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The Code of Practice on the Exercise by Constables of Powers of Stop and Search of the Person in Scotland

The Code came into effect on 11 May 2017. The Code governs all situations in which constables stop and search a person without first making an arrest, unless the search is expressly excluded, either under the Code, by statute, or by virtue of the search being subject to a separate statutory Code or guidance as to its exercise. The Code also sets out the requirements to be followed by the Police for recording information in relation to all stop and search activity covered by the Code.

The Code requires as soon as practicable after the end of each reporting year (ending 31 March), the Chief Constable of a relevant police service must publish, information on how many times during the reporting year a stop and search was carried out in Scotland by constables of that service. In addition, so far as practicable, the information is to disclose:

- (a) the number of stops and searches carried out under each statutory power;
- (b) how many persons were searched on two or more occasions
- (c) the age and gender, and the ethnic and national origin, of the persons searched
- (d) the proportion of searches that resulted in
 - (i) something being seized by a constable, including information as to the number of cases in which the item seized was of the type suspected by the constable at the outset of the search
 - (ii) a case being reported to the procurator fiscal
- (e) the number of authorisations issued under section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994
- (f) the number of complaints made to a relevant police service about the carrying out of searches (or the manner in which they were carried out) in Scotland by constables of that service.
- (g) the number of receipts issued

The National Stop and Search Database was upgraded to coincide with the introduction of the Code. These changes included:

- (a) Cessation of the recording of consensual search
- (b) A new category to include searches of a person carried out in accordance with a search warrant issued by a court in Scotland
- (c) Addition of a new power under Section 66 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016, removal of a person
- (d) A new search type 'Protection of Life' recorded for when an officer conducts a search (in accordance with section 3.4 of the Code), under the overarching principles of Section 20 or 32 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, as part of taking all steps necessary to protect life
- (e) A new search type 'Other' recorded for when an officer believes it is necessary to conduct a search that is not for the protection of life and where no specific statutory power exists and considers their actions to be justified, the officer should enter Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act as the 'Power of Search used'
- (f) Officer's estimate of the age group of the person searched (under the age of 18 or 18 years of age and over) if not provided
- (g) Seizures, although not explicitly covered by the Code are now recorded only under a statutory power to require surrender of alcohol or tobacco and/or tobacco products and seizures under an alcohol byelaw

The Code is available at police stations and on the stop and search page of the Police Scotland website (www.scotland.police.uk).

Commentary Notes on Management Information

Force Level Highlights

1. All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as of 2nd April 2020.
2. This report shows the data of the enhanced database 1st April 2019 – 31st March 2020.
3. This data shows that Police Scotland is delivering the improvements set out in the Stop and Search Improvement Plan and is committed to sustaining and building on those improvements and maintaining community confidence.
4. An enhanced database was rolled out across Scotland on 1st June 2015 which included additional validations designed to improve the quality of the data by preventing inaccurate data capture through input error. Further enhancements have followed, significantly allowing more detail to be recorded since the introduction of the Code of Practice. Following the review of the data captured on the National Stop and Search Database for the period specified, it is evident that the introduction of these validation checks has made a significant impact on the level of data input errors.
5. In relation to outcomes the National Stop Search Unit (NSSU) do not validate or compare search outcomes from the National Stop Search Database with other Police systems.

Ongoing Quality Assurance

As part of Police Scotland's duty under data protection and our quality assurance process, records held on the database may be reviewed and may be subject to amendment. This involves liaising with the officer(s) involved to confirm any aspect of the recorded data which is unclear. Any adjustment in respect of these records will be reflected in future stop and search publications.

Complaints

For the period 1st April 2019 - 31st March 2020 a total of 37 complaints have been received by Police Scotland in relation to the use of stop and search.

Persons Searched on Two or More Occasions

Between 1st April 2019 and 31st March 2020, 5407 persons have been searched on two or more occasions. As the National Stop and Search Database is not nominal-centric this figure can be affected by a number of variables such as persons providing alias names or variations in spellings.

