



# Wiltshire Police

Stop and Search Overview

Quarter Three 2019-2020

# Key Findings

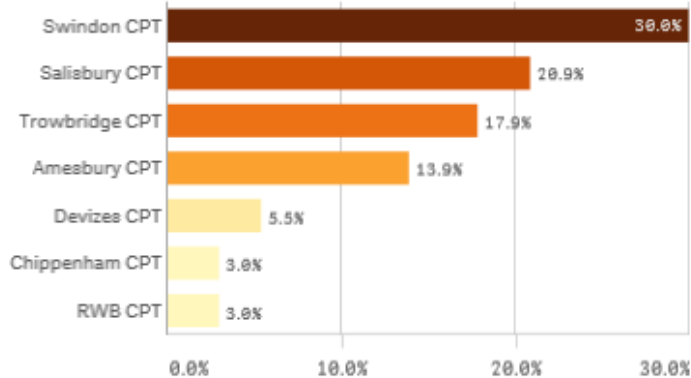
For the third fiscal quarter of 2019-2020:

*The data included was correct at the time of analysis. Police systems are live databases and as such are subject to change.*

- Wiltshire Police recorded 330 Stop and Searches
- Of which the highest proportion of stops searches were conducted within the Swindon and Salisbury Community Policing Team areas. Totaling 50.9% of all stop searches
- As a resident of Swindon Borough Council you were 2.3 times more likely to be stopped than those Wiltshire County Council residents
- Of the total volume of stop and searches 67.6% involved the search for a controlled drug. Of the same total, 16.7% had multiple search reasons attached to the record.
- Of the total volume of stop and searches 65.8% of cases resulted in no object being found and with 31.5% resulting in an object being found
- The proportion of stop searches resulting in police action was 27.6%, with 10% resulting in an arrest. Those that resulted in no further action equated to 66.7%
- As a breakdown of the BAME ethnicity group, a person from a:
  - Black ethnicity group was 3.75 times more likely to be Stop and Searched;
  - Asian ethnicity group was 1.6 times more likely;
  - Chinese ethnicity group was 1.38 times more likely;
  - Mixed ethnicity group was 1.46 times more likely.
- Wiltshire police are heavily involved in proactive operations to tackle youth violence and county lines and as a result 64.5% of those person stopped were under the age of 25.
- Of the 330 stop and searches recorded, most were conducted between the hours of 1pm and 12am
- When looking at the breakdown of genders, males feature as the most predominant gender stop and searched at 86.4%. The proportion of females stopped was 13%, with the remaining 0.6 as unknown.
- of the 29.7% of those objects found the largest majority have been from a white ethnicity background

## By area

### Stop and Search by CPT



Wiltshire Council - Per 1000 Population	0.71
Swindon Borough - Per 1000 Population	1.62

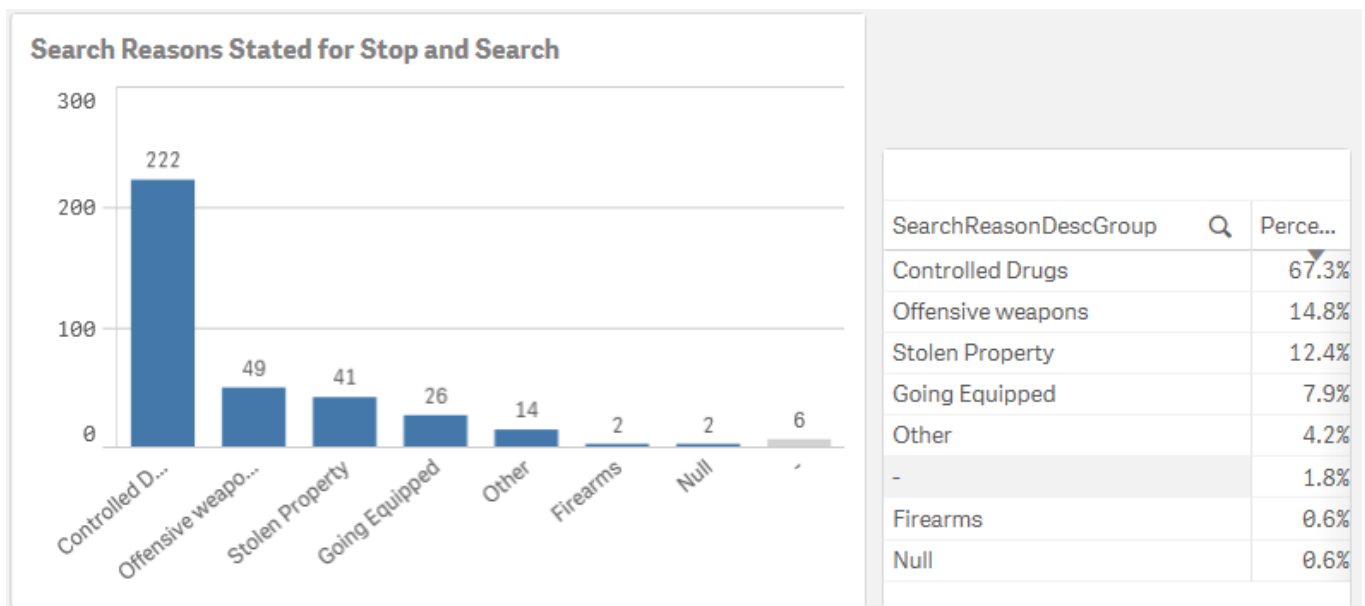
StopSearchMonth	Stop Search Volume
Oct-2019	139
Nov-2019	114
Dec-2019	77

