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# **Management Information**

## **National Stop and Search Database: Quarterly Report**

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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](http://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 4th October 2019.
2. This report shows the data of the enhanced database 1st April 2019 – 30th September 2019.
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 - 30th September 2019 a total of 27 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 30th September 2019, 2570 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 to September 2019

Local Authority	Number of Searches	Positive Searches	Positive Rate (%)
<b>North</b>			
Highland	914	400	43.8
Orkney Islands	44	11	25.0
Shetland Islands	111	28	25.2
Eilean Siar	31	11	35.5
Aberdeen City	1 557	475	30.5
Aberdeenshire	1 360	401	29.5
Moray	318	104	32.7
Perth and Kinross	397	191	48.1
Dundee	769	338	44.0
Angus	191	81	42.4
<b>East</b>			
Fife	497	243	48.9
East Lothian	198	80	40.4
Edinburgh City	1 597	626	39.2
Midlothian	262	119	45.4
Scottish Borders	337	125	37.1
West Lothian	229	74	32.3
Clackmannanshire	126	58	46.0
Falkirk	582	204	35.1
Stirling	335	129	38.5
<b>West</b>			
Argyll & Bute	442	130	29.4
East Ayrshire	390	220	56.4
East Dunbartonshire	295	124	42.0
East Renfrewshire	177	78	44.1
Glasgow City	2 721	1 109	40.8
Inverclyde	946	192	20.3
North Ayrshire	287	139	48.4
North Lanarkshire	2 251	749	33.3
Renfrewshire	946	390	41.2
South Ayrshire	459	191	41.6
South Lanarkshire	2 221	675	30.4
West Dunbartonshire	936	278	29.7
Dumfries and Galloway	844	323	38.3
<b>Force</b>	<b>22 770</b>	<b>8 296</b>	<b>36.4</b>

**Table 1.2**  
**Stop and Search by Legislation - Police Scotland**  
Period: April to September 2019

Legislation	Number of Searches	Positive Searches	Positive Rate (%)
<b>Drugs</b>	<b>17 739</b>	<b>6 644</b>	<b>37.5</b>
S23(2) Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Controlled Drugs)	17 737	6 644	37.5
S23A Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Temp Class Drugs)	2	0	0.0
<b>NPS</b>	-	-	-
S36 Psychoactive Substances Act 2016 (Supply etc.)	-	-	-
<b>Weapons</b>	<b>1 260</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>24.9</b>
S48(1) Criminal Law (Cons) (Scot) Act 1995 (Offensive weapons)	491	122	24.8
S49(B) Criminal Law (Cons) (Scot) Act 1995 (Offensive weapons in Schools)	25	5	20.0
S50 Criminal Law (Cons) (Scot) Act 1995 (Bladed or Pointed Articles)	744	187	25.1
<b>Stolen Property</b>	<b>1 306</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>44.3</b>
S60 Civic Government (Scot) Act 1982	1 306	579	44.3
<b>Sporting Events</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>0.0</b>
S21 Criminal Law (Cons) (Scot) Act 1995 (Controlled items)	2	0	0.0
<b>Firearms</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>30.2</b>
S47(1) Firearms Act 1968	52	16	30.8
S4 Crossbows Act 1987	1	0	0.0
<b>Fireworks</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100.0</b>
S11A Fireworks Act 2003	1	1	100.0
<b>Terrorism</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-
S43 Terrorism Act 2000	1	-	-
<b>Public Order</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22.2</b>
S60 Criminal Justice & Public Order Act 1994 (Authority of inspector or above)	18	4	22.2
<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
S19 Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981	2	0	0.0
S11 Protection of Badgers Act 1992	-	-	-
S101 Conservation (Natural Habitats etc.) Regulations 1994	-	-	-
S27 Deer (Scot) Act 1996	-	-	-
S4 Wild Mammals (Protection) Act 1996	-	-	-
S7 Wild Mammals (Scot) Act 2002	1	0	0.0
S53(1) Salmon & Freshwater Fisheries (Cons) (Scot) Act 2003	-	-	-
<b>Aviation</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
S24B Aviation Security Act 1982 (Stolen or prohibited items in Aerodromes)	-	-	-
Edinburgh Airport Byelaws 2015 (Search in interest of public safety)	3	0	0.0
<b>Search Warrants</b>	<b>1 395</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>43.9</b>
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	1 346	590	43.8
S24(1) Forgery and Counterfeiting Act, 1981 (Search for counterfeit money)	-	-	-
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	18	8	44.4
Other Legislation	30	14	46.7
<b>Proceeds of Crime</b>	-	-	-
S289 Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Prior approval required - cash)	-	-	-
S303C Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Prior approval required - listed assets)	-	-	-
<b>Care and Welfare</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>11.0</b>
S66 Criminal Justice (Scot) Act 2016	919	101	11.0
<b>Protection of Life</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>31.3</b>
S20/32 Police & Fire Reform (Scot) Act 2012	48	15	31.3
<b>Other</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>40.9</b>
S20/32 Police & Fire Reform (Scot) Act 2012	22	9	40.9
<b>Total Searches</b>	<b>22 770</b>	<b>8 296</b>	<b>36.4</b>