Comparisons with Historical Data

Due to changes in data recording to bring the National Stop and Search Database in line with the Code of Practice, direct comparisons with historical data would provide invalid or misleading conclusions.

Definition of a Stop and Search and a Seizure

Stop and Search

A stop and search is one conducted by a police officer in the course of their duties where a person who is not in police custody is searched using a specific statutory provision or in accordance with a search warrant issued by a court in Scotland.

Positive Stop and Search

A positive stop and search is when an item is recovered where possession of same implies criminality on the part of the person being searched or any other or where an item has been recovered which is potentially harmful.

N.B. When a stop and search under a statutory provision has taken place and alcohol, tobacco or NPS is recovered, depending on the circumstances this should be recorded as a positive stop and search on the Stop and Search Database.

Recordable Stop and Search (must be recorded on the National Stop and Search Database)

A recordable stop and search is any stop and search, with the exception of condition of entry searches (Section 67 Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016) or Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000 (which is governed by different Codes of Practice).

Seizure

A seizure occurs when;

- alcohol, and/or
- tobacco product, and/or
- cigarette papers

are surrendered by any person to a police officer using specific statutory provisions, or are removed by a police officer from that person in pursuance of an alcohol byelaw, where no physical search of a person has taken place, **or prior to any search under a different enactment.**

Stop and Searches, Legislation

The following table identifies the type of searches recorded on the National Stop and Search Database, along with the specific legislation relative to each search type:

Search Type	Recordable Statute
Search Warrants	S109(1) Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (Piracy and trademark offences etc)
Search Warrants	S142(1) Criminal Justice Act, 1988 (Search of premises for offensive weapons)
Search Warrants	S23(3) Misuse Of Drugs Act 1971
Search Warrants	S24(1) Forgery and Counterfeiting Act, 1981 (Search for counterfeit money)
Search Warrants	S27 Deer (Scotland) Act 1996
Search Warrants	S28B(4) Immigration Act 1971
Search Warrants	S292(3) Mental Health Care and Treatment Scotland Act 2003
Search Warrants	S42(1) Terrorism Act 2000
Search Warrants	S46(1) Firearms Act 1968
Search Warrants	Other Legislation
Drugs	S23(2) Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Controlled Drugs)
Drugs	S23A Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Temp Class Drugs)
Care and Welfare	S66 Criminal Justice (Scot) Act 2016
NPS	S36 Psychoactive Substances Act 2016 (Supply etc.)
Stolen Property	S60 Civic Government (Scot) Act 1982
Weapons	S48(1) Criminal Law (Cons) (Scot) Act 1995 (Offensive weapons)
Weapons	S49(B) Criminal Law (Cons) (Scot) Act 1995 (Offensive weapons in Schools)
Weapons	S50 Criminal Law (Cons) (Scot) Act 1995 (Bladed or Pointed Articles)
Firearms	S47(1) Firearms Act 1968
Firearms	S4 Crossbows Act 1987
Fireworks	S11A Fireworks Act 2003
Protection of Life	S20/32 Police & Fire Reform (Scot) Act 2012
Aviation	S24B Aviation Security Act 1982 (Stolen or prohibited items in Aerodromes)
Aviation	Edinburgh Airport Byelaws 2015 (Search in interest of public safety)
Wildlife	S19 Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981
Wildlife	S11 Protection of Badgers Act 1992
Wildlife	S101 Conservation (Natural Habitats etc.) Regulations 1994
Wildlife	S27 Deer (Scot) Act 1996
Wildlife	S4 Wild Mammals (Protection) Act 1996
Wildlife	S7 Wild Mammals (Scot) Act 2002
Wildlife	S53(1) Salmon & Freshwater Fisheries (Cons) (Scot) Act 2003
Terrorism	S43 Terrorism Act 2000 (Suspect terrorist)
Terrorism	S47A Terrorism Act 2000 (Authority of Assistant Chief Constable or above)
Sporting Events	S21 Criminal Law (Cons) (Scot) Act 1995 (Controlled items) - Alcohol
Sporting Events	S21 Criminal Law (Cons) (Scot) Act 1995 (Controlled items) - Controlled Containers
Sporting Events	S21 Criminal Law (Cons) (Scot) Act 1995 (Controlled items) - Controlled Article or Substance
Public Order	S60 Criminal Justice & Public Order Act 1994 (Authority of inspector or above)
Proceeds of Crime	S289 Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Prior approval - cash)
Proceeds of Crime	S303C Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Prior approval - listed assets)
Other	S20/32 Police & Fire Reform (Scot) Act 2012

