

**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND DIVERSITY COMMITTEE –
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**MONITORING STOP AND SEARCH AND STOP AND ACCOUNT AND
UPDATE ON STREET INTERVENTIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE DEVELOPMENT**

REPORT BY THE CHIEF CONSTABLE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide members with statistics for the period 1 April 2008 to 31 December 2008 for the purposes of monitoring 'stop and search' and 'stops and account' during that period and to update on policy and procedure development through the work of the Street Interventions Working Group.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Statistics for stop and search and stops and account appear as a Standing Agenda Item at each meeting of this Committee. These statistics, which are supplied to members on a quarterly basis in the format agreed, are designed to enable members to monitor, assess and keep the Force's use of 'stop and search' and 'stop and account' powers under review.
- 1.2 At the meeting of the Committee on 14 November 2008, members were presented with statistics for the period 1 April 2008 to 30 September 2008.

2. STOP AND SEARCH AND STOP AND ACCOUNT STATISTICS FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2008 TO 31 DECEMBER 2008

- 2.1 The statistics for the period 1 April 2008 to 31 December 2008 are attached to this report at Appendix A.

3. STREET INTERVENTIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE DEVELOPMENT

- 3.1 Members will be aware that the Street Interventions Project was commissioned following comment from both Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary (HMIC) and the Commission for Racial Equality (now known as the Equality and Human Rights Commission) relating to the use of stop and search in Dorset. The Commission requested that the Force undertake a Race Equality Impact Assessment on the Stop Search Policy and respond appropriately.
- 3.2 This issue is being developed by the Force Street Interventions Project which is supported by Police Authority participation. The terms of reference for the group seek to ensure that the Force's stop and search and Street

Interventions Policy practices and arrangements are 'fit for purpose' and support the promotion of trust and confidence in the use of relevant police powers amongst all communities.

- 3.3 Work on revising the Street Interventions Policy and undertaking the Equality Impact Assessment of the policy is advanced and the relevant actions have been identified. The revised policy and procedure has been the subject of initial consultation and a substantially revised version will be presented for further consultation to the working group on 20 February 2009. This will be subsequently followed by presentation to the Strategic Diversity Board for consideration.
- 3.4 Members will be aware that the new policy and procedure provides a significant opportunity for the Force to address some of the difficulties that the Force has had in demonstrating the effective and appropriate use of the stop and search powers in Dorset. The draft policy and procedure adopts national guidance and best practice. It will feature components of leadership and training, intelligence led application, briefing, tasking, evaluation, monitoring and audit.
- 3.5 Once the policy and equality impact assessment are agreed, internal and external communication of the finalised policy will be an important consideration and the working group will be considering how to launch the new policy and procedure. This external communication will specifically need to demonstrate the steps being taken to address the original concerns of the Race Equality Commission, which are again raised in a recent report by the Equality and Human Rights Commission that considered what has been achieved in the ten years after the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry report.
- 3.6 Members will be aware that there has been an intention for some time to review the monitoring arrangements in relation to the use of stop and search powers in Dorset. In the light of the new policy and procedure and equality impact assessment, as part of the work of the Street Interventions Working Group opportunity is being taken to review the existing reporting and monitoring arrangements to ensure they are 'fit for purpose'. For the reports that come to this Committee, these will, in particular, be subject to initial dialogue with the Chief Executive.
- 3.7 A full report incorporating the draft policy and procedure, the full impact assessment and response to the Equality and Human Rights Commission and proposals for the revised monitoring arrangements will be reported to a future meeting of this Committee as soon as they are finalised.

4. STOP AND ACCOUNT

- 4.1 Members will be aware that the recent Green Paper entitled 'From the Neighbourhood to the National' focused on improving confidence and addressed the potential to balance the effectiveness and efficiency of accountability. A national change in the recording of stop and account interactions, originating in the Review of Policing by Sir Ronnie Flanagan, was introduced on 19 January 2009.
- 4.2 The new procedure is designed to reduce bureaucracy and officers are now only required to record an interaction, which does not result in a search or an arrest, by using their Airwave radio. The approach enables automatic

recording of officer and time and place; however, it is important that the officer must record the ethnic status of the person.

- 4.3 All people who are asked to account for their presence will be issued with a receipt that provides information not only about the officer who has stopped them, but also where they can obtain further information about their rights in relation to stop and account. A copy of the receipt is attached for the information of members at Appendix B.