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 to September 2019

Disposal	Number of Searches	% Of Total Searches
Fixed Penalty Notice	103	0.5
SPR2	6 083	26.7
No Further Action	10 120	44.4
IVPD	844	3.7
SID Log	6 390	28.1
Recorded Police Warning	2 559	11.2

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 to September 2019

	Number of Searches	Receipts Issued	Issue Rate (%)
Force	22 770	18 238	80.1

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 to September 2019

Reason for Search	Total Positive Searches	Main Item Found Classification											
		Drugs	NPS	Stolen Property	Weapons	Firearms	Fireworks	Controlled Container	Controlled Article	Alcohol	Tobacco and Cigarette Papers	Money	Other
Drugs	<b>6 644</b>	6 362	36	19	191	2	-	7	-	83	74	30	66
New Psychoactive Substances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stolen Property	<b>579</b>	95	1	465	20	-	-	1	-	32	5	-	27
Weapons	<b>314</b>	77	1	2	253	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
Firearms	<b>16</b>	5	-	-	3	9	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
Fireworks	<b>1</b>	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aviation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wildlife	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sporting Events	<b>0</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public Order	<b>4</b>	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Proceed of Crime	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Care & Welfare	<b>101</b>	68	1	2	15	-	-	-	-	5	3	-	11
Warrant	<b>613</b>	593	2	4	4	9	-	-	-	-	-	10	8
Protection of Life	<b>15</b>	10	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other	<b>9</b>	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	1
<b>Force</b>	<b>8 296</b>	<b>7 212</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>119</b>

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 to September 2019

Local Authority	Class A	Class B	Class C	NPS	Total
<b>Number of searches where drugs were found</b>					
<b>North</b>					
Highland	92	259	49	5	405
Orkney Islands	1	7	2	-	10
Shetland Islands	9	12	4	-	25
Eilean Siar	8	3	-	-	11
Aberdeen City	134	285	32	1	452
Aberdeenshire	94	279	33	2	408
Moray	27	65	9	1	102
Perth & Kinross	66	97	32	-	195
Dundee	104	89	73	3	269
Angus	14	38	12	-	64
<b>East</b>					
Fife	42	165	37	-	244
East Lothian	13	57	6	-	76
Edinburgh City	203	311	68	1	583
Midlothian	17	89	13	-	119
Scottish Borders	23	77	14	-	114
West Lothian	8	47	7	1	63
Clackmannanshire	8	38	12	4	62
Falkirk	37	128	47	-	212
Stirling	21	86	24	-	131
<b>West</b>					
Argyll & Bute	18	80	14	3	115
East Ayrshire	46	104	59	-	209
East Dunbartonshire	14	95	7	-	116
East Renfrewshire	9	61	6	-	76
Glasgow City	235	617	226	5	1 083
Inverclyde	46	89	49	-	184
North Ayrshire	24	77	25	1	127
North Lanarkshire	144	451	85	4	684
Renfrewshire	96	189	60	5	350
South Ayrshire	60	60	32	-	152
South Lanarkshire	115	369	102	3	589
West Dunbartonshire	36	187	52	1	276
Dumfries & Galloway	57	204	42	2	305
<b>Force</b>	<b>1 821</b>	<b>4 715</b>	<b>1 233</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>7 811</b>

