Stop Search Safeguard

Data period: July – Sept 2026



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

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July – Sept 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 3 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.

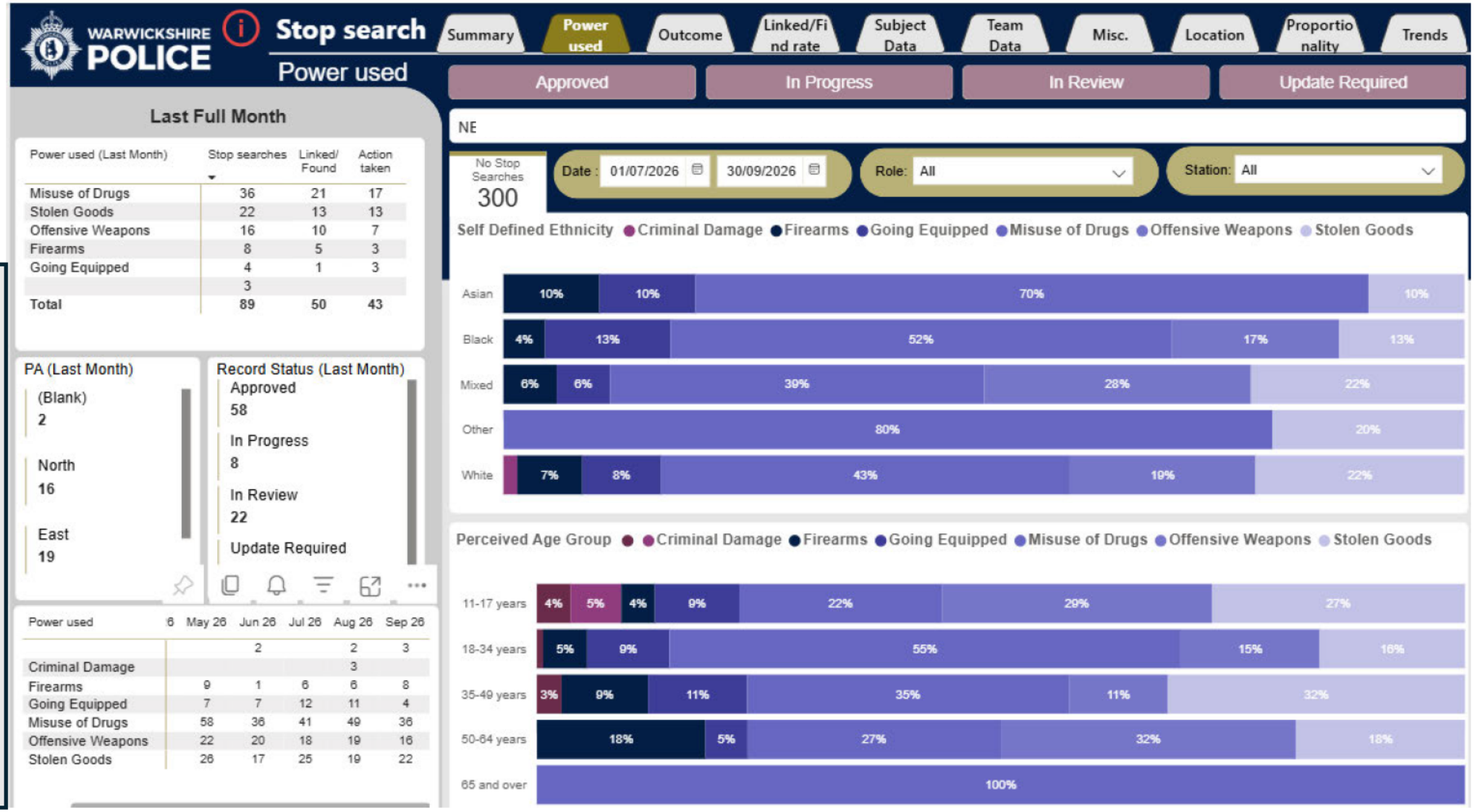
This page shows the reasons for the search as recorded by officers.