Table 1.1
Stop and Searches by Local Authority - Police Scotland
 Period: April 2019 to March 2020

Local Authority	Number of Searches	Positive Searches	Positive Rate (%)
North			
Highland	1 802	796	44.2
Orkney Islands	126	44	34.9
Shetland Islands	165	41	24.8
Eilean Siar	80	27	33.8
Aberdeen City	2 673	849	31.8
Aberdeenshire	2 357	691	29.3
Moray	470	165	35.1
Perth and Kinross	722	333	46.1
Dundee	1 425	641	45.0
Angus	330	136	41.2
East			
Fife	1 059	500	47.2
East Lothian	346	151	43.6
Edinburgh City	2 393	926	38.7
Midlothian	397	171	43.1
Scottish Borders	553	208	37.6
West Lothian	470	130	27.7
Clackmannanshire	260	106	40.8
Falkirk	1 015	357	35.2
Stirling	645	236	36.6
West			
Argyll & Bute	828	235	28.4
East Ayrshire	708	404	57.1
East Dunbartonshire	596	239	40.1
East Renfrewshire	391	153	39.1
Glasgow City	5 335	2 158	40.4
Inverclyde	1 852	341	18.4
North Ayrshire	475	237	49.9
North Lanarkshire	4 036	1 279	31.7
Renfrewshire	1 933	734	38.0
South Ayrshire	791	333	42.1
South Lanarkshire	3 954	1 205	30.5
West Dunbartonshire	1 479	454	30.7
Dumfries and Galloway	1 501	533	35.5
Force	41 167	14 813	36.0

Table 1.2
Stop and Search by Legislation - Police Scotland
Period: April 2019 to March 2020