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 Members are asked to note this report and agree to receive further reports incorporating the new policy and procedure, equality impact assessment, draft response to the Equality and Human Rights Commission and revised reporting arrangements as soon as they are finalised.

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Stop/Search and Stop/Account Report for April-December 2008

Date: 4th February 2009

1. TERMS OF REFERENCE

This report has been prepared to advise both Dorset Police and Dorset Police Authority on the application of the powers under PACE Code A. The report covers the period 1st April 2008 to 31st December 2008.

2. INTRODUCTION

Stopping and Searching suspects in the street continues to be an important tactic for detecting and preventing crime and disorder and thereby Making Dorset Safer. The power enables officers to detain suspected persons for the purpose of searching to locate evidence of crime and to do so without making an arrest and depriving a person of their liberty for a longer period than necessary. This is a power that is particularly relevant to the priorities of Reducing Serious Violent Crime and Reducing the Crime Most Affecting Local Communities.

Following the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry, new guidance was introduced to ensure that Police Forces and Police Authorities publicise people's rights in relation to stop and search, engage communities in publicising the benefits of stop and search, and where there is evidence of disproportionate use, explore the reasons and identify what can be done to remedy it.

3. STOPS AND STOP SEARCHES

The Stephen Lawrence Inquiry defined a 'stop' as follows:

"When a police officer requests a person in a public place to account for themselves, i.e. their actions, behaviour, presence in an area or possession of anything, a record of the encounter must be completed at the time and a copy given to the person who has been questioned."

A stop and search is where an officer stops a person, having reasonable grounds to suspect they are in possession of an item or where a power has been granted under specific legislation and searches that person; these include:

- S.1 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984
- S.23 Misuse of Drugs Act 1971
- S.47 Firearms Act 1968
- S.60 Criminal Justice and Public order Act 1994
- S.44 Terrorism Act 2000

The primary purpose of stop and search powers is to enable officers to allay or confirm suspicions about individuals without exercising their power of arrest. Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) 1984 Codes of Practice, Code A, govern how the police exercise their statutory powers of stop and search.

Further information on the roles and responsibilities of the Force and the Police Authority in relation to Stop and Search can be obtained from the www.dpa.police.uk and from the Chief Executive's office.

4. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

Overall a total of 5,409 stop/searches were undertaken in this reporting period, a reduction of 9.6%, equating to 573 searches, on the same 9-month period in 2007/08.

The figures for stop/searches per 1,000 population using the 2001 census shows that 7.1 white people per 1,000 population were stop/searched compared to 19.9 people per 1000 population from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) groups. However, using more up to date Office of National Statistics (ONS) mid 2006 estimates which give Dorset an estimated 7.1% resident BME population, the rate changes to 7.3 per 1,000 population for white people compared to 12.3 for BME groups.

There have been reductions in all ethnic groups, the most significant being a 33.1% reduction, equating to 118 fewer stop/searches of Black & Black British people.

Of the total stop/searches, 4,775 (88.3%) were on white people and 593 (11.7%) were on those from BME groups. Of all searches on people from BME communities in the Bournemouth and Poole Division, 44% were on black or black British people.

The overall arrest rate following stops and searches is 11.4% (615 arrests). The arrest rate varies across the ethnicity groups, although the pattern in the main falls within an arrest rate in the range of 10 – 15%. National mid year data for stop and search is not collated, thus comparisons to other Forces is not possible.

A total of 2,330 stops only (no search) were recorded during this 9-month period, a reduction of 652 (22%) on the 2932 undertaken over the same period in 2007/08.

5. PROFILE OF STOP AND SEARCH

5.1 Number of Stop and Searches April proportionate to communities - December 2008

The below table shows recorded stop and search and its greater use in the Bournemouth and Poole Division.