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 to September 2019

Local Authority	Bladed Instrument	Blunt Instrument	Pointed Article	Pointed Instrument	Other	Total
<b>Number of searches where weapons were found</b>						
<b>North</b>						
Highland	14	4	1	-	2	21
Orkney Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shetland Islands	1	-	-	-	-	1
Eilean Siar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aberdeen City	15	3	4	-	3	25
Aberdeenshire	10	2	3	-	2	17
Moray	4	1	-	-	1	6
Perth & Kinross	6	1	1	-	2	10
Dundee	17	9	9	-	9	44
Angus	4	-	1	-	-	5
<b>East</b>						
Fife	9	2	3	-	1	15
East Lothian	-	1	1	-	2	4
Edinburgh City	16	4	7	-	3	30
Midlothian	3	1	2	-	-	6
Scottish Borders	3	5	3	-	2	13
West Lothian	8	3	4	-	1	16
Clackmannanshire	1	1	-	-	-	2
Falkirk	3	2	4	-	-	9
Stirling	4	2	1	-	1	8
<b>West</b>						
Argyll & Bute	3	-	1	-	1	5
East Ayrshire	3	2	1	-	1	7
East Dunbartonshire	2	3	-	-	2	7
East Renfrewshire	1	1	2	-	-	4
Glasgow City	43	13	14	-	8	78
Inverclyde	7	1	6	-	-	14
North Ayrshire	11	5	4	-	1	21
North Lanarkshire	32	16	11	-	9	68
Renfrewshire	10	2	7	-	3	22
South Ayrshire	7	-	1	-	2	10
South Lanarkshire	34	8	7	-	3	52
West Dunbartonshire	7	1	1	-	2	11
Dumfries & Galloway	2	2	5	-	-	9
<b>Force</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>540</b>

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 to September 2019

Local Authority	Firearms	Fireworks	Stolen Property	Alcohol	Other	Total
<b>Number of searches where other items were found</b>						
<b>North</b>						
Highland	-	-	12	3	4	19
Orkney Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shetland Islands	-	-	1	5	2	8
Eilean Siar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aberdeen City	2	-	32	6	4	44
Aberdeenshire	2	-	5	2	9	18
Moray	-	-	5	3	-	8
Perth & Kinross	-	-	9	2	1	12
Dundee	-	-	53	3	10	66
Angus	-	-	12	-	5	17
<b>East</b>						
Fife	2	-	5	5	3	15
East Lothian	-	-	3	-	-	3
Edinburgh City	3	-	30	10	31	74
Midlothian	-	-	3	2	2	7
Scottish Borders	1	-	7	2	-	10
West Lothian	1	-	1	-	2	4
Clackmannanshire	-	-	2	-	-	2
Falkirk	1	-	9	1	4	15
Stirling	1	-	2	-	1	4
<b>West</b>						
Argyll & Bute	-	-	4	8	1	13
East Ayrshire	-	-	20	-	2	22
East Dunbartonshire	1	-	8	-	1	10
East Renfrewshire	-	-	1	-	-	1
Glasgow City	1	-	27	10	8	46
Inverclyde	-	-	8	3	3	14
North Ayrshire	-	-	7	2	6	15
North Lanarkshire	2	-	34	23	5	64
Renfrewshire	1	-	57	6	4	68
South Ayrshire	1	-	44	7	-	52
South Lanarkshire	2	-	65	21	9	97
West Dunbartonshire	-	-	3	3	-	6
Dumfries & Galloway	-	-	23	2	2	27
<b>Force</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>761</b>