Legislation	Number of Searches	Positive Searches	Positive Rate (%)
Drugs	31 951	11 874	37.2
S23(2) Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Controlled Drugs)	31 933	11 870	37.2
S23A Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Temp Class Drugs)	18	4	22.2
NPS	-	-	-
S36 Psychoactive Substances Act 2016 (Supply etc.)	-	-	-
Weapons	2 252	558	24.8
S48(1) Criminal Law (Cons) (Scot) Act 1995 (Offensive weapons)	847	210	24.8
S49(B) Criminal Law (Cons) (Scot) Act 1995 (Offensive weapons in Schools)	47	11	23.4
S50 Criminal Law (Cons) (Scot) Act 1995 (Bladed or Pointed Articles)	1 358	337	24.8
Stolen Property	2 476	1 081	43.7
S60 Civic Government (Scot) Act 1982	2 476	1 081	43.7
Sporting Events	6	1	16.7
S21 Criminal Law (Cons) (Scot) Act 1995 (Controlled items)	6	1	16.7
Firearms	99	27	27.3
S47(1) Firearms Act 1968	98	27	27.6
S4 Crossbows Act 1987	1	0	0.0
Fireworks	54	10	18.5
S11A Fireworks Act 2003	54	10	18.5
Terrorism	1	-	-
S43 Terrorism Act 2000	1	-	-
Public Order	18	4	22.2
S60 Criminal Justice & Public Order Act 1994 (Authority of inspector or above)	18	4	22.2
Wildlife	10	1	10.0
S19 Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981	2	0	0.0
S11 Protection of Badgers Act 1992	4	0	0.0
S101 Conservation (Natural Habitats etc.) Regulations 1994	-	-	-
S27 Deer (Scot) Act 1996	-	-	-
S4 Wild Mammals (Protection) Act 1996	-	-	-
S7 Wild Mammals (Scot) Act 2002	4	1	25.0
S53(1) Salmon & Freshwater Fisheries (Cons) (Scot) Act 2003	-	-	-
Aviation	4	0	0.0
S24B Aviation Security Act 1982 (Stolen or prohibited items in Aerodromes)	-	-	-
Edinburgh Airport Byelaws 2015 (Search in interest of public safety)	4	0	0.0
Search Warrants	2 404	1042	43.3
S109(1) Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (Piracy and trademark offences etc)	1	1	100.0
S142(1) Criminal Justice Act, 1988 (Search of premises for offensive weapons)	-	-	-
S23(3) Misuse Of Drugs Act 1971	2 330	1 007	43.2
S24(1) Forgery and Counterfeiting Act, 1981 (Search for counterfeit money)	1	0	0.0
S27 Deer (Scotland) Act 1996	-	-	-
S28B(4) Immigration Act 1971	-	-	-
S292(3) Mental Health Care and Treatment Scotland Act 2003	-	-	-
S42(1) Terrorism Act 2000	-	-	-
S46(1) Firearms Act 1968	25	11	44.0
Other Legislation	47	23	48.9
Proceeds of Crime	-	-	-
S289 Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Prior approval required - cash)	-	-	-
S303C Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Prior approval required - listed assets)	-	-	-
Care and Welfare	1 773	185	10.4
S66 Criminal Justice (Scot) Act 2016	1 773	185	10.4
Protection of Life	100	25	25.0
S20/32 Police & Fire Reform (Scot) Act 2012	100	25	25.0
Other	19	5	26.3
S20/32 Police & Fire Reform (Scot) Act 2012	19	5	26.3
Total Searches	41 167	14 813	36.0

1 - The search type 'Other' refers to when an officer believes it is necessary to conduct a search that is not for the protection of life and where no specific statutory power exists and considers their actions to be justified.

2 - Positive rates for searches under the Terrorism Act 2000 are not published for operational and security reasons. Statistical information about the operation of police powers under the Terrorism Act 2000 is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/operation-of-police-powers-under-the-terrorism-act-2000>.

Table 1.3
Search Outcomes - Police Scotland
 Period: April 2019 to March 2020

Disposal	Number of Searches	% Of Total Searches
Fixed Penalty Notice	173	0.4
SPR2	10 970	26.6
No Further Action	18 254	44.3
IVPD	1 640	4.0
SID Log	11 691	28.4
Recorded Police Warning	4 491	10.9

Key: SPR2 – Standard Prosecution Reports
 IVPD – Interim Vulnerable Persons Database
 SID - Scottish Intelligence Database

3 - Any anomalies in percentage changes are due to rounding up to the nearest decimal place.

4 - Some searches are recorded with more than one disposal so totals will not equal the actual number of stop and searches.

5 - A search can have more than one disposal from the list and provides the outcome and/or further action taken by officers.

6 - The NSSU do not currently validate disposals on the National Stop and Search Database against other recording systems. This information is captured for internal management purposes only.

7 - SPR2 is a new category of disposal introduced on the 11 May 2017 to meet reporting requirements of the Code of Practice.

Table 1.4
Stop and Search Receipts - Police Scotland
 Period: April 2019 to March 2020

	Number of Searches	Receipts Issued	Issue Rate (%)
Force	41 167	32 534	79.0

8 - Officers may not issue a receipt if the person searched refuses to accept it or if the officer is called to an urgent incident. In all cases the record will be subject to a review to ensure compliance with the Code of Practice.