		Force			Bournemouth & Poole Division			County Division		
		No. of Stop & Searches	Per 1,000 Pop.		No. of Stop & Searches	Per 1,000 Pop.		No. of Stop & Searches	Per 1,000 Pop.	
			2001 Census	2006 O.N.S.		2001 Census	2006 O.N.S.		2001 Census	2006 O.N.S.
Ethnicity	White	4775	7.1	7.3	3062	10.9	11.2	1713	4.4	4.5
	White Non British	115	6.5	5.1	87	8.9	7.5	28	3.5	2.5
	Mixed	116	23.8	16.8	92	32.4	24.9	24	12.0	7.5
	Black & Black British	239	155.2	46.9	217	233.0	83.5	22	36.9	8.8
	Asian & Asian British	70	24.5	9.0	61	33.0	14.5	9	9.2	2.5
	Chinese & Other	53	14.2	7.3	38	17.2	10.0	15	10.1	4.3
	Not Stated	41			17			24		
	Total	5409	7.7	7.7	3574	12.0	12.0	1835	4.6	4.6

Office of National Statistics - mid 2006 (O.N.S)

A total of 5,409 Stop & Searches were conducted during the period April to December 2008. Of these, 4,775 stops/searches were recorded as white persons (7.1 per 1,000 population using census results or 7.3 using ONS latest estimates) and 593 were recorded as BME persons (19.9 per 1,000 population using the 2001 census results or 12.3 using the latest ONS estimates). Of these 239 were conducted on black and black British people which equates to 46.9 per 1000 of that population. Whilst the disproportionate statistic is apparent this equates to less than 1 stop and search per day. However, the recorded disproportion is very evident in the case of black and black British in the Bournemouth and Poole Division.

The below table sets out the change in activity compared to the previous year.

Number of Stop & Searches - April to December 2007/08 v 2008/09

		FORCE				Bmth & Poole				Dorset County			
		Change				Change				Change			
		07/08	08/09	Actual	%	07/08	08/09	Actual	%	07/08	08/09	Actual	%
Ethnicity	White	5191	4775	-416	-8.0%	3154	3062	-92	-2.9%	2037	1713	-324	-15.9%
	White Non British	144	115	-29	-20.1%	111	87	-24	-21.6%	33	28	-5	-15.2%
	Mixed	126	116	-10	-7.9%	103	92	-11	-10.7%	23	24	1	4.3%
	Black & Black British	357	239	-118	-33.1%	322	217	-105	-32.6%	35	22	-13	-37.1%
	Asian & Asian British	83	70	-13	-15.7%	74	61	-13	-17.6%	9	9	0	0.0%
	Chinese & Other	55	53	-2	-3.6%	34	38	4	11.8%	21	15	-6	-28.6%
	Not Stated	26	41	15	57.7%	16	17	1	6.3%	10	24	14	140.0%
	Total	5982	5409	-573	-9.6%	3814	3574	-240	-6.3%	2168	1835	-333	-15.4%

There has been a reduction in all categories with the largest being a reduction of 33.1% for black and black British people. Overall there have been 573 fewer searches this year. This is problematic to explain, except to say that there is no target for completing a set number of interactions, it is an optional tactic that is applied in specific circumstances and aggregating these events will not necessarily explain fluctuation from one year to the next. Indeed, this equates to a reduction of two searches across the Force per day.

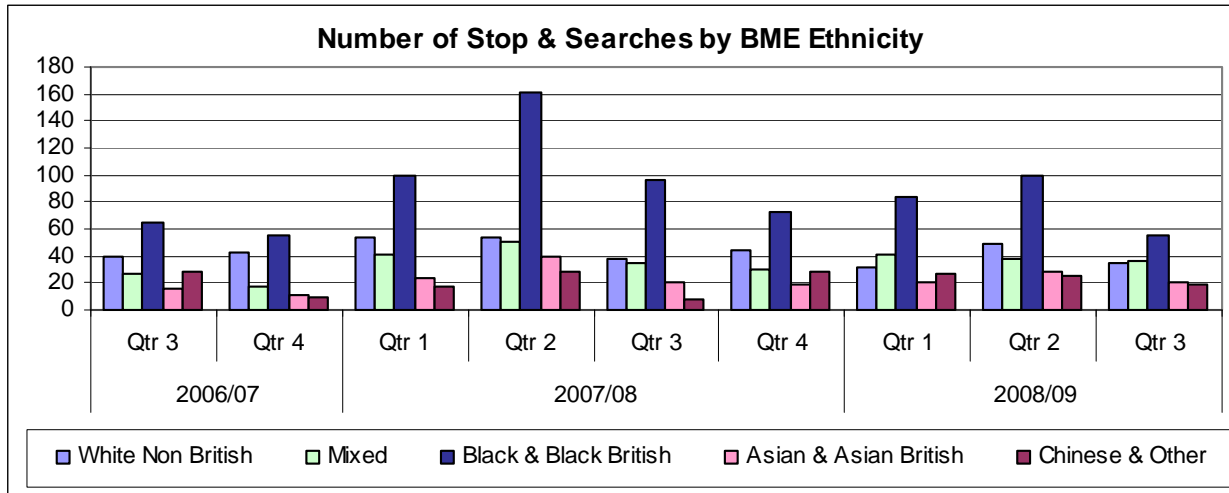
The below chart depicts other personal characteristics that essentially indicates that males are stopped and searched far more than females.

