

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 recovered by a constable, including information as to the number of cases in which the item recovered 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

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 2021.
- 2. This report shows the data of the enhanced database 1st April 2020 31st March 2021.
- 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 2020 - 31st March 2021 a total of 29 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 2020 and 31st March 2021, 6113 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.

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Definition of a Stop and Search

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).

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)
	S303C Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Prior approval - listed assets)
Other	S20/32 Police & Fire Reform (Scot) Act 2012
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Table 1.1
Stop and Searches by Local Authority - Police Scotland
Period: April 2020 to March 2021

	Number of	Positive	Positive
Local Authority	Searches	Searches	Rate (%)
North			
Highland	2 179	920	42.2
Orkney Islands	81	29	35.8
Shetland Islands	185	49	26.5
Eilean Siar	66	30	45.5
Aberdeen City	2 344	787	33.6
Aberdeenshire	2 229	624	28.0
Moray	289	108	37.4
Perth and Kinross	650	287	44.2
Dundee	1 374	556	40.5
Angus	369	149	40.4
East			
Fife	1 043	514	49.3
East Lothian	417	189	45.3
Edinburgh City	1 898	654	34.5
Midlothian	324	134	41.4
Scottish Borders	445	183	41.1
West Lothian	543	184	33.9
Clackmannanshire	186	97	52.2
Falkirk	947	438	46.3
Stirling	734	309	42.1
West			
Argyll & Bute	957	297	31.0
East Ayrshire	520	346	66.5
East Dunbartonshire	872	270	31.0
East Renfrewshire	563	184	32.7
Glasgow City	5 724	2 370	41.4
Inverclyde	1 713	258	15.1
North Ayrshire	467	240	51.4 28.6
North Lanarkshire Renfrewshire	4 999 2 007	1 431 830	28.6 41.4
South Ayrshire	2 007 709	311	43.9
South Ayrshire South Lanarkshire	5 568	1 448	26.0
West Dunbartonshire	1 500	409	27.3
Dumfries and Galloway	1 648	541	32.8
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Table 1.2
Stop and Search by Legislation - Police Scotland
Period: April 2020 to March 2021

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^{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 2020 to March 2021

	Number of	% Of Total
Disposal	Searches	Searches
Fixed Penalty Notice	358	8.0
SPR2	11 284	25.9
No Further Action	20 049	46.0
IVPD	1 493	3.4
SID Log	12 899	29.6
Recorded Police Warning	4 357	10.0

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

- 3 Any anomilies 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 2020 to March 2021

	Number of	Receipts	Issue Rate
	Searches	Issued	(%)
Force	43 550	31 760	72.9

^{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 2020 to March 2021

	Main Item Found Classification												
	Total										Tobacco and		
	Positive			Stolen				Controlled C	Controlled		Cigarette		
Reason for Search	Searches	Drugs	NPS	Property	Weapons	Firearms	Fireworks	Container	Article	Alcohol	Papers	Money	Other
Drugs	12 692	12 161	60	34	445	10	2	14	-	141	79	104	85
New Psychoactive Substances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stolen Property	795	141	2	588	65	1	-	-	-	43	2	6	35
Weapons	519	135	1	11	391	6	-	-	-	14	4	1	2
Firearms	24	5	-	-	4	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Fireworks	13	2	-	-	1	1	8	-	-	1	-	-	2
Aviation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wildlife	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Sporting Events	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public Order	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceed of Crime	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Care & Welfare	205	133	4	2	37	-	1	-	-	13	3	-	20
Warrant	872	823	1	19	7	22	-	-	-	-	1	23	24
Protection of Life	42	12	1	-	16	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	14
Other	4	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	3
Force	15 176	13 412	69	654	967	56	13	14	-	214	89	135	198