Table 2.1
Main Item Found Classification by Search Reason - Police Scotland
 Period: April 2019 to March 2020

Reason for Search	Main Item Found Classification											Money	Other
	Total Positive Searches	Drugs	NPS	Stolen Property	Weapons	Firearms	Fireworks	Controlled Container	Controlled Article	Alcohol	Tobacco and Cigarette Papers		
Drugs	11 874	11 363	61	39	380	11	-	9	-	151	123	53	101
New Psychoactive Substances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stolen Property	1 081	186	4	854	52	-	-	2	-	55	7	3	53
Weapons	558	141	1	6	430	4	-	1	-	6	4	-	4
Firearms	27	8	-	-	10	13	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
Fireworks	10	3	-	-	1	-	6	-	-	-	1	-	-
Aviation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wildlife	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sporting Events	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Public Order	4	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Proceed of Crime	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Care & Welfare	185	117	4	3	38	-	-	-	-	13	4	-	14
Warrant	1042	1 012	5	7	8	21	-	-	-	1	2	15	17
Protection of Life	25	13	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Other	5	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Force	14 813	12 846	75	909	931	49	6	13	-	233	141	72	194

9 - Items found may be higher than total positive searches as multiple items may be found in one search.

Table 2.2
Drugs found by Local Authority Area - Police Scotland
Period: April 2019 to March 2020

Local Authority	Class A	Class B	Class C	NPS	Total
Number of searches where drugs were found					
North					
Highland	185	519	99	6	809
Orkney Islands	6	36	2	-	44
Shetland Islands	19	19	9	-	47
Eilean Siar	16	12	-	-	28
Aberdeen City	231	496	63	4	794
Aberdeenshire	160	479	51	3	693
Moray	44	101	15	2	162
Perth & Kinross	105	173	56	1	335
Dundee	204	207	120	8	539
Angus	28	68	18	2	116
East					
Fife	75	338	74	-	487
East Lothian	27	112	8	-	147
Edinburgh City	290	469	89	2	850
Midlothian	23	129	14	-	166
Scottish Borders	42	130	29	1	202
West Lothian	20	79	17	1	117
Clackmannanshire	15	70	24	5	114
Falkirk	67	222	72	2	363
Stirling	42	164	34	-	240
West					
Argyll & Bute	35	156	30	5	226
East Ayrshire	86	181	107	2	376
East Dunbartonshire	23	186	16	-	225
East Renfrewshire	14	126	13	-	153
Glasgow City	443	1,216	419	8	2 086
Inverclyde	85	145	82	1	313
North Ayrshire	51	131	37	1	220
North Lanarkshire	229	786	140	5	1 160
Renfrewshire	156	362	114	7	639
South Ayrshire	89	112	54	1	256
South Lanarkshire	206	665	181	3	1 055
West Dunbartonshire	60	310	74	1	445
Dumfries & Galloway	101	334	78	4	517
Force	3 177	8 533	2 139	75	13 924

10 - Due to multiple items being found in one search, the totals will not reflect the overall number of searches.

Table 2.3
Weapons found by Local Authority Area - Police Scotland
Period: April 2019 to March 2020

Local Authority	Bladed Instrument	Blunt Instrument	Pointed Article	Pointed Instrument	Other	Total
Number of searches where weapons were found						
North						
Highland	22	9	4	-	6	41
Orkney Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shetland Islands	1	-	-	-	1	2
Eilean Siar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aberdeen City	25	9	8	-	5	47
Aberdeenshire	15	3	6	-	8	32
Moray	6	1	-	-	1	8
Perth & Kinross	9	1	2	-	2	14
Dundee	32	13	21	-	10	76
Angus	6	-	3	-	-	9
East						
Fife	19	7	6	-	2	34
East Lothian	3	1	5	-	2	11
Edinburgh City	27	10	10	-	7	54
Midlothian	5	1	2	-	1	9
Scottish Borders	4	5	3	-	3	15
West Lothian	15	4	4	-	3	26
Clackmannanshire	1	1	-	-	2	4
Falkirk	8	7	5	-	2	22
Stirling	7	3	2	-	1	13
West						
Argyll & Bute	8	-	3	-	2	13
East Ayrshire	5	2	1	-	2	10
East Dunbartonshire	6	5	-	-	2	13
East Renfrewshire	3	1	2	-	1	7
Glasgow City	95	33	29	-	20	177
Inverclyde	22	3	12	-	2	39
North Ayrshire	14	6	5	-	2	27
North Lanarkshire	60	23	16	-	14	113
Renfrewshire	23	8	13	-	10	54
South Ayrshire	9	-	3	-	4	16
South Lanarkshire	66	15	16	-	8	105
West Dunbartonshire	9	5	2	-	3	19
Dumfries & Galloway	5	3	7	-	5	20
Force	530	179	190	-	131	1 030

11 - Due to multiple items being found in one search, the totals will not reflect the overall number of searches.

