

Stop Search Safeguard

Data period: January – June
2026

This report gives headline data in relation to the use of stop and search powers exercised by Warwickshire Police

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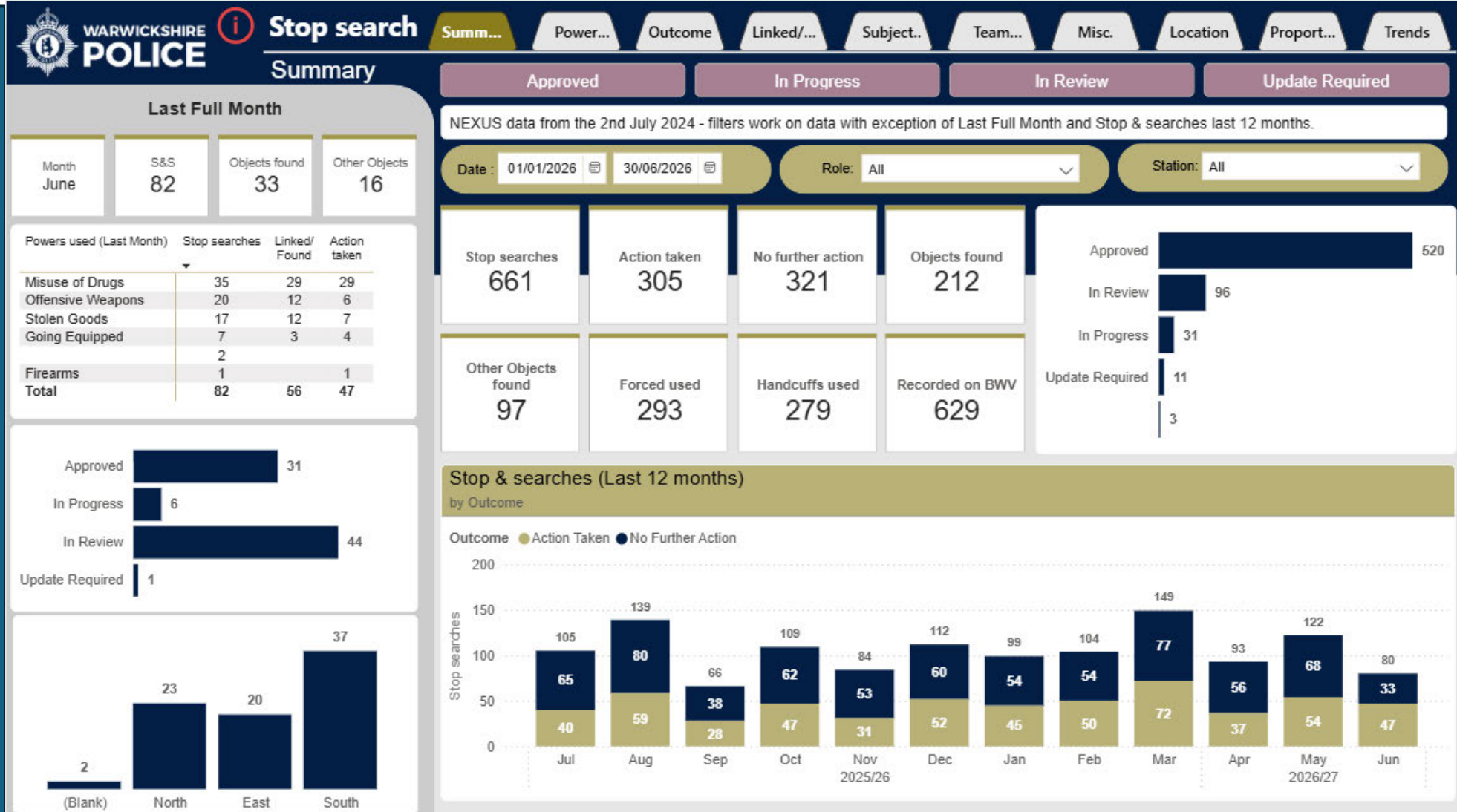
January – June 2026

The data, charts and graphs give headline information.