^{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 2020 to March 2021

Local Authority	Class A	Class B	Class C	NPS	Total
	Number of	coorobos v	uboro drugo	wore four	
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Highland	192	590	130	7	919
Orkney Islands	3	23	3	-	29
Shetland Islands	17	21	6	-	44
Eilean Siar	3	27	1	-	31
Aberdeen City	198	465	74	1	738
Aberdeenshire	125	431	51	2	609
Moray	17	70	18	-	105
Perth & Kinross	66	162	46	1	275
Dundee	131	205	149	5	490
Angus	35	76	31	4	146
East					
Fife	96	309	121	-	526
East Lothian	32	150	13	1	196
Edinburgh City	151	354	103	6	614
Midlothian	32	80	15	3	130
Scottish Borders	31	114	40	1	186
West Lothian	17	128	18	1	164
Clackmannanshire	16	59	34	-	109
Falkirk	101	262	106	-	469
Stirling	55	181	87	-	323
West					
Argyll & Bute	47	213	29	-	289
East Ayrshire	73	154	126	-	353
East Dunbartonshire	40	191	12	-	243
East Renfrewshire	17	126	29	-	172
Glasgow City	413	1,354	563	8	2 338
Inverclyde	61	103	63	6	233
North Ayrshire	48	137	52	1	238
North Lanarkshire	221	922	164	5	1 312
Renfrewshire	135	481	170	3	789
South Ayrshire	64	135	60	1	260
South Lanarkshire	279	767	218	9	1 273
West Dunbartonshire	47	282	82	1	412
Dumfries & Galloway	102	372	51	3	528
Force	2 865	8 944	2 665	69	14 543

^{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 2020 to March 2021

	Bladed	Blunt	Pointed	Pointed	0.1	
Local Authority	Instrument	Instrument	Article	Instrument	Other	Total
	Number of	searches wh	nere weapo	ns were found	t	
North			•			
Highland	24	11	5	-	7	47
Orkney Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shetland Islands	4	2	-	-	-	6
Eilean Siar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aberdeen City	35	6	12	-	8	61
Aberdeenshire	16	5	6	-	3	30
Moray	4	-	-	-	-	4
Perth & Kinross	11	3	8	-	1	23
Dundee	29	6	17	-	8	60
Angus	5	1	-	-	-	6
East						
Fife	20	8	6	-	2	36
East Lothian	2	-	4	-	1	7
Edinburgh City	29	9	14	-	5	57
Midlothian	1	-	-	-	1	2
Scottish Borders	10	1	2	-	1	14
West Lothian	11	6	2	-	1	20
Clackmannanshire	2	1	1	-	1	5
Falkirk	14	5	5	-	-	24
Stirling	8	2	4	-	3	17
West						
Argyll & Bute	6	3	-	-	1	10
East Ayrshire	12	2	1	-	-	15
East Dunbartonshire	14	5	2	-	2	23
East Renfrewshire	7	5	2	-	1	15
Glasgow City	72	24	28	-	11	135
Inverclyde	15	7	3	-	1	26
North Ayrshire	14	4	5	-	1	24
North Lanarkshire	46	23	32	-	11	112
Renfrewshire	48	13	16	-	9	86
South Ayrshire	14	6	5	-	1	26
South Lanarkshire	69	24	39	-	17	149
West Dunbartonshire	9	2	6	-	6	23
Dumfries & Galloway	10	3	8	-	-	21
Force	561	187	233	-	103	1 084

^{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 2020 to March 2021

		<u> </u>	Stolen	<u> </u>	0.1	
Local Authority	Firearms	Fireworks	Property	Alcohol	Other	Total
	Number of	searches wh	nere other ite	ems were fo	und	
North						
Highland	6	-	29	4	6	45
Orkney Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shetland Islands	-	-	3	1	1	5
Eilean Siar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aberdeen City	4	-	44	4	5	57
Aberdeenshire	1	-	18	2	15	36
Moray	-	-	1	1	5	7
Perth & Kinross	-	-	15	2	6	23
Dundee	2	-	53	6	15	76
Angus	1	-	10	-	9	20
East						
Fife	2	-	27	7	4	40
East Lothian	-	-	-	-	1	1
Edinburgh City	3	2	39	11	26	81
Midlothian	1	-	6	3	4	14
Scottish Borders	1	-	3	-	3	7
West Lothian	2	-	5	2	8	17
Clackmannanshire	1	-	1	1	-	3
Falkirk	2	-	4	4	-	10
Stirling	1	-	5	-	5	11
West						
Argyll & Bute	-	-	11	9	1	21
East Ayrshire	1	-	15	4	-	20
East Dunbartonshire	2	2	14	5	2	25
East Renfrewshire	-	1	4	4	-	9
Glasgow City	10	5	51	25	22	113
Inverclyde	-	-	14	-	4	18
North Ayrshire	2	-	10	-	-	12
North Lanarkshire	1	1	58	46	10	116
Renfrewshire	1	-	58	6	7	72
South Ayrshire	-	-	50	4	1	55
South Lanarkshire	10	2	88	52	26	178
West Dunbartonshire	-	-	7	7	4	18
Dumfries & Galloway	2	-	11	4	8	25
Force	56	13	654	214	198	1 135

