

Stop and Search Information

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Cheshire Constabulary

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

You will be physically searched but only asked to remove any jackets, outer clothing and gloves.



RESULT

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

Headlines



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



This equates to

51.6%

of all stop searches where age was known

66.1%

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



41.5%

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



Who was searched?

Gender

Male	Female	Unknown
91.9%	7.3%	0.8%

Age Range

10-17	18-24
38.6%	61.4%

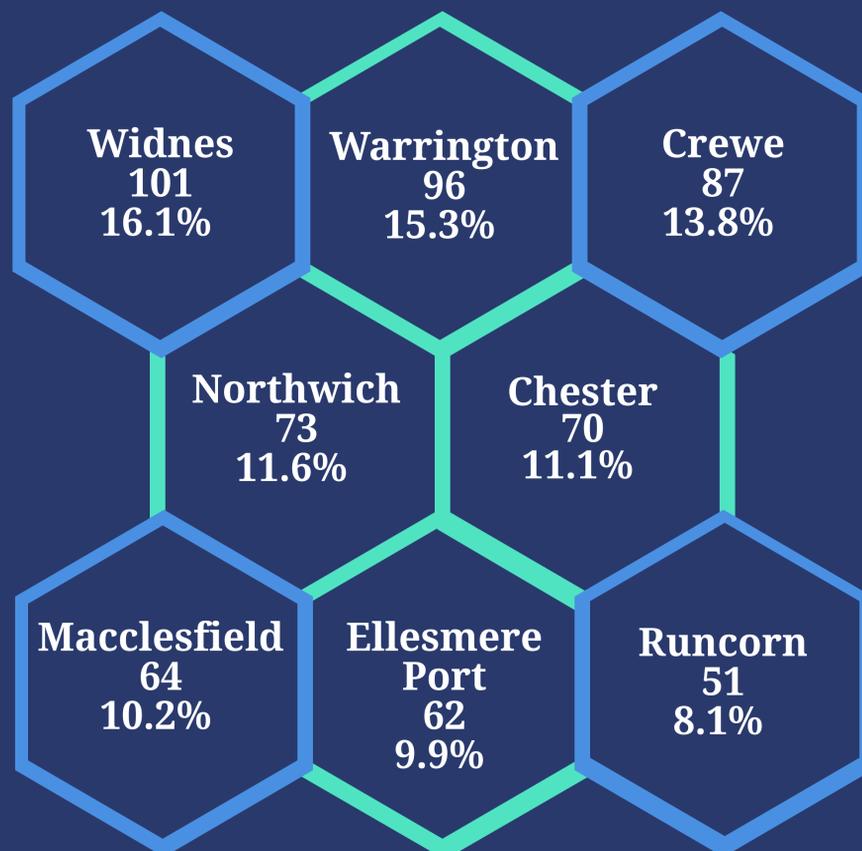
Self Defined Ethnicity

White	BAME	Not Stated
80.6%	4.9%	14.5%

Self Defined Ethnicity information does not have to be provided

Where did searches occur?

Areas below refer to Local Policing Units (LPU)



24 stop searches (3.8%) did not have a LPU recorded
1 stop and search (<1%) was out of force

What legislation was used?

The most common legislation used for stop searches conducted was

Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (section 23)



accounting for **66.1%** of stop searches

followed by

Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (section 1)

accounting for **33.2%** of stop searches

*0.6% of stop searches were conducted under the Firearms Act 1968 (section 47)

What happened?

Searches resulted in:



Police action taken

Arrest



Community Resolution



No further action

Warning/ Caution



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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