The left column provides information relating to the full month of June.

The middle section outlines headlines for the 6 month period.

The bottom section is a rolling 12-month summary of month-to-month figures.



‘Approved’, ‘In Progress’, ‘In Review’ and ‘Update Required’ are the different status of Stop Search records.

‘Approved’ shows those which a supervisor has reviewed and approved. In progress’ are records started but yet to be completed fully by the Officer. ‘In Review’ are records submitted for a Supervisor to review, and check are of sufficient quality. ‘Update required’ are records a supervisor has reviewed and required further information from the Officer.

Officers conduct searches using a variety of legal Powers, categorised as outlined in the below use. Drugs is the most common reason for searches, followed by stolen goods.

Our data also distinguishes between self-defined ethnicity, as provided by the subject of the search, and the perceived age of the subject.

Where we find an item that we are searching for, we consider this ‘linked’, however there will be occasions when we will find items that were not the primary cause of the search, i.e. searching for drugs or stolen goods, we find a weapon.

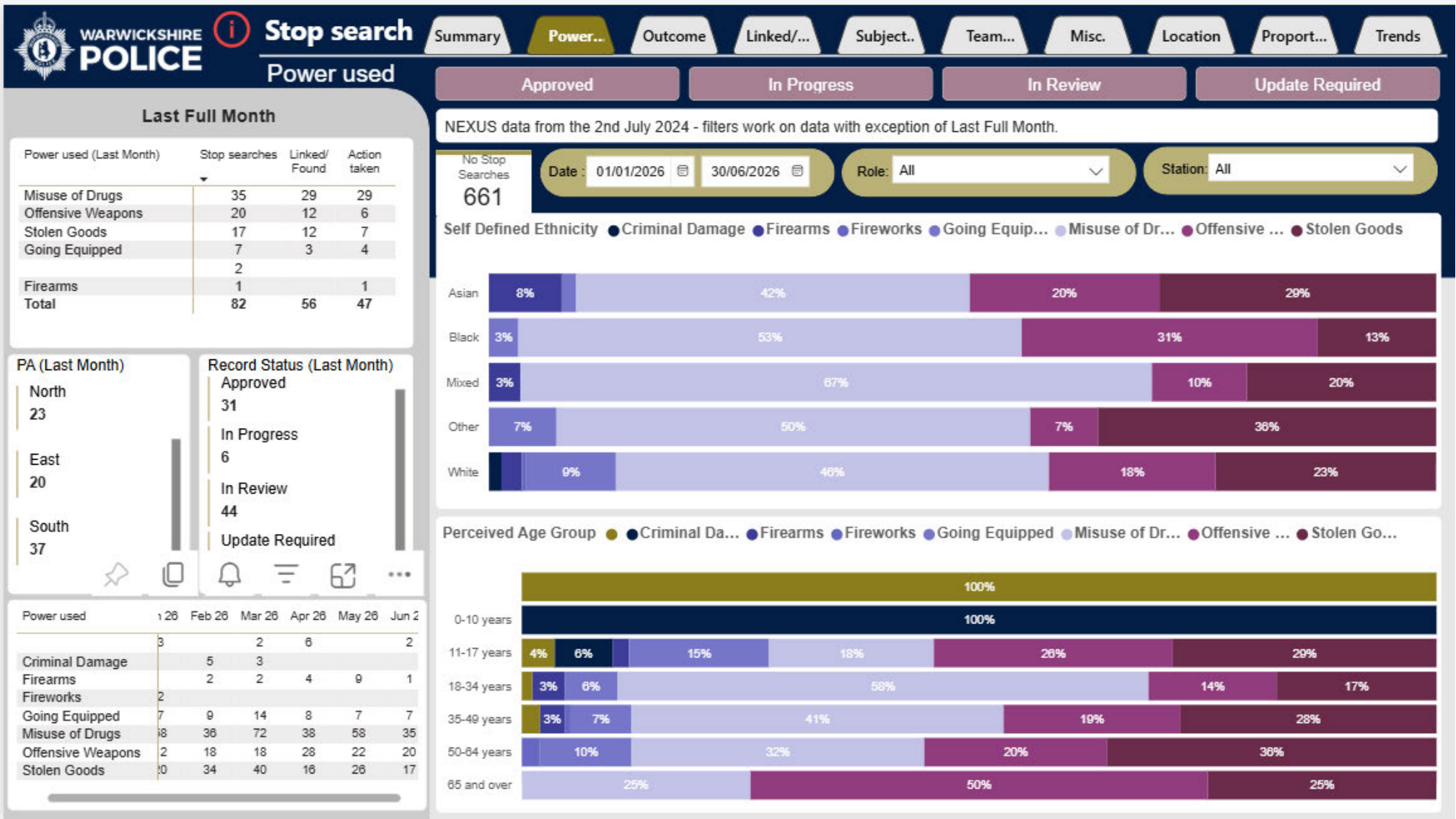
This page shows the reasons for the search as recorded by officers.