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.



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Stop search

Summary | Power used | Outcome | Linked/Find rate | Subject Data | Team Data | Misc. | Location | Proportionality | Trends

Linked/Find

Approved | In Progress | In Review | Update Required

Last Full Month

Find/Found	Stop searches	% Change
Found	50	-12%

Linked	Stop searches	% Change
	3	0%
Linked	37	-8%
Not Linked	13	-19%
Nothing Found	36	-27%
Unknown Link		-100%

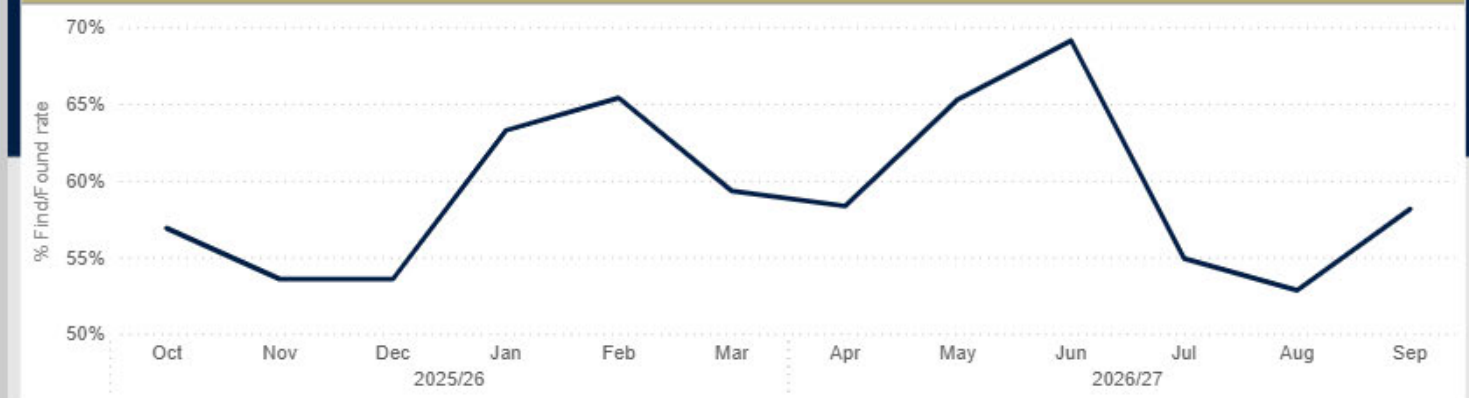
Record Status (Last Month)

Linked	Approved	In Progress	In Review	Update Rec
		3		
Linked	22	2	13	
Not Linked	10		3	
Nothing Found	26	3	6	1

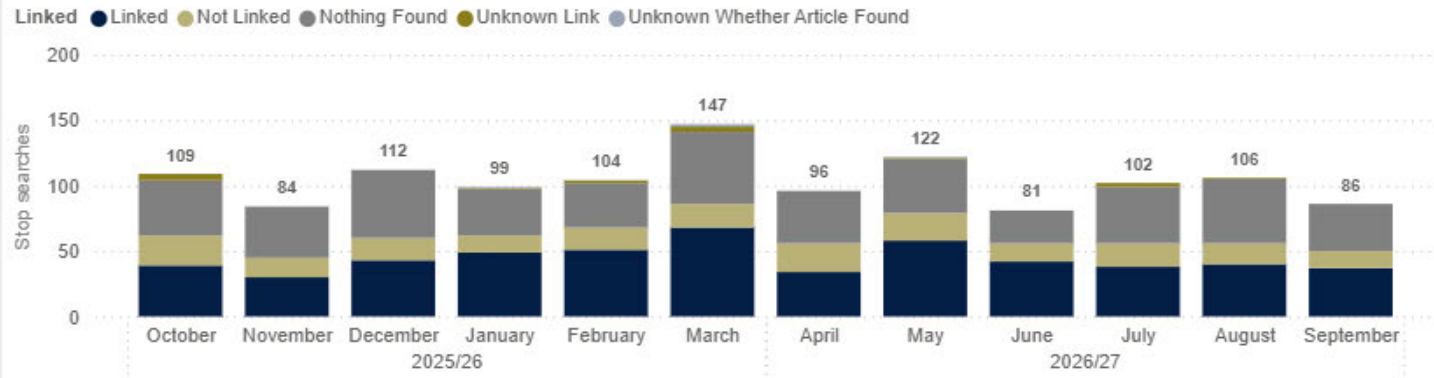
Find/Found	Apr 26	May 26	Jun 26	Jul 26	Aug 26	Sep 26
Found	56	80	56	59	57	50