Table 2.4
Other Items found by Local Authority Area - Police Scotland
Period: April 2019 to March 2020

Local Authority	Firearms	Fireworks	Stolen Property	Alcohol	Other	Total
Number of searches where other items were found						
North						
Highland	2	-	20	6	7	35
Orkney Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shetland Islands	-	-	1	1	2	4
Eilean Siar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aberdeen City	3	-	67	10	6	86
Aberdeenshire	2	-	9	3	14	28
Moray	-	-	7	5	-	12
Perth & Kinross	-	-	18	4	8	30
Dundee	-	-	90	5	13	108
Angus	2	-	17	-	7	26
East						
Fife	2	-	28	4	7	41
East Lothian	-	-	5	-	-	5
Edinburgh City	3	3	49	14	39	108
Midlothian	1	-	8	2	2	13
Scottish Borders	1	-	8	5	-	14
West Lothian	6	-	3	1	2	12
Clackmannanshire	2	-	2	-	-	4
Falkirk	1	-	16	4	5	26
Stirling	1	-	4	-	1	6
West						
Argyll & Bute	-	-	7	11	3	21
East Ayrshire	-	-	44	2	3	49
East Dunbartonshire	1	-	11	2	1	15
East Renfrewshire	-	-	2	-	1	3
Glasgow City	8	3	62	31	17	121
Inverclyde	-	-	16	6	5	27
North Ayrshire	-	-	10	3	7	20
North Lanarkshire	2	-	62	43	10	117
Renfrewshire	2	-	108	10	12	132
South Ayrshire	3	-	84	11	-	98
South Lanarkshire	5	-	109	40	16	170
West Dunbartonshire	-	-	9	8	-	17
Dumfries & Galloway	2	-	33	2	6	43
Force	49	6	909	233	194	1 391

12 - Due to multiple items being found in one search, the totals will not reflect the overall number of searches.

Table 3.1
Searches by Ethnicity/National Origin - Police Scotland
 Period: April 2019 to March 2020

Ethnicity/National Origin	Number of Searches	Positive Searches	Positive Rate (%)
Number			
White Scottish	34 442	12 231	35.5
White British Other	2 725	1 058	38.8
White Irish	100	34	34.0
White Gypsy/Traveller	46	14	30.4
White Polish	524	209	39.9
White Other	696	250	35.9
Any Mixed Ethnic Group	283	100	35.3
Pakistani	489	222	45.4
Indian	74	23	31.1
Bangladeshi	21	13	61.9
Chinese	23	9	39.1
Asian Other	180	88	48.9
African, African Scottish, African British	197	91	46.2
African Other	76	28	36.8
Caribbean, Caribbean Scottish or Caribbean British	70	28	40.0
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	267	96	36.0
Black Other	-	-	-
Arab, Arab Scottish, Arab British	61	27	44.3
Other Ethnic Group	199	62	31.2
Not Provided/Unknown	694	230	33.1
Percentage			
White Scottish	83.7	82.6	
White British Other	6.6	7.1	
White Irish	0.2	0.2	
White Gypsy/Traveller	0.1	0.1	
White Polish	1.3	1.4	
White Other	1.7	1.7	
Any Mixed Ethnic Group	0.7	0.7	
Pakistani	1.2	1.5	
Indian	0.2	0.2	
Bangladeshi	0.1	0.1	
Chinese	0.1	0.1	
Asian Other	0.4	0.6	
African, African Scottish, African British	0.5	0.6	
African Other	0.2	0.2	
Caribbean, Caribbean Scottish or Caribbean British	0.2	0.2	
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	0.6	0.6	
Black Other	-	-	
Arab, Arab Scottish, Arab British	0.1	0.2	
Other Ethnic Group	0.5	0.4	
Not Provided/Unknown	1.7	1.6	

13 - Any anomalies in percentage changes are due to rounding up to the nearest decimal place.