The main reason officers search is suspicion relating to drug possession.

It breaks down self-defined ethnicity and perceived age groups.

Self-defined is when the subject describes their own ethnicity

Perceived means, that which is described by the officer and not the subject.





Last Full Month

Find/Found	Stop searches	% Change
Found	56	-30%

Linked	Stop searches	% Change
	2	0%
Linked	42	-28%
Not Linked	14	-33%
Nothing Found	24	-41%
Unknown Link		-100%
Unknown		-100%

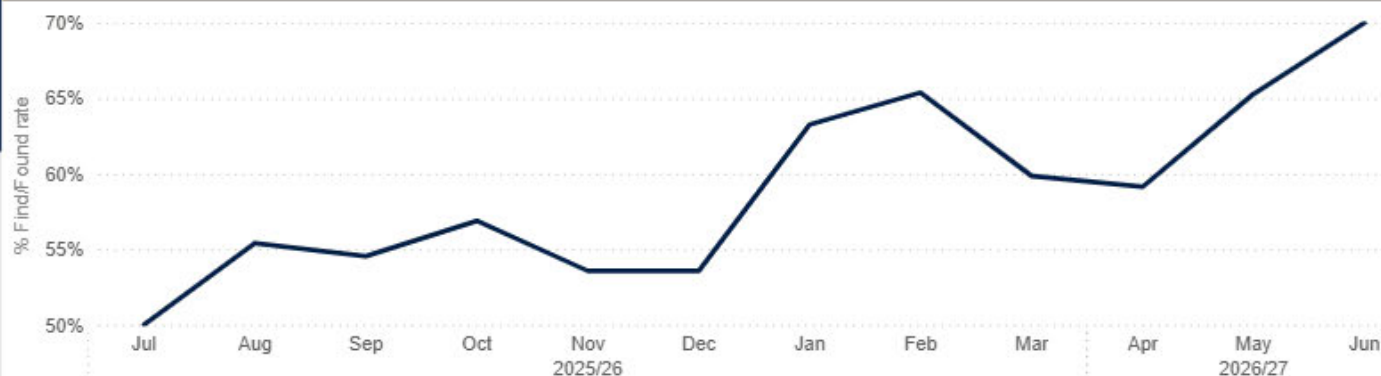
Record Status (Last Month)

Linked	Approved	In Progress	In Review	Update Rec
		2		
Linked	13	3	25	1
Not Linked	4		10	
Nothing Found	14	1	9	