		Force		Bournemouth & Poole Division		County Division	
		Hlo. of Stop & Searches	Per 1,000 Pop.	Hlo. of Stop & Searches	Per 1,000 Pop.	Hlo. of Stop & Searches	Per 1,000 Pop.
Gender	Male	4790	14.1	3179	22.1	1611	8.3
	Female	571	1.6	376	2.4	195	0.9
	Unknown	48		19		29	
Age	Under 18	1011	5.3	589	6.9	422	4.0
	18 - 24	1822	11.0	1080	13.7	742	8.6
	25 - 44	2181	11.7	1630	22.5	551	4.8
	Over 45	309	2.0	231	3.8	78	0.8
	Unknown	86		44		42	

88.7% of those subject to Stop & Search are male. The age profile indicates that 52.4% are conducted with people under the age of 25 years old.

In Bournemouth and Poole Division 45.6% of searches were on people 25-44 and 46.7% on people under 25 years. In County Division 30.0% were on people 25-44 and 63.4% on people under 25 years.

The following chart illustrates a quarter on quarter comparison of stops searches by ethnicity. Visually it is very clear that the stop and search of black and black British is much greater, however, the disparity has reduced in the last quarter.



The below chart identifies the reason for the stop and search. It is clear that the investigation of controlled drug possession (56.2%) and theft (21.1%) are the two main reasons for stopping and searching.

		Search Reason											Grand Total	
		Stolen Property	%	Drugs	%	Firearms	%	Offensive Weapons	%	Going Equipped	%	Criminal Damage		%
Ethnicity	White	1030	21.6%	2646	55.4%	31	0.6%	379	7.9%	462	9.7%	227	4.8%	4775
	White Non British	20	17.4%	64	55.7%	3	2.6%	7	6.1%	16	13.9%	5	4.3%	115
	Mixed	19	16.4%	68	58.6%	2	1.7%	12	10.3%	11	9.5%	4	3.4%	116
	Black & Black British	31	13.0%	169	70.7%	3	1.3%	24	10.0%	10	4.2%	2	0.8%	239
	Asian & Asian British	12	17.1%	46	65.7%	2	2.9%	9	12.9%	1	1.4%	0	0.0%	70
	Chinese & Other	11	20.8%	28	52.8%	3	5.7%	6	11.3%	4	7.5%	1	1.9%	53
	Not Stated	16	39.0%	17	41.5%	0	0.0%	6	14.6%	2	4.9%	0	0.0%	41
Grand Total		1139	21.1%	3038	56.2%	44	0.8%	443	8.2%	506	9.4%	239	4.4%	5409

It is evident that a greater percentage of application in relation to stolen property is targeted at white suspects. However, in the case of drugs investigation black and black British and Asian and Asian British have been the focus.

By drawing the data together it is clear that the stop and search power is utilised predominantly in the Bournemouth and Poole Division to investigate the possession of controlled drugs. Whilst the power is used many more times in relation to white people, the number of Black and Black British people relative to that community group is proportionally greater than for white people.

The below table shows change compared to the previous year and the reduction in use of powers is seen mainly in the area of drug investigation with a reduction in the stopping and searching of Black and Black British people but an increase in the case of Asian, Asian British and Chinese people.