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 to September 2019

Ethnicity/National Origin	Number of Searches	Positive Searches	Positive Rate (%)
	<b>Number</b>		
White Scottish	19 097	6 915	36.2
White British Other	1 477	560	37.9
White Irish	55	20	36.4
White Gypsy/Traveller	28	6	21.4
White Polish	288	125	43.4
White Other	405	145	35.8
Any Mixed Ethnic Group	150	52	34.7
Pakistani	232	96	41.4
Indian	44	13	29.5
Bangladeshi	12	9	75.0
Chinese	15	6	40.0
Asian Other	106	51	48.1
African, African Scottish, African British	95	40	42.1
African Other	34	11	32.4
Caribbean, Caribbean Scottish or Caribbean British	39	11	28.2
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	155	45	29.0
Black Other	-	-	-
Arab, Arab Scottish, Arab British	24	14	58.3
Other Ethnic Group	94	26	27.7
Not Provided/Unknown	420	151	36.0
	<b>Percentage</b>		
White Scottish	83.9	83.4	
White British Other	6.5	6.8	
White Irish	0.2	0.2	
White Gypsy/Traveller	0.1	0.1	
White Polish	1.3	1.5	
White Other	1.8	1.7	
Any Mixed Ethnic Group	0.7	0.6	
Pakistani	1.0	1.2	
Indian	0.2	0.2	
Bangladeshi	0.1	0.1	
Chinese	0.1	0.1	
Asian Other	0.5	0.6	
African, African Scottish, African British	0.4	0.5	
African Other	0.1	0.1	
Caribbean, Caribbean Scottish or Caribbean British	0.2	0.1	
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	0.7	0.5	
Black Other	-	-	
Arab, Arab Scottish, Arab British	0.1	0.2	
Other Ethnic Group	0.4	0.3	
Not Provided/Unknown	1.8	1.8	

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 to September 2019

Demographic	Number of Searches	Positive Searches	Positive Rate (%)
<b>Gender</b>			
	<b>Number</b>		
Male	19 281	7 118	36.9
Female	3 489	1 178	33.8
Not Provided	-	-	-
<b>Age Group</b>			
1 - 11 Years	5	-	-
12 - 15 Years	1 136	253	22.3
16 - 17 Years	1 694	541	31.9
18 - 19 Years	2 245	858	38.2
20 - 24 Years	4 070	1 694	41.6
25 - 29 Years	2 945	1 168	39.7
30 - 39 Years	5 442	2 017	37.1
40 - 49 Years	3 730	1 321	35.4
50 - 59 Years	1 199	371	30.9
60 - 69 Years	168	55	32.7
70 Years and Over	39	14	35.9
Age Unknown	97	4	4.1
<b>Gender</b>			
	<b>Percentage</b>		
Male	84.7	85.8	
Female	15.3	14.2	
Not Provided	-	-	
<b>Age Group</b>			
1 - 11 Years	0.0	-	
12 - 15 Years	5.0	3.0	
16 - 17 Years	7.4	6.5	
18 - 19 Years	9.9	10.3	
20 - 24 Years	17.9	20.4	
25 - 29 Years	12.9	14.1	
30 - 39 Years	23.9	24.3	
40 - 49 Years	16.4	15.9	
50 - 59 Years	5.3	4.5	
60 - 69 Years	0.7	0.7	
70 Years and Over	0.2	0.2	
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 years. Of the 97 searches 82 were for persons estimated by reporting officers to be 18 years of age or over and 15 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 to September 2019

A total of 18 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	Assistant Chief Constable Higgins	Pre-Planned	18

16 - The pre-planned 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 to September 2019

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

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 to September 2019

Legislation	Number of Seizures
<b>Alcohol</b>	<b>462</b>
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
<b>Tobacco</b>	<b>12</b>
S7 Tobacco and Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Act 2010	12
<b>Alcohol and Tobacco</b>	<b>11</b>
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	-
<b>Total Seizure Incidents</b>	<b>485</b>

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 to September 2019

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 to September 2019

Ethnicity/National Origin	Number of Seizures
	<b>Number</b>
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
	<b>Percentage</b>
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 to September 2019

Demographic	Number of Seizures
<b>Gender</b>	
Male	347
Female	138
Not Provided	-
<b>Age Group</b>	
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
<b>Gender</b>	
	<b>Percentage</b>
Male	71.5
Female	28.5
Not Provided	-
<b>Age Group</b>	
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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