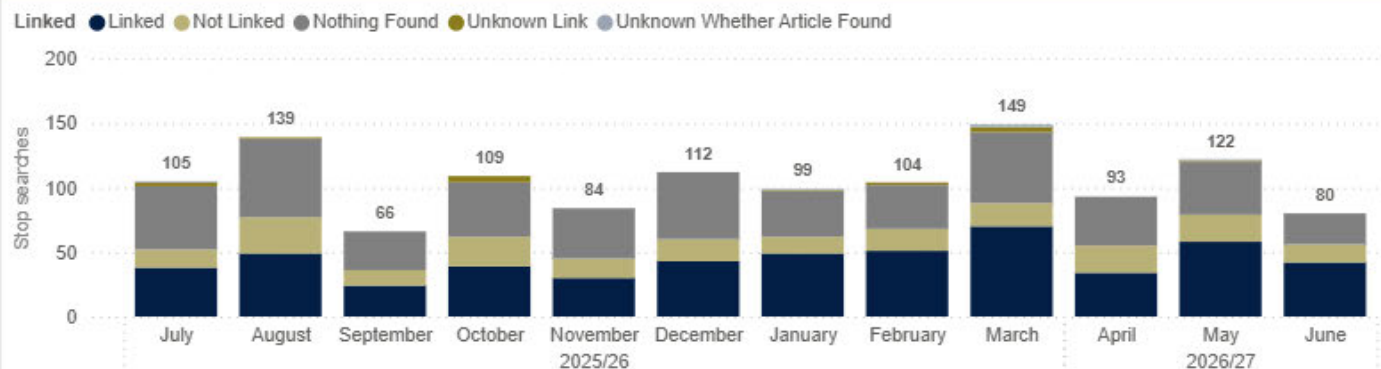
Find/Found	Jan 26	Feb 26	Mar 26	Apr 26	May 26	Jun 26
Found	63	70	92	55	80	56

Linked	Jan 26	Feb 26	Mar 26	Apr 26	May 26
	3		2	7	
Linked	49	51	70	34	58
Not Linked	13	17	18	21	21
Nothing Found	35	34	55	38	41

Find/Found rate (Last 12 months)



Outcomes linked to the Object of the search (Linked) (Last 12 months)



The power to search serves two purposes.

To allow the prompt apprehension of offenders unlawfully in possession of items that they are not entitled to have.

And
to allow those who
Officers suspect may
have an item in their
possession, to be
promptly eliminated
from their enquiries or
suspicion as a result of
a search, instead of an
arrest.

Where we find an item that we are searching for, we consider this ‘linked’ (Blue column). However there will be occasions when we will find items that were not the primary cause of the search, i.e. searching for drugs or stolen goods, we find a weapon. (Beige column)
Where nothing is found, (Grey) it allows the subject to go about their business without further detention.

It is important that we collect data regarding ethnicity, to help us analyse any disproportionality.

We look at this in relation to census data, our use of handcuffs, use of force, and body worn video recording.

This is to demonstrate transparency and so we can monitor that our powers are used fairly, appropriately, treating all subjects with respect.

The table at the bottom left shows the last six months to enabling trend/pattern analysis.



Ethnicity, Age and Sex are captured as important data for analysis and evaluation for both the Force and the Home Office, who we share data with on an annual basis.

Misc.

Approved

In Progress

In Review

Update Required

Date : 01/07/2025

30/06/2026

Role: All

Station: All

Stop searches
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Objects found
51