	Stolen Property			Drugs			Firearms			Offensive Weapons			Going Equipped			Criminal Damage			TOTAL		
	07/08	08/09	%	07/08	08/09	%	07/08	08/09	%	07/08	08/09	%	07/08	08/09	%	07/08	08/09	%	07/08	08/09	%
White	1221	1030	-15.6%	2855	2646	-7.3%	57	31	-45.6%	445	379	-14.8%	341	462	35.5%	272	227	-16.5%	5191	4775	-8.0%
White Non British	44	20	-54.5%	68	64	-5.9%	2	3	50.0%	18	7	-61.1%	9	16	77.8%	3	5	66.7%	144	115	-20.1%
Mixed	28	19	-32.1%	63	68	7.9%	4	2	-50.0%	20	12	-40.0%	5	11	120.0%	6	4	-33.3%	126	116	-7.9%
Black & Black British	49	31	-36.7%	273	169	-38.1%	3	3	0.0%	25	24	-4.0%	6	10	66.7%	1	2	100.0%	357	239	-33.1%
Asian & Asian British	15	12	-20.0%	36	46	27.8%	4	2	-50.0%	19	9	-52.6%	7	1	-85.7%	2	0	-100.0%	83	70	-15.7%
Chinese & Other	18	11	-38.9%	19	28	47.4%	2	3	50.0%	11	6	-45.5%	3	4	33.3%	2	1	-50.0%	55	53	-3.6%
Not Stated	8	16	100.0%	12	17	41.7%	1	0	-100.0%	2	6	200.0%	3	2	-33.3%	0	0	-	26	41	57.7%
Total	1383	1139	-17.6%	3326	3038	-8.7%	73	44	-39.7%	540	443	-18.0%	374	506	35.3%	286	239	-16.4%	5982	5409	-9.6%

The following table shows the rate of arrests following stop and search. This is most likely to arise from the recovery of evidence, but, it could be that further other evidence has emerged independent of the search.

	Ethnicity	Force		Bournemouth & Poole Division		County Division	
		No. of Arrests	% Arrest Rate	No. of Arrests	% Arrest Rate	No. of Arrests	% Arrest Rate
	White	525	11.0%	338	11.0%	187	11.0%
	White Non British	19	16.5%	15	17.2%	4	14.3%
	Mixed	15	12.9%	12	13.0%	3	12.5%
	Black & Black British	25	10.5%	21	9.7%	4	18.2%
	Asian & Asian British	8	11.4%	5	8.2%	3	33.3%
	Chinese & Other	14	19.4%	5	13.2%	9	26.5%
	Not Stated	9	22.0%	4	23.5%	5	20.8%
	Total	615	11.4%	400	11.2%	215	11.7%

The overall arrest rate for stop and search is 11.4% (615 total arrests) which does vary slightly across the ethnicity groups, although in general the pattern remain consistent with an arrest rate in the range of 10 - 15%. The comparison of other personal factors indicates that similar proportions for males and females and fewer arrests in the younger age group.

	Gender	Force		Bournemouth & Poole Division		County Division	
		No. of Arrests	% Arrest Rate	No. of Arrests	% Arrest Rate	No. of Arrests	% Arrest Rate
	Male	555	11.6%	363	11.4%	192	11.9%
	Female	52	9.1%	33	8.8%	19	9.7%
	Unknown	8	16.7%	4	21.1%	4	13.8%

	Age	Force		Bournemouth & Poole Division		County Division	
		No. of Arrests	% Arrest Rate	No. of Arrests	% Arrest Rate	No. of Arrests	% Arrest Rate
	Under 18	87	8.6%	45	7.6%	42	10.0%
	18 - 24	193	10.6%	113	10.5%	80	10.8%
	25 - 44	283	13.0%	205	12.6%	78	14.2%
	Over 45	41	13.3%	31	13.4%	10	12.8%
	Unknown	11	12.8%	6	13.6%	5	11.9%

5.2 Number of Stop and accounts proportionate to communities - December 2008

The below table shows recorded stop and account interactions and the higher number per population in the Bournemouth and Poole Division.

Office of National Statistics - mid 2006 (O.N.S)		Force			Bournemouth & Poole Division			County Division		
		No. of Stops Only	Per 1,000 Pop.		No. of Stops Only	Per 1,000 Pop.		No. of Stops Only	Per 1,000 Pop.	
			2001 Census	2006 O.N.S.		2001 Census	2006 O.N.S.		2001 Census	2006 O.N.S.
Ethnicity	White	2191	3.3	3.4	1148	4.1	4.2	1043	2.7	2.8
	White Non British	37	2.1	1.6	19	1.9	1.6	18	2.3	1.6
	Mixed	30	6.2	4.3	18	6.3	4.9	12	6.0	3.8
	Black & Black British	37	24.0	7.3	30	32.2	11.5	7	11.7	2.8
	Asian & Asian British	20	7.0	2.6	13	7.0	3.1	7	7.1	1.9
	Chinese & Other	12	3.2	1.6	3	1.4	0.8	9	6.0	2.6
	Not Stated	3			1			2		
Total	2330	3.3	3.3	1232	4.1	4.1	1098	2.7	2.7	