^{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 2020 to March 2021

	Number of	Positive	Positive
Ethnicity/National Origin	Searches	Searches	Rate (%)
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	Number		
White Scottish	37 178	12 867	34.6
White British Other	2 170	789	36.4
White Irish	120	42	35.0
White Gypsy/Traveller	51	13	25.5
White Polish	635	242	38.1
White Other	657	207	31.5
Any Mixed Ethnic Group	264	99	37.5
Pakistani	595	262	44.0
Indian	78	24	30.8
Bangladeshi	32	16	50.0
Chinese	37	14	37.8
Asian Other	269	98	36.4
African, African Scottish, African			
British	199	80	40.2
African Other	74	25	33.8
Caribbean, Caribbean Scottish or			
Caribbean British	53	17	32.1
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	260	87	33.5
Black Other	-	-	-
Arab, Arab Scottish, Arab British	62	33	53.2
Other Ethnic Group	192	84	43.8
Not Provided/Unknown	624	177	28.4
	-		
	Percentage		
White Scottish	85.4	84.8	
White British Other	5.0	5.2	
White Irish	0.3	0.3	
White Gypsy/Traveller	0.1	0.1	
White Polish	1.5	1.6	
White Other	1.5	1.4	
Any Mixed Ethnic Group	0.6	0.7	
Pakistani	1.4	1.7	
Indian	0.2	0.2	
Bangladeshi	0.1	0.1	
Chinese	0.1	0.1	
Asian Other	0.6	0.6	
African, African Scottish, African			
British	0.5	0.5	
African Other	0.2	0.2	
Caribbean, Caribbean Scottish or	0	0.2	
Caribbean British	0.1	0.1	
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	0.6	0.6	
Black Other	-	-	
Arab, Arab Scottish, Arab British	0.1	0.2	
Other Ethnic Group	0.4	0.6	
Not Provided/Unknown	1.4	1.2	

^{13 -} Any anomilies 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 2020 to March 2021

	Number of	Positive	Positive
Demographic	Searches	Searches	Rate (%)
Gender	Number		
Male	36 917	13 075	35.4
Female	6 633	2 101	31.7
Not Provided	-	-	-
Age Group			
1 - 11 Years	10	1	10.0
12 - 15 Years	1 632	391	24.0
16 - 17 Years	3 059	891	29.1
18 - 19 Years	3 906	1 297	33.2
20 - 24 Years	7 888	3 048	38.6
25 - 29 Years	6 022	2 295	38.1
30 - 39 Years	10 739	3 867	36.0
40 - 49 Years	7 357	2 518	34.2
50 - 59 Years	2 369	769	32.5
60 - 69 Years	342	85	24.9
70 Years and Over	68	13	19.1
Age Unknown	158	1	0.6
Gender	Percentage		
Male	84.8	86.2	
Female	15.2	13.8	
Not Provided	-	-	
Age Group			
1 - 11 Years	0.0	0.0	
12 - 15 Years	3.7	2.6	
16 - 17 Years	7.0	5.9	
18 - 19 Years	9.0	8.5	
20 - 24 Years	18.1	20.1	
25 - 29 Years	13.8	15.1	
30 - 39 Years	24.7	25.5	
40 - 49 Years	16.9	16.6	
50 - 59 Years	5.4	5.1	
60 - 69 Years	0.8	0.6	
70 Years and Over	0.2	0.1	
Age Unknown	0.4	0.0	

^{14 -} All 10 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 the 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 158 searches 142 were for persons estimated by reporting officers to be 18 years of age or over and 16 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 2020 to March 2021

A total of 20 stop searches have been carried out under 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
1. 20/06/2020	Glasgow City	ACC Higgins	Pre-Planned	18
2. 21/06/2020	Glasgow City	ACC Higgins	Pre-Planned	0
3. 27/06/2020	Glasgow City	ACC Higgins	Pre-Planned	2

The "pre-planned" authorisation relates to 12 searches during an incident of disorder within Kelvingrove Park and 6 searches during a demonstration about public processions, in Glasgow City Centre, both on 20/06/2020.

The "pre-planned" authorisation relates to 0 searches in relation to Multiple protests witin Glasgow City Centre on 21/06/2020.

The "pre-planned" authorisation relates to 2 searches during a demonstration about public processions, in Glasgow City Centre on 27/06/2020.