Other Objects
found
32

Forced used
89

Handcuffs used
75

Arrests
20

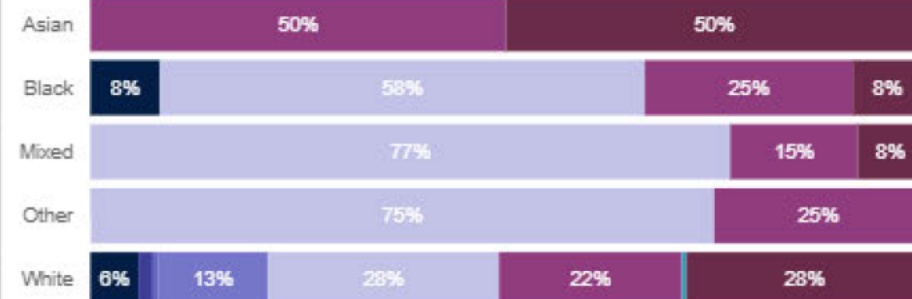
BWV recorded
213

Parent Notified
79

Risk assessment
81

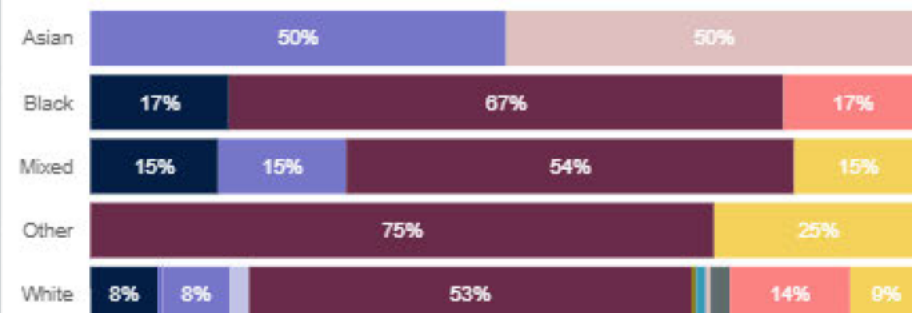
Power used

Self Defined Ethni... ● Criminal D... ● Firearms ● Fireworks ● Going Eq...



Outcomes

Self Defined Ethni... ● Arrest (A... ● Caution ● Communit... ● Guardian ...



SDE S&S NFA % of Total

White	177	92	85.10%
Mixed	13	7	6.25%
Black	12	8	5.77%
Other	4	3	1.92%
Asian	2		0.96%
Total	208	110	100.00%

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2
North
79
East
48
South
99

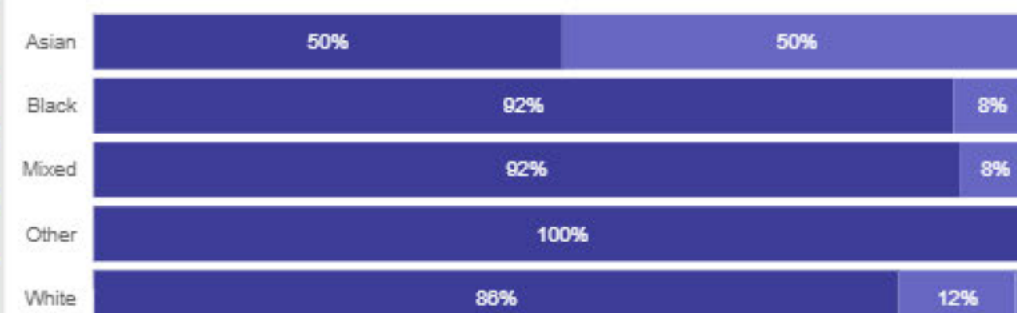
Female

24
Male
204

2
Approved
170
In Progress
30
In Review
20
Update Requi.
6

Estimated Age

Perceived Age Group ● 11-17 ye... ● 18-34 ye... ● 35-49 ye... ● 65 and ... ● Under 1...



Searching Children and Young People is a necessary part of Policing, one in which we exercise care and consideration to safeguard them from potential risks associated with crime.

Where necessary we will engage parents and conduct risk assessments, that consider the context of the search that the CYP finds themselves in. We may refer to partners for support.

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Stop Searches

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	White	Black	Asian	Mixed	Other
Warwickshire Pop	531674	8016	37321	13533	6229
Stop searches	905	70	120	64	26
Action taken/Positive search	402	34	47	24	13
Action taken/Positive search rate	44 %	49 %	39 %	38 %	50 %
Disproportionality	1.00	5.13	1.89	2.78	2.45

Last Full Month

June

Disproportionality is calculated for a 12 month rolling time period where the last full month is the end of the 12 month time period.

Date : 01/01/2026

30/06/2026

Role: All

Station: All

NEXUS data from the 2nd July 2024 - all filters work on the table below.