Number of Stops only - April to December 2007/08 v 2008/09

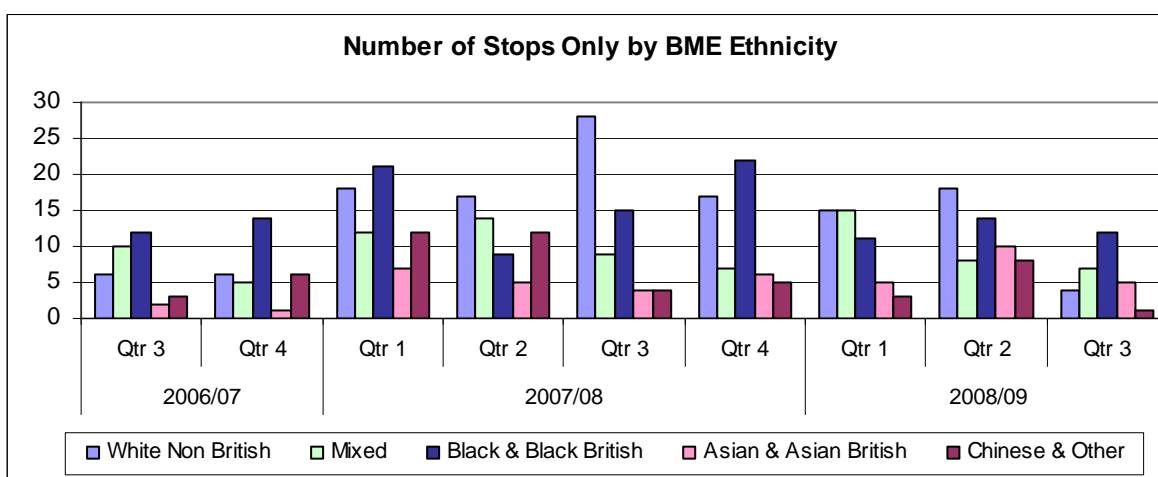
Ethnicity		FORCE				Brmth & Poole				Dorset County			
		07/08		08/09		07/08		08/09		07/08		08/09	
		Actual	%	Actual	%	Actual	%	Actual	%	Actual	%		
White	2780	2191	-589	-21.2%	1631	1148	-483	-29.6%	1149	1043	-106	-9.2%	
White Non British	63	37	-26	-41.3%	42	19	-23	-54.8%	21	18	-3	-14.3%	
Mixed	35	30	-5	-14.3%	22	18	-4	-18.2%	13	12	-1	-7.7%	
Black & Black British	45	37	-8	-17.8%	34	30	-4	-11.8%	11	7	-4	-36.4%	
Asian & Asian British	16	20	4	25.0%	10	13	3	30.0%	6	7	1	16.7%	
Chinese & Other	28	12	-16	-57.1%	10	3	-7	-70.0%	18	9	-9	-50.0%	
Not Stated	15	3	-12	-80.0%	8	1	-7	-87.5%	7	2	-5	-71.4%	
Total	2982	2330	-652	-21.9%	1757	1232	-525	-29.9%	1225	1098	-127	-10.4%	

There has been a total of 2,330 recorded stops conducted during this 9-month period; a reduction of 652 (21.9%) on the 2,982 undertaken over the same period in 2007/08.

5.8% of the people stopped were from BME groups with the highest rate per 1,000 population being black & black British.

		Force		Bournemouth & Poole Division		County Division	
		No. of Stops Only	Per 1,000 Pop.	No. of Stops Only	Per 1,000 Pop.	No. of Stops Only	Per 1,000 Pop.
Gender	Male	1959	5.8	1024	7.1	935	4.8
	Female	362	1.0	203	1.3	159	0.8
	Unknown	9		5		4	
Age	Under 18	984	5.1	463	5.4	521	4.9
	18 - 24	630	3.8	294	3.7	336	3.9
	25 - 44	523	2.8	361	5.0	162	1.4
	Over 45	165	1.1	105	1.7	60	0.6
	Unknown	28		9		19	

Stop and account follows a similar pattern to stop & search with the majority of subjects being males and persons aged under 25



The reason for Stops are split into 4 categories, 38.5% for Behaviour in an Area, 36.6% for Presence in Area, 13.0% for Possession of Anything and 10.6% for Actions. The small numbers of people stopped in all categories except white persons stopped makes it difficult to draw any conclusions from the data. This is shown in the table below.