The above bar chart gives a visual representation of the volume of stop and searches conducted across Wiltshire's police force area. The bar chart shows that Swindon community policing team have conducted the largest proportion of stop searches closely followed by Salisbury, Trowbridge and Amesbury. These areas represent some of the most populated towns within Wiltshire.

For every 1000 residents in Wiltshire County Council 0.71 residents have been stopped. However, as a resident of Swindon Borough Council this increased to 1.62 residents for every 1000. This means as a resident of Swindon you were 2.3 times more likely to be stopped than those residents of Wiltshire County Council.

Swindon continues to be the most impacted by County Lines\* due to its location on the M4 corridor and its transport connections to London. However, Salisbury has seen an increase in County Lines in the past 12 months and stop and searches have also increased, most significantly in the city centre.

## By reason for the search



For each recorded stop and search there is the option to have multiple reasons for why the stop and search was conducted. This results in a larger volume of recorded search reasons compared to the total volume of stop and searches.

\***County Lines** is a term used when drug gangs from big cities expand their operations to smaller towns, often using violence to drive out local dealers and exploiting children and vulnerable people to sell drugs

For the most recent quarter this has resulted in 16.7% of stop and searches being connected to more than one search reason and 67.6% involved the search for a controlled drug.

### By no object found/ object Found

No object was found <b>65.8%</b>
An object was found <b>31.5%</b>
Object of intended search was found <b>28.2%</b>

As part of a stop and search Wiltshire define if any object was found as part of that search.

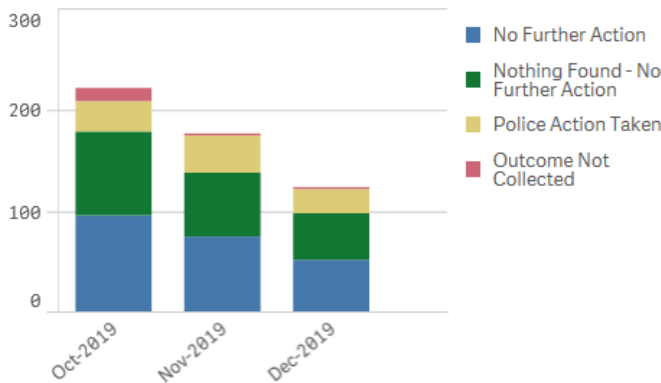
Of the 330 stop and searches conducted , 65.8% resulted in no object being found and 31.5% resulted in an object being found whether it was the intention of the search or not.

Of the 31.2%, 28.2% related to the intended object that was being searched for. Meaning

that 3% of the objects found were not the intention of the original search. The remaining 2.7% do not have an outcome stated.

### By police action taken

Stop and Search Data Overview



By police action taken

Police Action	Stop and Searches	%
-	2	0.61%
No further action	220	66.67%
Arrest	33	10.00%
Drugs warning	25	7.58%
Null	17	5.15%
Police discretionary resolution	16	4.85%
Voluntary attendance	8	2.42%
Caution	4	1.21%
Community resolution	3	0.91%
Postal requisition/postal charge/summons	2	0.61%

Of the 330 Stop and Searches conducted, 66.7% ended with no further action to be taken. The following 27.6% resulted in police action, 10% of which resulted in arrest. The remaining 5.7% had no outcome collected.