Table 3.2
Searches by Age and Gender - Police Scotland
Period: April 2019 to March 2020

Demographic	Number of Searches	Positive Searches	Positive Rate (%)
Gender			
	Number		
Male	34 889	12 722	36.5
Female	6 278	2 091	33.3
Not Provided	-	-	-
Age Group			
1 - 11 Years	12	2	16.7
12 - 15 Years	2 355	517	22.0
16 - 17 Years	3 190	996	31.2
18 - 19 Years	4 064	1 507	37.1
20 - 24 Years	7 244	2 959	40.8
25 - 29 Years	5 447	2 185	40.1
30 - 39 Years	9 567	3 574	37.4
40 - 49 Years	6 598	2 325	35.2
50 - 59 Years	2 166	635	29.3
60 - 69 Years	298	93	31.2
70 Years and Over	62	19	30.6
Age Unknown	164	1	0.6
Gender			
	Percentage		
Male	84.7	85.9	
Female	15.3	14.1	
Not Provided	-	-	
Age Group			
1 - 11 Years	0.0	0.0	
12 - 15 Years	5.7	3.5	
16 - 17 Years	7.7	6.7	
18 - 19 Years	9.9	10.2	
20 - 24 Years	17.6	20.0	
25 - 29 Years	13.2	14.8	
30 - 39 Years	23.2	24.1	
40 - 49 Years	16.0	15.7	
50 - 59 Years	5.3	4.3	
60 - 69 Years	0.7	0.6	
70 Years and Over	0.2	0.1	
Age Unknown	0.4	0.0	

14 - All searches of persons in the age group '1-11' have been reviewed by the NSSU and met the expected criteria.

15 - Searches recorded in the age group 'Age Unknown' refer to records where nominal details were withheld or 'Age Unknown' boxes have been ticked. Officers are required to make an estimate whether the persons searched was under the age of 18. Of the 164 searches 143 were for persons estimated by reporting officers to be 18 years of age or over and 21 were for persons estimated to be under the age of 18.

Table 4.1**Use of powers under Section 60 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 - Police Scotland**

Period: April 2019 to March 2020

A total of 0 Section 60 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 authorisations recorded as detailed in the table below:

Authorisation Date	Local Authority Area	Authorising Officer Rank	Authorisation Type	Number of Searches
07/09/2019	Glasgow City	Assistance Chief Constable Higgins	Pre-planned	18

16 - The "pre-planned/spontaneous" authorisations relate to 18 searches during a demonstration about public processions, in Glasgow City Centre on 07/09/2019.

Table 5.1
Items Seized - Police Scotland
 Period: April 2019 to March 2020

Seizure Type	Number of Seizures	Percentage (%)
Alcohol	473	97.5
Tobacco and Tobacco Products	19	3.9
Total Seizure Incidents	485	

17 - Multiple items may have been seized in one incident, so total seizures will not equal the total of items seized.

18 - Recording of alcohol seizures ceased on 31 May 2019. As such, there will be no records of alcohol seizures after this date.

Table 5.2
Seizures by Legislation - Police Scotland
Period: April 2019 to March 2020

Legislation	Number of Seizures
Alcohol	462
Local authority byelaws	223
S61 Crime and Punishment (Scotland) Act 1997	215
S61 Crime and Punishment (Scotland) Act 1997 Suspected of supply of alcohol to under 18s	24
Tobacco	12
S7 Tobacco and Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Act 2010	12
Alcohol and Tobacco	11
Local authority byelaws and S7 Tobacco and Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Act 2010	-
S61 Crime and Punishment (Scotland) Act 1997 and S7 Tobacco and Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Act 2010	11
S61 Crime and Punishment (Scotland) Act 1997 Suspected of supply of alcohol to under 18s and S7 Tobacco and Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Act 2010	-
Total Seizure Incidents	485

19 - Total Seizure Incidents is a count of the unique seizure incidents recorded on the National Stop and Search Database. These Incidents may not equate to seizure types as there can be multiple seizures carried out in the one incident.