Linked	Apr 26	May 26	Jun 26	Jul 26	Aug 26
Linked	34	58	42	38	40
Not Linked	22	21	14	18	16
Nothing Found	40	41	25	43	49
Unknown Link		1		3	1

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.



SDE	Apr 26	May 26	Jun 26	Jul 26	Aug 26	Sep 26
White	70	80	50	70	75	63
Not Stated	8	12	8	15	7	9
Asian	8	18	14	3	4	3
Black	6	4	5	7	11	6
Mixed	5	6	4	5	9	6
Other	2	2	2	1	2	2
	1			1	1	
Total	**100**	**122**	**83**	**102**	**109**	**89**

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.

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Stop search

Summary | Power used | Outcome | Linked/Find rate | Subject Data | Team Data | **Misc.** | Location | Proportionality | Trends

Misc.

Approved | In Progress | In Review | Update Required

Date : 01/07/2026 – 30/09/2026

Role: All

Station: All

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Stop Searches

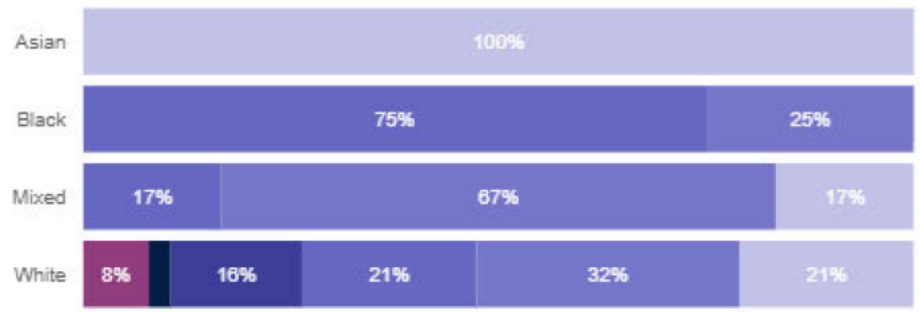
Stop searches	Objects found	Other Objects found	Forced used	Handcuffs used	Arrests	BWV recorded	Parent Notified	Risk assessment
58	13	7	25	23	4	52	--	--

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.

Power used

Self Defined Ethni... Criminal ... Firearms Going Eq... Misuse ...



SDE	S&S	NFA	% of Total
White	39	24	76.47%
Mixed	7	4	13.73%
Black	4	1	7.84%
Asian	1		1.96%
Total	**51**	**29**	**100.00%**

