.6%
Community Resolution	14.5%	4.7%	3.9%	2.4%	7.6%	4.1%	2.4%	6.5%		10.9%
Item Found - NFA / Advice Given	3.9%	5.9%	4.9%	7.8%	5.9%	4.4%	8.3%	4.8%		4.6%
Other Positive Outcome	2.5%	2.9%	4.7%		2.9%	4.9%	1.2%		13.3%	2.7%
Article Found- Detailed Outcome Unavailable	0.5%	0.4%	0.8%		1.2%	0.6%				0.6%
ASB Dispersal/Warning/Removal of U16	0.5%	0.6%	0.3%	0.3%	1.2%	0.2%			6.7%	0.5%
Summons/Charge by Post	0.1%	1.2%	0.3%		1.5%	1.2%	3.6%	1.6%		0.4%
Voluntary Attendance	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%		0.2%					0.2%
Other*	0.2%	0.1%	0.5%	0.1%	0.1%					0.2%
Not Stated	0.0%		0.2%						6.7%	0.0%
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 Apr 23 – Mar 24

Other= Intoxicating Liquor (5), Wildlife Offences (3), Terrorism Act (S43) (3), Articles Made or Adapted for Offence (2), Psychoactive Substances (1), Unlawful Imports/Exports (1).

Other* = Khat or Cannabis Warning (11), Alcohol Seized (8), Caution (8), Postal Requisition (1), Discretionary Resolution (1)