	White	Black	Asian	Mixed	Other	Not Stated
Stop searches	463	33	65	30	15	53
Handcuffs used	203	14	27	10	6	19
% Handcuffs used	43.8 %	42.4 %	41.5 %	33.3 %	40.0 %	35.8 %
Forced used	212	14	28	9	7	23
% Force used	45.8 %	42.4 %	43.1 %	30.0 %	46.7 %	43.4 %
BWV recorded	442	31	62	30	14	50
% BWV used	95.5 %	93.9 %	95.4 %	100.0 %	93.3 %	94.3 %

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We look at this in relation to census data, our use of handcuffs, use of force, and body worn video recording.

This is to demonstrate transparency and so we can monitor that our powers are used fairly, appropriately, treating all subjects with respect.

The table at the bottom shows the proportion of Stop Searches in which various powers relating to handcuffs, use of force and body worn video are applied.

Smaller volumes in data have a greater impact on percentages.

Ethnicity, Age and Sex are captured as important data for analysis and evaluation for both the Force and the Home Office, who we share data with on an annual basis.

It is important to understand those departments that use Stop Search powers. To assist in understanding departmental roles, please refer to this list:

CATE= Trafficking & exploitation team

CID = Detectives

DART = Domestic abuse team

Firearms = Specialist Armed police officers.

ISO = Shoplifting team

OPU = Uniformed officers with priority over traffic policing & Motorways.

Patrol = Uniformed officers responding to incidents and conducting general patrols.