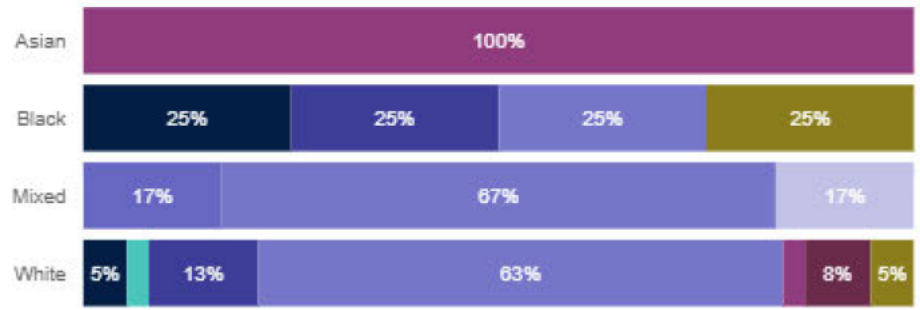
North 13
East 8
South 37

Female 7
Male 51

Approved 39
In Progress 8
In Review 11

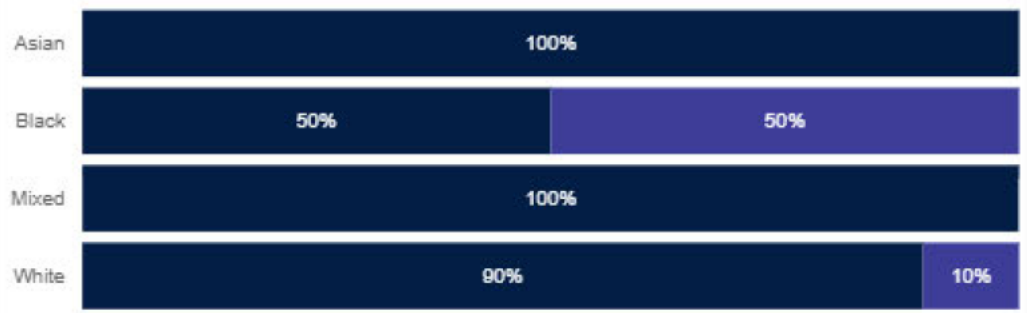
Outcomes

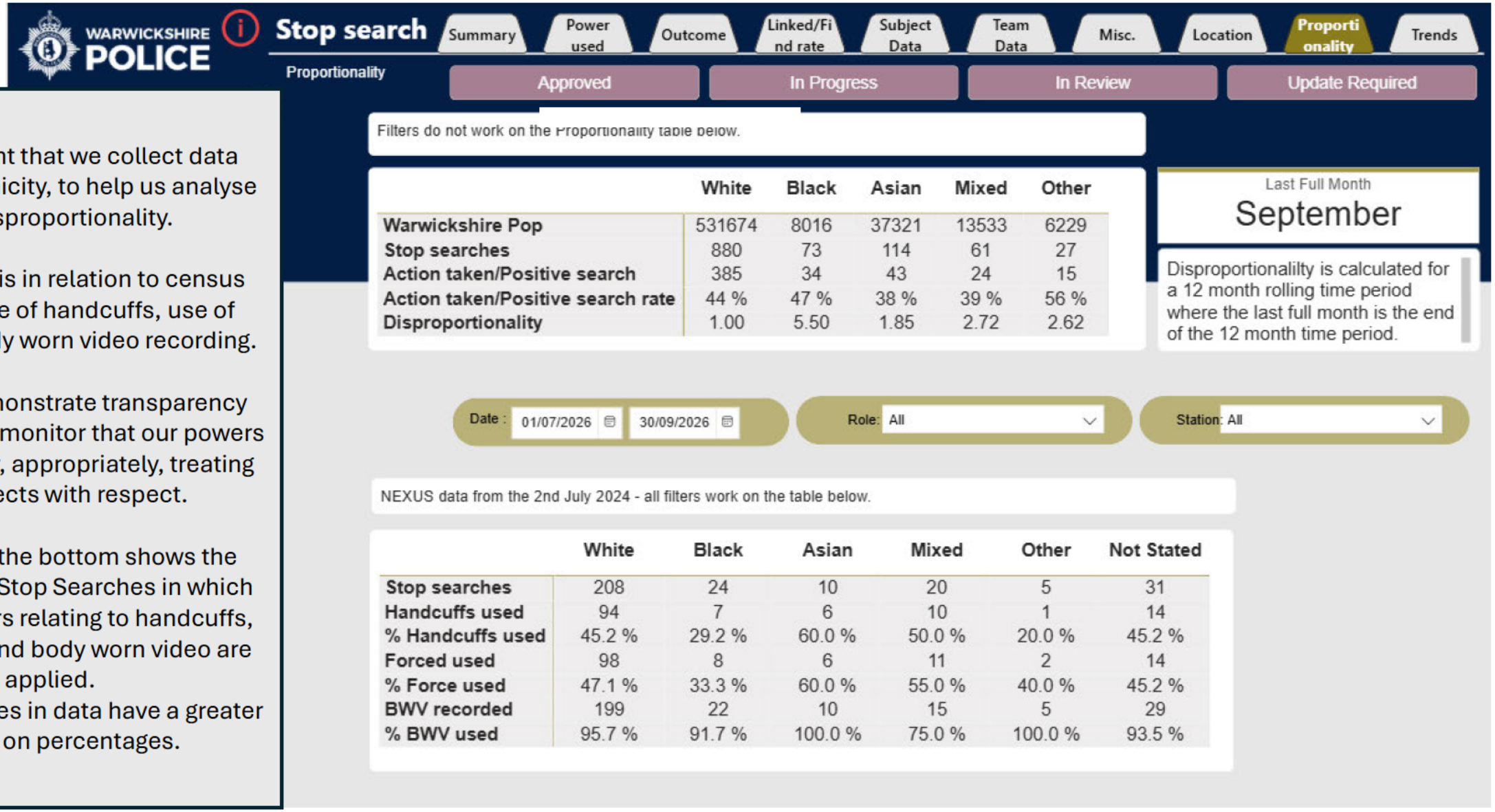
Self Defined Ethni... Arrest (A... Caution Communit... Guardian ...