		Force		Behaviour in an Area		Presence in Area		Possession of Anything		Not Stated	
		Actions	%		%		%		%		%
Search Reason	White	229	10.5%	854	39.0%	786	35.9%	295	13.5%	27	1.2%
	White Non British	5	13.5%	10	27.0%	21	56.8%	1	2.7%	0	0.0%
	Mixed	2	6.7%	8	26.7%	14	46.7%	5	16.7%	1	3.3%
	Black & Black British	5	13.5%	11	29.7%	19	51.4%	2	5.4%	0	0.0%
	Asian & Asian British	2	10.0%	7	35.0%	10	50.0%	1	5.0%	0	0.0%
	Chinese & Other	3	25.0%	6	50.0%	3	25.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
	Not Stated	2	66.7%	1	33.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Grand Total		248	10.6%	897	38.5%	853	36.6%	304	13.0%	28	1.2%

5.3 Data Quality

	Bournemouth & Poole Division		County Division		Force	
	Stop Search	Stop Account	Stop Search	Stop Account	Stop Search	Stop Account
Ethnicity	17	1	24	2	41	3
Gender	19	5	29	4	48	9
Age	44	9	42	19	86	28
Total	49	9	52	18	101	50

The figures shown above represent the missing data under each category and not inaccurate recording. Whilst the absence of data affects analysis, it is the ethnicity data that is of particular importance in monitoring apparent disproportionality. Increased supervisor audit is being applied to improve data recording.

6. INDEPENDENT REVIEW

Bournemouth & Poole Division: There has been no review during this reporting period.

County Division: Ferndown and Weymouth Independent Advisory Groups continue to scrutinise Stop Search forms. However there is no update from either group as to sample numbers over this reporting period.

7. COMPLAINTS DATA

There have been three complaints against Police since 1st April 2008 that are directly related to a stop and search on the street. All complainants were White British.

8. REVISED POLICY AND PROCEDURE

The data presented in this report continues to require further explanation in terms of the frequency of stop and search and stop and account as well as the aggregation of interactions with different ethnic populations. Revising the estimated populations using mid 2006 figures continues to reflect disproportionate use of stop and search powers, however, the statistical variance is reduced.

The draft policy and procedure will introduce national guidance and best practice and it will feature components of leadership and training, intelligence led application, briefing, tasking, evaluation, monitoring and audit. This approach will ensure that street interventions are directed and above all that they are proportionate to addressing priorities for all communities.

FRONT

This is not proof of identification

RECEIPT



Dorset Police Information Form

Dorset Police is required to record all encounters with the public during which they have been asked to account for their presence, actions or behaviour, or their possession of an article. You have been given this receipt to show that an Officer has spoken to you and that the Officer has recorded details of your ethnicity. The records of police stops are collated and monitored by the Dorset Police Authority and the Home Office for the purposes of ensuring fairness and equality when members of the public are stopped (for more information, please see overleaf)

Officer's name and number

Contacting Dorset Police

For all non-emergency police matters

01202 222 222

Dial 999 only in emergencies

www.dorset.police.uk

BACK



At times it is necessary for an officer to ask a person to account for their presence, actions or behaviour, or their possession of an article. Dorset Police Authority expects the police to use their powers properly and fairly and wants people to know their rights and how to get more information, including how to complain if they think they have not been treated fairly.

The officer who stops you must

- ❖ Treat you with dignity and respect
- ❖ Give you the reason why you have been stopped
- ❖ Record your ethnic background to ensure everyone is treated fairly
- ❖ Give you a receipt for you to keep

You can find more about your rights on the following website

www.dpa.police.uk - Dorset Police Authority

www.apa.police.uk - Association of Police Authorities

Or by contacting Dorset Police Authority on:

Email: stopandsearch@dorset.pnn.police.uk

Tel: (01305 or 01202) 223966