20 - Recording of alcohol seizures ceased on 31 May 2019. As such, there will be no records of alcohol seizures after this date.

Table 5.3
Seizure Outcomes - Police Scotland
 Period: April 2019 to March 2020

Disposal Type	Number of Seizures	Percentage (%)
Fixed Penalty Notice	37	7.6
SPR2 (Standard Prosecution Reports)	84	17.3
No Further Action	258	53.2
IVPD	44	9.1
SID Log	7	1.4
Recorded Police Warning	67	13.8

21 - Any anomalies in percentage changes are due to rounding up to the nearest decimal place.

22- The NSSU do not validate disposals on the National Stop and Search Database against other recording systems. This information is captured for internal management purposes only.

23 - There may be more than one disposal type for each seizure, meaning total disposal figures will not be equal to the total number of seizures.

24 - Recording of alcohol seizures ceased on 31 May 2019. As such, there will be no records of alcohol seizures after this date.

Table 5.4
Seizures by Ethnicity/National Origin - Police Scotland
Period: April 2019 to March 2020

Ethnicity/National Origin	Number of Seizures
	Number
White Scottish	461
White British Other	15
White Irish	1
White Gypsy/Traveller	-
White Polish	4
White Other	2
Any Mixed Ethnic Group	-
Pakistani	1
Indian	-
Bangladeshi	-
Chinese	-
Asian Other	-
African, African Scottish, African British	-
African Other	-
Caribbean, Caribbean Scottish or Caribbean British	-
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	-
Black Other	-
Arab, Arab Scottish, Arab British	-
Other Ethnic Group	-
Not Provided/Unknown	1
	Percentage
White Scottish	95.1
White British Other	3.1
White Irish	0.2
White Gypsy/Traveller	-
White Polish	0.8
White Other	0.4
Any Mixed Ethnic Group	-
Pakistani	0.2
Indian	-
Bangladeshi	-
Chinese	-
Asian Other	-
African, African Scottish, African British	-
African Other	-
Caribbean, Caribbean Scottish or Caribbean British	-
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	-
Black Other	-
Arab, Arab Scottish, Arab British	-
Other Ethnic Group	-
Not Provided/Unknown	0.2

25 - Any anomalies in percentage changes are due to rounding up to the nearest decimal place.

26 - Recording of alcohol seizures ceased on 31 May 2019. As such, there will be no records of alcohol seizures after this date.

Table 5.5
Seizures by Age and Gender - Police Scotland
Period: April 2019 to March 2020

Demographic	Number of Seizures
Gender	Number
Male	347
Female	138
Not Provided	-
Age Group	
1 - 11 Years	-
12 - 15 Years	130
16 - 17 Years	155
18 - 19 Years	41
20 - 24 Years	18
25 - 29 Years	17
30 - 39 Years	53
40 - 49 Years	46
50 - 59 Years	19
60 - 69 Years	5
70 Years and Over	-
Age Unknown	1
Gender	Percentage
Male	71.5
Female	28.5
Not Provided	-
Age Group	
1 - 11 Years	-
12 - 15 Years	26.8
16 - 17 Years	32.0
18 - 19 Years	8.5
20 - 24 Years	3.7
25 - 29 Years	3.5
30 - 39 Years	10.9
40 - 49 Years	9.5
50 - 59 Years	3.9
60 - 69 Years	1.0
70 Years and Over	-
Age Unknown	0.2

27 - Recording of alcohol seizures ceased on 31 May 2019. As such, there will be no records of alcohol seizures after this date.

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