Estimated Age

Perceived Age Group 11-17 years 18-34 years





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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

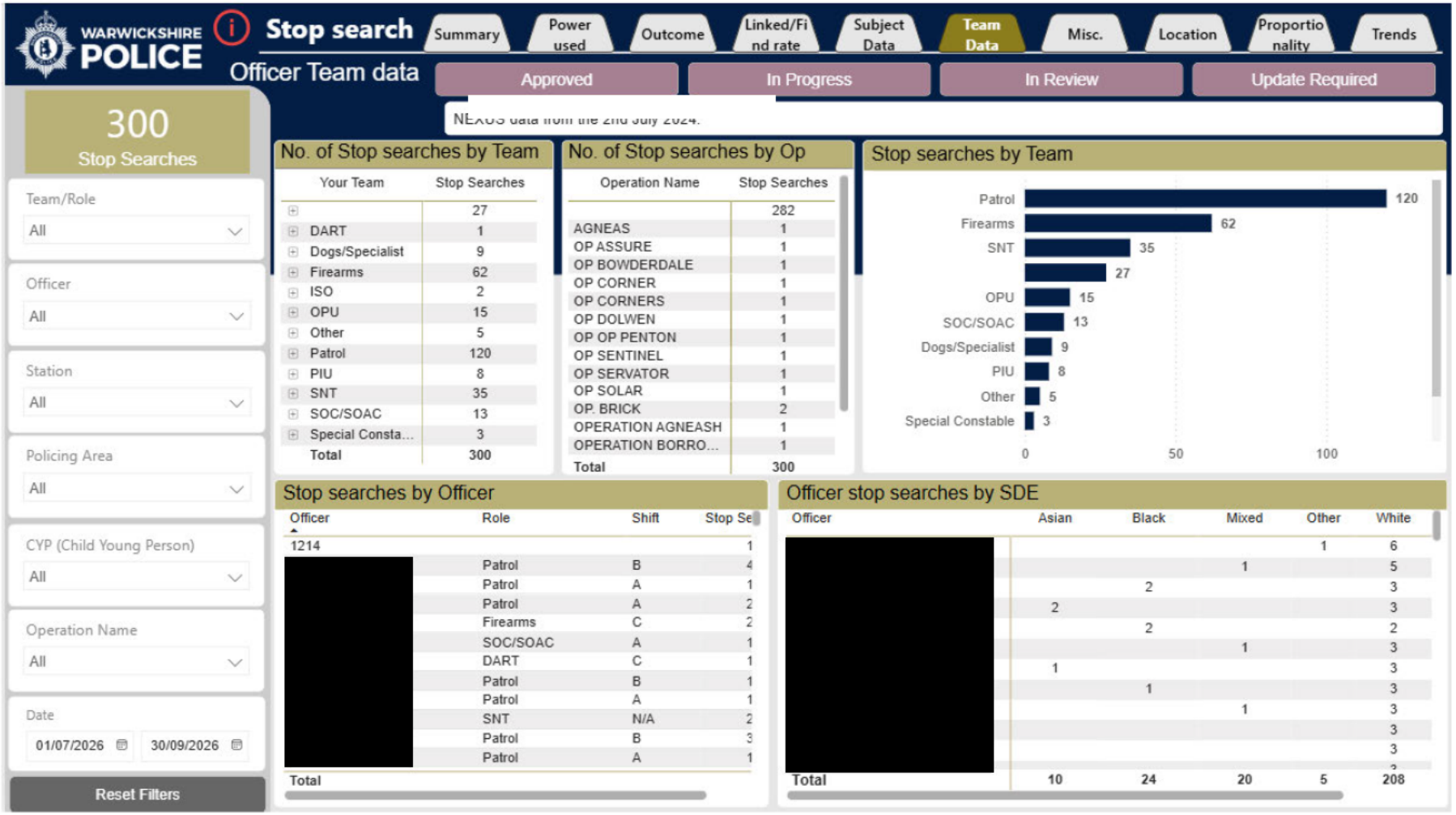
SNT = Uniformed neighbourhood officers.