c) POSITIVE OUTCOME STOP SEARCHES BY SELF-DEFINED ETHNICITY

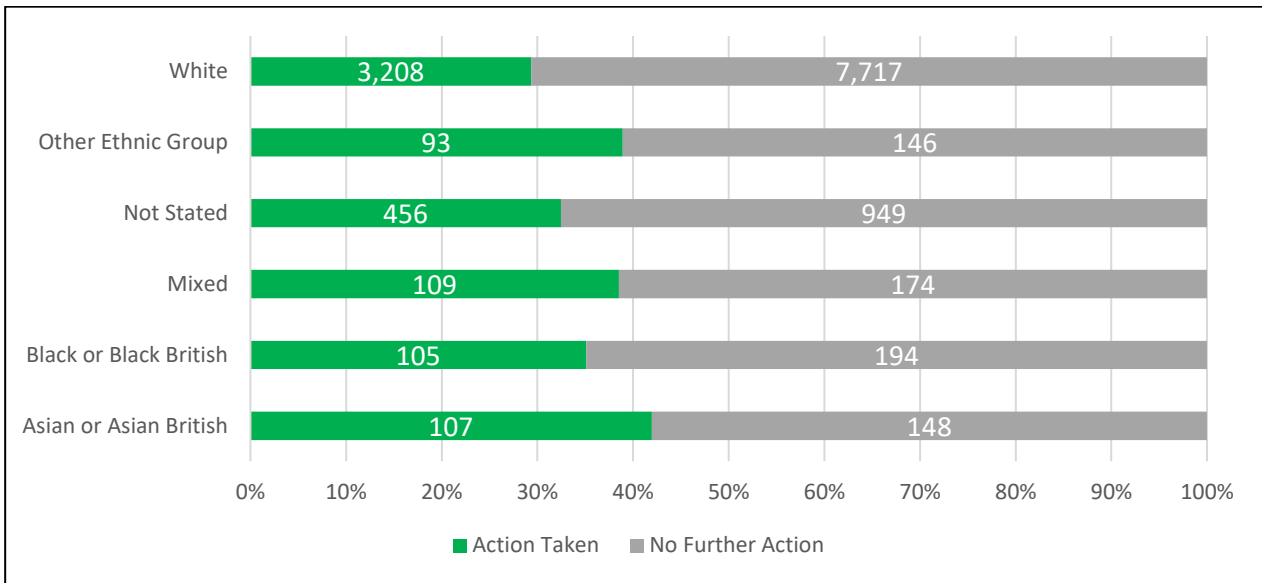


Figure 19: Positive Outcome Stop Search Volumes by SDE Apr 23 – Mar 24

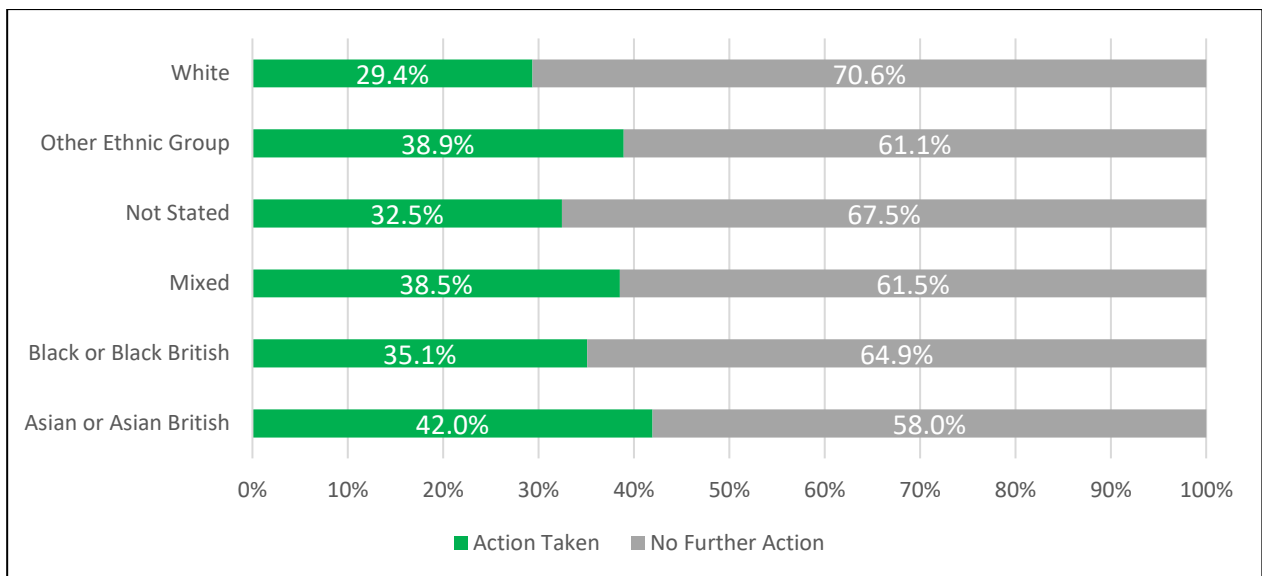


Figure 20: Positive Outcome Stop Search Percentages by SDE Apr 23 – Mar 24

A Positive outcome was more likely for those whose self-defined ethnicity was Other Ethnic Group (38.9%), Mixed (38.5%) & Asian or Asian British (42.0%).

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 APRIL 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024

Section 60	Jun-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Total
Congleton		89	1			90
Crewe		22	1			23
Warrington	27					27
No Location				1	1	2
Total	27	111	2	1	1	142

Figure 21: Section 60 Stop Search Monthly Volumes by Location Apr 23 – Mar 24

There were 142 stop searches which were conducted under Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 which were conducted in Congleton, Crewe & Warrington. No Section 60 Stop Search were conducted in the latest quarter.

- 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: Apr 23-Mar 24		Total	%
Police Action Taken	Other Positive Outcome	10	7.0%
	Community Resolution	5	3.5%
	Voluntary Attendance	1	0.7%
	Arrest	1	0.7%
Nothing found - NFA	Nothing found - NFA	125	88.0%
Total		142	100.0%

Figure 22: Section 60 Stop Search Volumes by Outcome Apr 23 – Mar 24

In most searches (125, 88.0%), Nothing found- No Further Action was the outcome. Police action was taken in 12.0% 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	100	18		118
18-24 Years Old				0
25-34 Years Old	5	3		8
35-44 Years Old				0
45-54 Years Old				0
55-64 Years Old	1			1
65+	1			1
N/A	9	1	4	14
Total	116	22	4	142

Figure 23: Section 60 Stop Search Volumes by Age Range & Gender Apr 23 – Mar 24

The majority (116, 81.7%) of Section 60 searches were conducted upon Males with only a few searches on Females (22, 15.5%). The most common age for those stopped was aged between 10-17 years old (118, 83.1%) with most of these 10-17 years olds being searched in Congleton LPU (82, 78.1%).

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b) SELF-DEFINED ETHNICITY

Self-Defined Ethnicity	Total	%	Pop Per 1000
White	123	86.6%	0.12
Not Stated	8	5.6%	N/A
Mixed	5	3.5%	0.29
Black	3	2.1%	0.45
Asian	2	1.4%	0.08
Other Ethnic Group	1	0.7%	0.13
Total	142	100.0%	0.13

Figure 24: Section 60 Stop Search Volumes by Self-Defined Ethnicity Apr 23 – Mar 24

Where the ethnicity was stated, most persons had an SDE of White (123, 86.6%) with 8 persons not having their SDE recorded. Where the person had an SDE from a Diverse Community Group (11, 7.7%) these searches took place in Congleton (7) & Warrington (4).