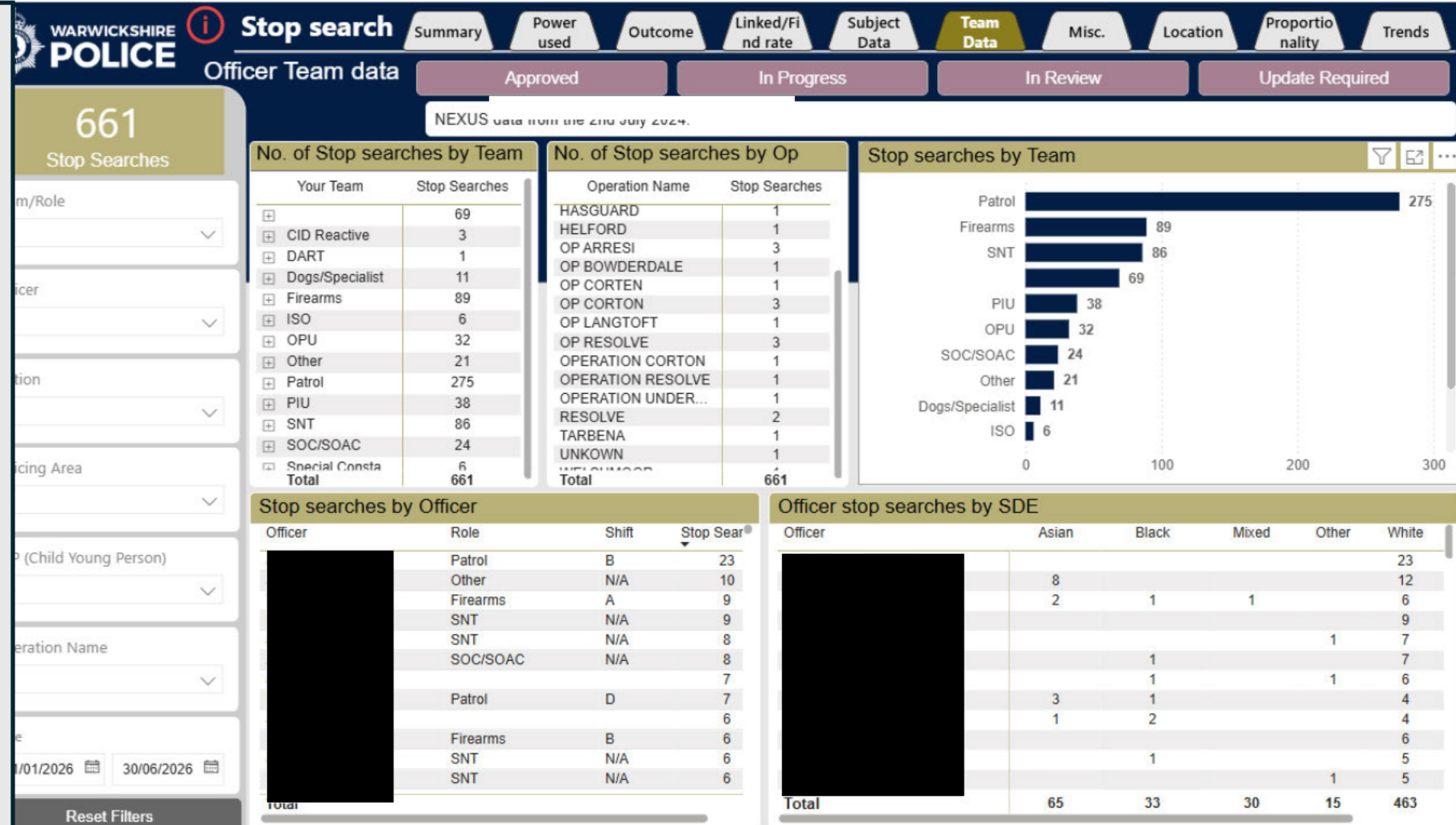
PIU = Patrol Investigation

SNT = Uniformed neighbourhood officers.

SOC/SOAC = Officers focussed on serious organised crime and serious organise acquisitive crime.

Dog / Specialist = As described
Special Constables = Volunteer police officers.

Proactive/OMU = Another branch of detectives working proactively.



This slide shows Teams and individual officers who have carried out the most searches. Some officers undertake more searches than others depending on their role and operational function. Officers are not expected to conduct a set number of searches each month, rather they are to determine each search grounds on a case by case basis. Officer names are redacted, but are shared with their team leaders.

Trends

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Stop searches

Date range

01/07/2025 - 30/06/2026

Date

01/07/2025

30/06/2026

Action taken

All

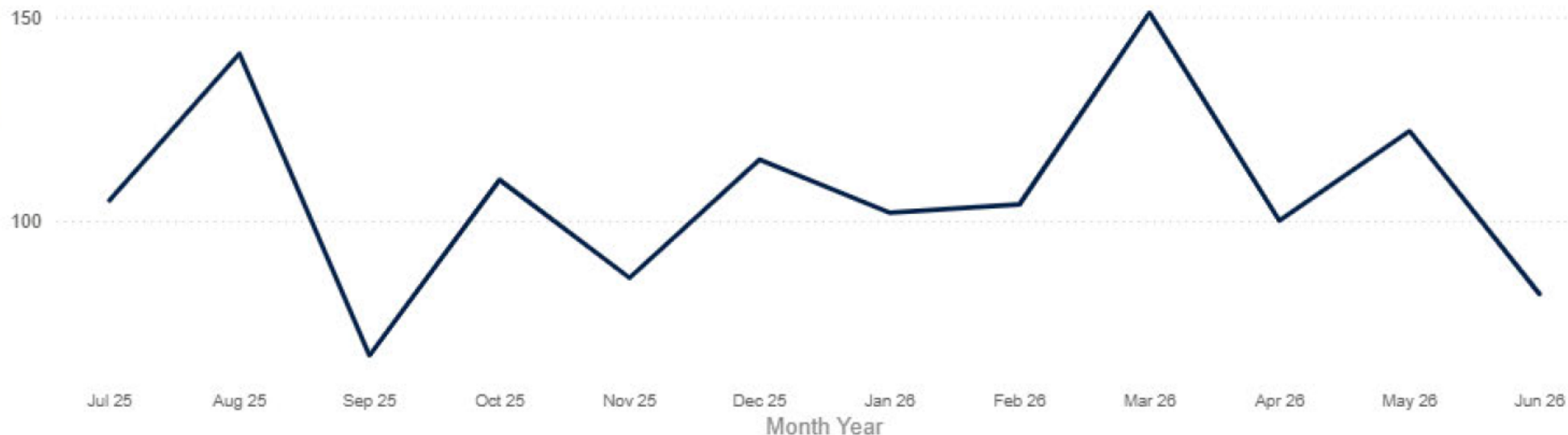
Power used

All

Outcome

All

Stop and search NEXUS (Warwickshire)



