

Stop and Search

Q2 2021/22

= 5,411 YTD

3,231 **2,180**
Q1 **Q2**

Number of stop and searches

32.5% fewer stop and searches were conducted in Q2 compared with Q1

Object found

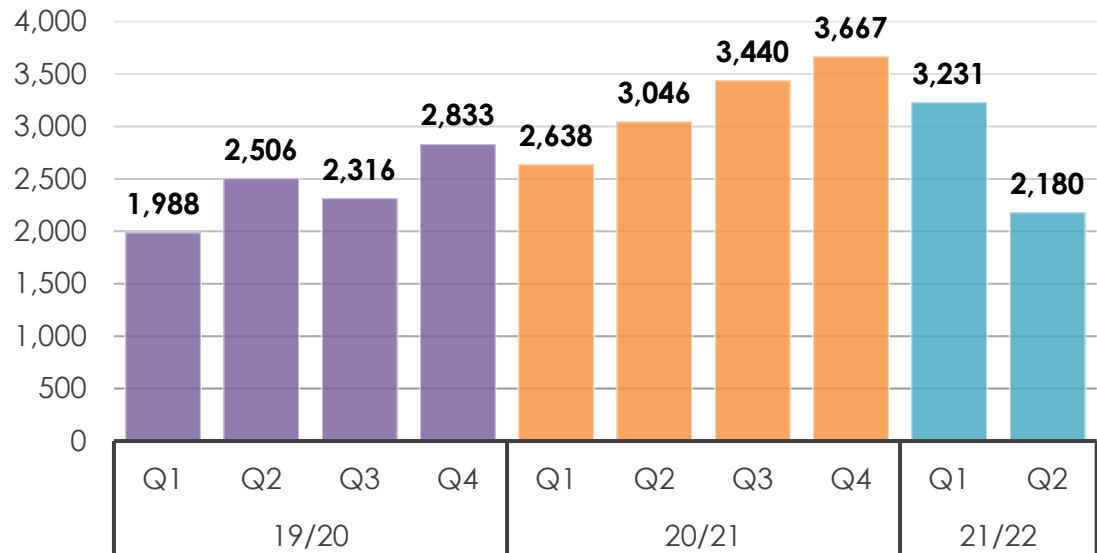


Yes
2,197
40.6%



No
3,210
59.3%

Number of Stop Searches



Country

England	5,074	93.8%
Wales	147	2.7%
Scotland	106	2.0%



8 - 19

1,833

33.9%



20 - 29

1,718

31.8%



30 - 39

838

15.5%



40 - 49

377

7.0%



50 - 59

115

2.1%



60+

27

0.5%



0 or Not
stated

506

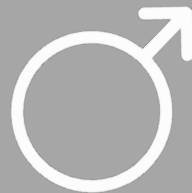
9.3%



Female

366

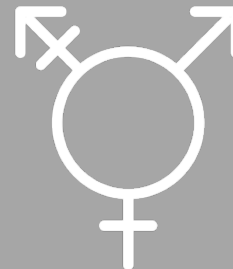
6.8%



Male

4,797

88.7%



Indeterminate

4

0.1%

Officer-Defined Ethnicity

White

3,305

61.1%

Black

1,390

25.7%

Asian

449

8.3%

Other

152

2.8%

Legal Power (Top 5)

Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (S23)	4,067	75.2%
Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (S1)	1,253	23.2%
Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 (S60)	28	0.5%
Scot - Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995	16	0.3%
Terrorism Act 2000	14	0.3%
All Others	33	0.6%



Purpose of search (Top 5)

Drugs – other controlled drugs	4,030	74.5%
Stolen goods	356	6.6%
Bladed article	345	6.4%
Offensive weapons	243	4.5%
Articles for use in theft	91	1.7%
All Others	346	6.4%

Principal Outcomes (Object found)

Total	2,197	
No Further Action Disposal	1,271	57.9%
Arrest	354	16.1%
Community Resolution	307	14.0%
Summons / Charged By Post	225	10.2%
Khat Or Cannabis Warning	23	1.0%
Caution (Simple Or Conditional)	14	0.6%
Penalty Notice For Disorder	3	0.1%

Locations (Top 5)



STRATFORD STATION	121
CLAPHAM JUNCTION RAILWAY STATION	96
BRIGHTON STATION	71
ST PANCRAS INTERNATIONAL STATION	67
WATERLOO RAILWAY STATION	58

Notes on specific questions raised by the PDC Chair

In audit terms what are the three lines of defence so supervisor checking all the way through to stop and search panel?

- All Stop Searches receive a first line supervisor/Sgt review within a reportable template.
- Second Line Supervisors dip sample 10% of their direct reports; Third line supervisors dip sample 10% of their direct reports, and finally 10% of third line supervisor reports are reviewed by Superintendents.
- Strengthening Stop Search Forums, which are a cross rank panel, conduct thematic assurance exercises on particular events such as Notting Hill.

Are there any current high profile stop and search issues to be aware of?

There are currently no high profile stop and search issues for BTP. As set out in the next slide however, the areas of focus and improvement to demonstrate legitimacy are:

- As the network returns to BAU and officers reduce accrued A/L and TOIL, the discretionary/proactive opportunities may be affecting trends in use of S&S powers
- Data integrity and accuracy
- Data and trend analysis
- Ensuring the effectiveness of independent scrutiny and influencing public commentary and perceptions

It will also be useful to see the searches differentiated by the powers so Section 60 and Section 1 separately.

The capability to more easily differentiate between the use of powers is a priority for the new strategic lead. However, the slides submitted to this meeting set out the use of stop and search across all of the different powers (Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (S23), Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (S1), Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 (S60), Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995, Terrorism Act 2000).

Future Strategy

BTP recognises that Stop and Search is a critical area for public confidence in police legitimacy and use of powers. A reassessment of how stop and search is managed by the Force has been undertaken following, and in anticipation of, key personnel changes (new Deputy Chief Constable, new post of Assistant Chief Constable Network Policing, and the NPCC lead for stop and search no longer being within BTP).

The new strategic lead for Stop and Search is ACC Gregory, who will be supported by Supt Casey as the operational lead, providing direction to Divisions and specialist departments.

Supt Casey's immediate emphasis is on the following themes:

- Improving data accuracy and integrity, for example ensuring that ethnicity and locations are properly recorded and that data can be automated wherever possible.
- Enhanced data and trend analysis
- Improving scrutiny and the effectiveness of independent oversight
- Improving public perceptions and commentary on disparity, effectiveness and ultimately the legitimacy of the use of stop and search powers.