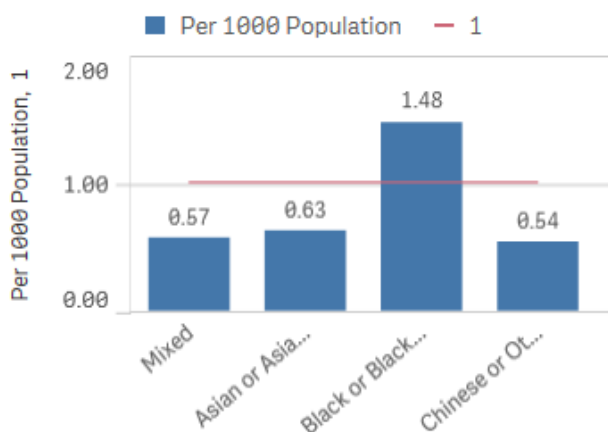
## By disproportionality

Disproportionality refers to a situation in which racial or ethnic groups are represented at a higher proportion than other racial or ethnic groups. It looks at the relative ratios of those people stopped and searched as a proportion of the resident population in the specified area.

Likelihood of 1 indicates that the ethnic group is equally as likely to be stopped as those who are White.

Wiltshire population data is based on the 2011 census data, as such analysis should be considered cautiously considering the length of time since the last census.

### Disproportionality



Within this fiscal quarter, a person from a BAME ethnicity group was 1.98 times more likely to be stop and searched. As a breakdown of the BAME ethnicity group, a person from a:

- Black ethnicity group was 3.75 times more likely to be Stop and Searched;
- Asian ethnicity group was 1.6 times more likely;
- Chinese ethnicity group was 1.38 times more likely;
- Mixed ethnicity group was 1.46 times more likely.

Ethnicity	Stop and Searches	Resident Population	Per 1000 Population
<b>Asian or Asian British</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15848</b>	<b>0.63</b>
Any other Asian ethnic background	5	5893	0.85
Pakistani	1	1507	0.66
Indian	4	8448	0.47
<b>Black or Black British</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6089</b>	<b>1.48</b>
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Other Black	4	995	4.02
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Caribbean	2	1958	1.02
African	3	3136	0.96
<b>Chinese or Other Ethnic Group</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1842</b>	<b>0.54</b>
Any other ethnic background	1	1842	0.54
<b>Mixed</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6964</b>	<b>0.57</b>
White and Black African	2	1224	1.63
Other mixed ethnic background	1	2266	0.44
White and Black Caribbean	1	3474	0.29
<b>White</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>638636</b>	<b>0.39</b>
White British	245	616753	0.40
Any other white background	7	21883	0.32
<b>Not stated</b>	<b>47</b>	-	-

## By objects found by ethnicity

This element of analysis was included a short time after the initial report was written. Due to live data changes the data analysed has increased in volume.

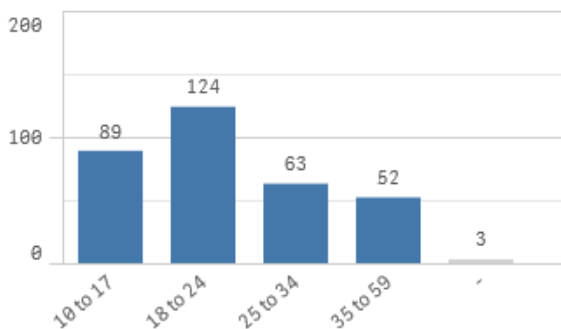
Of the 29.7% where an object was found the largest volume have been from the White ethnicity group at 24.1%. Other ethnicity groups have extremely small volumes of stop and search and stop and searches that have resulted in an object found.

By ethnicity, Was an Object Found

Ethnicity Group <input type="text"/>	Values		
	Stop and Search	Object Found	%
-	12	2	0.5%
White	283	91	24.1%
Mixed	3	0	0.0%
Asian or Asian British	12	2	0.5%
Black or Black British	13	2	0.5%
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	2	1	0.3%
Not stated	52	14	3.7%

## By age range

By Age Range



By Age Range

StartAgeGroup <input type="text"/>	Stop Search Volume
<b>Totals</b>	<b>330</b>
10 to 17	89
18 to 24	124
25 to 34	63
35 to 59	52

Of the 330 Stop and Searches conducted, 213 were to stop a person under the age of 25.