Fiscal Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
2025/26				105	141	67	110	86	115	102	104	151	981
2026/27	100	122	82										304

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2025							105	141	67	110	86	115	624
2026	102	104	151	100	122	82							661

This slide gives a 12 month overview of our total use of Stop Search on a month to month basis.
This averages out at 109 searches per month across the County.

Trends

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Stop searches

Date range - NEXUS

01/07/2025 - 30/06/2026

Date

01/07/2025

30/06/2026

Action taken

All

Power used

All

Outcome

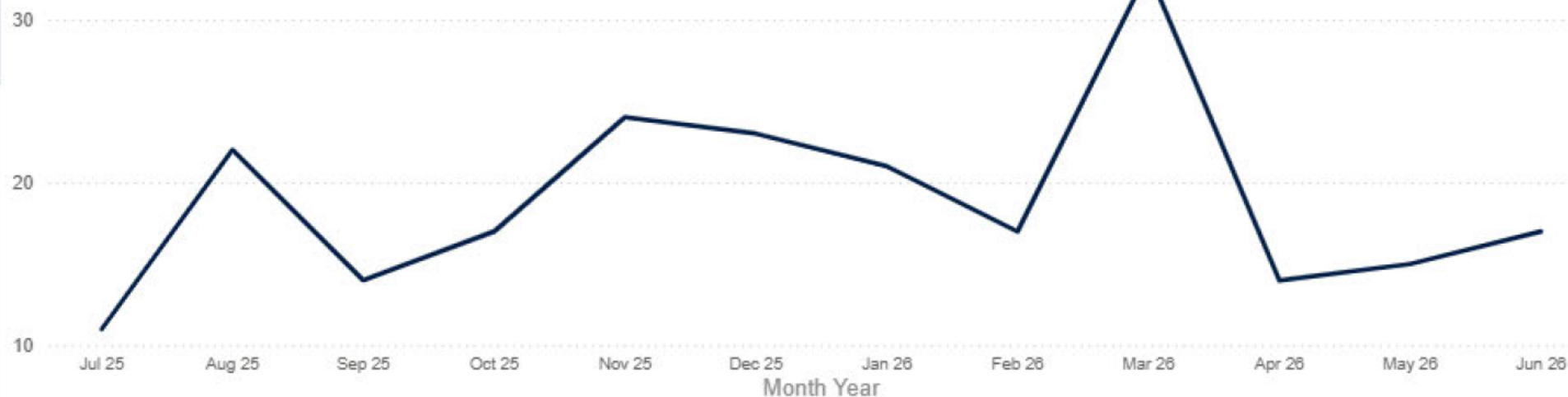
All

CYP

Child

Stop and search NEXUS (PA)

Stop and search



Fiscal Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
2025/26				11	22	14	17	24	23	21	17	33	182
2026/27	14	15	17										46

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2025							11	22	14	17	24	23	111
2026	21	17	33	14	15	17							117

Trend relates to u18 Children and Young People. March 2026 saw an uplift in search numbers, slightly less in months either side. Our data is regularly shared with partners supporting CYP.

What do you think?

We are committed to treating the public fairly, appropriately and with respect when we use Stop & Search powers.

We will therefore;

- provide information to the public of the legal elements involved,
- welcome feedback on our use of these powers,
- as well as inviting members of the public to join an Independent Scrutiny Panels to review Body Worn Video footage of search encounters.

You can do any of these by clicking on the link or using the QR code attached to this document.



<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/police-forces/warwickshire-police/areas/warwickshire-police/campaigns/campaigns/2022/stop-and-search/>