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.

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Trends

1271
Stop searches

Date range
01/10/2025 - 30/09/2026

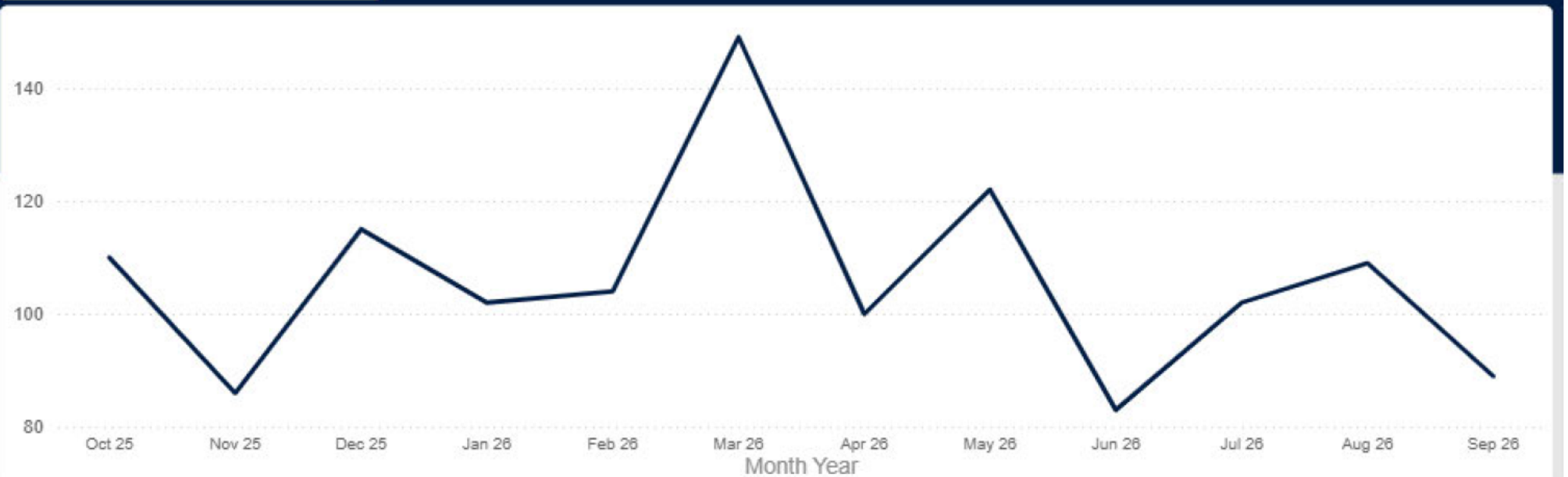
Date
01/10/2025 30/09/2026

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							110	86	115	102	104	149	666
2026/27	100	122	83	102	109	89							605

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2025										110	86	115	311
2026	102	104	149	100	122	83	102	109	89				960

This slide gives a 12 month overview of our total use of Stop Search on a month to month basis. This averages out at 106 searches per month across the County between Oct 2025 and Sept 2026

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Stop search

Summary | Power used | Outcome | Linked/Find rate | Subject Data | Team Data | Misc. | Location | Proportionality | Trends

Trends

Stop and search NEXUS (PA) | Stop and search

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Stop searches

Date range - NEXUS
01/10/2025 - 30/09/2026

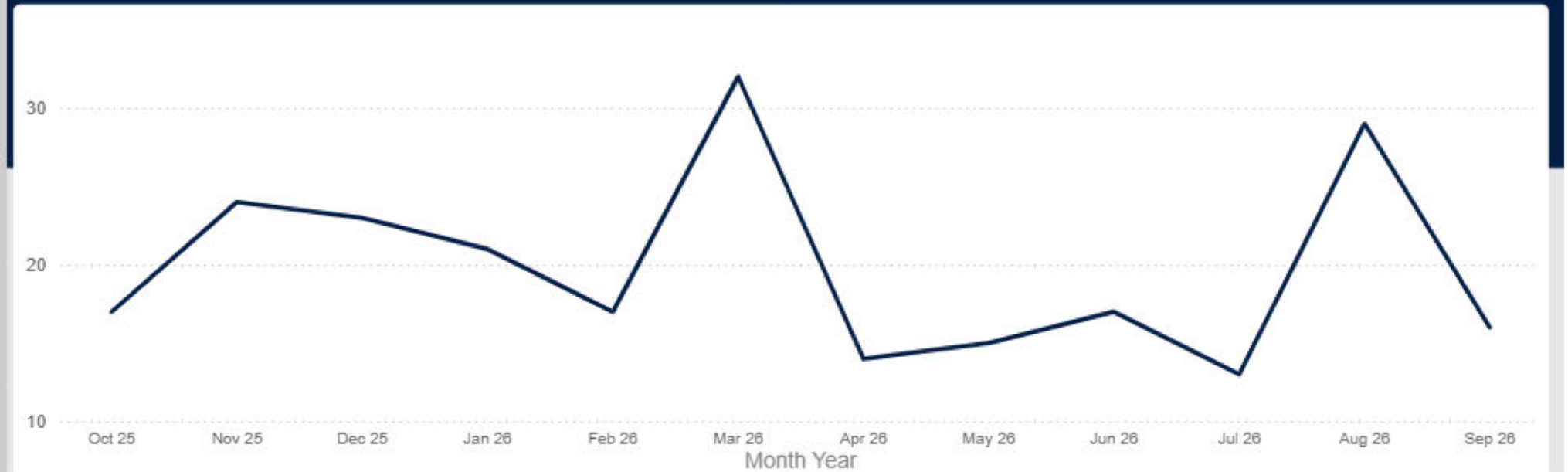
Date
01/10/2025 30/09/2026

Action taken
All

Power used
All

Outcome
All

CYP
Child



Fiscal Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
2025/26							17	24	23	21	17	32	134
2026/27	14	15	17	13	29	16							104

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2025										17	24	23	64
2026	21	17	32	14	15	17	13	29	16				174

Trend relates to u18 Children and Young People. March and Aug 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/