As a breakdown of the age groups stopped:

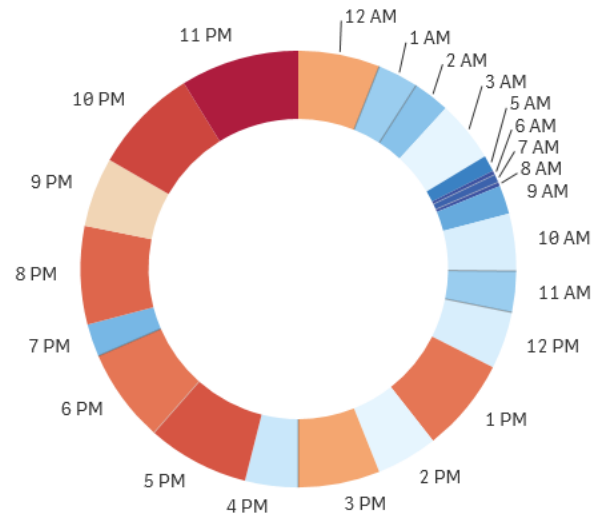
- 10 to 17 year olds account for 26.9%;
- 18 to 24 year olds, 37.6%;
- 25 to 34 year olds, 19.1%;
- 35 to 59 year olds, 15.8%;
- Not Stated, 0.6%.

At present Wiltshire Police are heavily engaged in proactive operations to tackle the increase in youth violence and County Lines. This is represented in the high proportions of those individuals stopped under the age of 25.

## By hour of the day

Hour	Volume of Stop & Search
<b>Totals</b>	<b>330</b>
12 AM	20
1 AM	10
2 AM	9
3 AM	15
5 AM	4
6 AM	1
7 AM	2
8 AM	1
9 AM	7
10 AM	14
11 AM	10
12 PM	14
1 PM	23
2 PM	15
3 PM	20
4 PM	13
5 PM	25
6 PM	23
7 PM	8
8 PM	24
9 PM	17
10 PM	26
11 PM	29

By Hour - Heat Map



The above heat map shows that 243 of the 330 Stop and Searches in this period were conducted between the hours of 1pm and 12am.

The remaining 87 searches were conducted between 1am and 12pm.

## By gender

By Gender

Gender	Stop and Search
M	285
F	43
U	2

When looking at the breakdown of genders, males feature as the most predominant gender stop and searched at 86.4%. The proportion of females stopped was 13%, with the remaining 0.6 as unknown.

## By removal of clothing

Type of Search			Clothing Removed			Intimate Parts Exposed		
Search Type	Stop and Search	%	Clothing Removed	Stop and Search	%	Exposed	Stop and Search	%
Null	6	1.8%	Full strip search	8	2.4%	N	2	0.6%
Pat-down	59	17.9%	No - Outer clothes only	30	9.1%	Null	322	97.6%
Search of both a vehicle and occupants	93	28.2%	No clothes removed	280	84.8%	Y	4	1.2%
Search of pedestrian(s) only	162	49.1%	Null	9	2.7%	-	2	0.6%
Search of the occupants of a vehicle	6	1.8%	PST	1	0.3%			
Search of vehicle only	1	0.3%	-	2	0.6%			
Unclothed	1	0.3%						
-	2	0.6%						

Almost half of all 330 stop and searches were recorded as pedestrian only, 46.1% were recorded as either pat-down or vehicle and occupant searches. In 84.8% of cases no clothes were removed from the person and 9.1% involved the removal of outer clothes only.

In the above table it identifies eight (2.4%) cases of a full strip search, four of which resulted in the exposure of intimate body parts. This equates to 1.2% of all 330 recorded stop and searches. These four persons all involved males, two of which were stopped as part of one stop and search. This means there were three occasions of stop and search involving four males.

The males that were required to expose intimate parts were searched by male officers in the accompaniment of another male officer. The stop and search involving two of the males were taken to a local custody suite to conduct the full strip search. For the remaining two males there was no location identified.

The recording of intimate parts exposed identifies 322 cases as 'null' which significantly disproportionate to the recording of yes and no cases, as such requires further investigation.