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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 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](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 2nd April 2022.
2. This report shows the data of the enhanced database 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022.
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

The process for identifying all stop and search-related complaints was under review and prevented publication of accurate reporting throughout the last two quarterly reporting periods. The review has since concluded and found an anomaly in how the complaints were being categorised, however, all stop and search-related complaints have been managed through Police Scotland's complaints process.

Data for the current reporting period has been revised using the new identification process and a total of 121 complaints relating to stop and search were received during 2021/22.

### Persons Searched on Two or More Occasions

Between 1st April 2021 - 31st March 2022, 3727 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

### 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).

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## 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)
Aviation	Schedule 8(2) Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Act 2021
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 2021 to March 2022

Local Authority	Number of Searches	Positive Searches	Positive Rate (%)
<b>North</b>			
Highland	1 527	736	48.2
Orkney Islands	62	16	25.8
Shetland Islands	108	34	31.5
Eilean Siar	66	30	45.5
Aberdeen City	1 416	522	36.9
Aberdeenshire	1 407	435	30.9
Moray	203	74	36.5
Perth and Kinross	386	181	46.9
Dundee	648	291	44.9
Angus	307	127	41.4
<b>East</b>			
Fife	888	392	44.1
East Lothian	199	78	39.2
Edinburgh City	1 013	367	36.2
Midlothian	195	85	43.6
Scottish Borders	304	122	40.1
West Lothian	290	96	33.1
Clackmannanshire	245	136	55.5
Falkirk	634	281	44.3
Stirling	441	241	54.6
<b>West</b>			
Argyll & Bute	480	159	33.1
East Ayrshire	1 231	394	32.0
East Dunbartonshire	534	169	31.6
East Renfrewshire	263	92	35.0
Glasgow City	4 145	1 607	38.8
Inverclyde	798	185	23.2
North Ayrshire	808	230	28.5
North Lanarkshire	4 661	1 128	24.2
Renfrewshire	920	419	45.5
South Ayrshire	839	247	29.4
South Lanarkshire	4 118	1 113	27.0
West Dunbartonshire	625	249	39.8
Dumfries and Galloway	1 046	446	42.6
<b>Force</b>	<b>30 807</b>	<b>10 682</b>	<b>34.7</b>

**Table 1.2**  
**Stop and Search by Legislation - Police Scotland**  
Period: April 2021 to March 2022

Legislation	Number of Searches	Positive Searches	Positive Rate (%)
<b>Drugs</b>	<b>23 359</b>	<b>8 722</b>	<b>37.3</b>
S23(2) Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Controlled Drugs)	23 346	8 716	37.3
S23A Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Temp Class Drugs)	13	6	46.2
<b>NPS</b>	-	-	-
S36 Psychoactive Substances Act 2016 (Supply etc.)	-	-	-
<b>Weapons</b>	<b>1 744</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>25.4</b>
S48(1) Criminal Law (Cons) (Scot) Act 1995 (Offensive weapons)	603	149	24.7
S49(B) Criminal Law (Cons) (Scot) Act 1995 (Offensive weapons in Schools)	37	8	21.6
S50 Criminal Law (Cons) (Scot) Act 1995 (Bladed or Pointed Articles)	1 104	286	25.9
<b>Stolen Property</b>	<b>1 288</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>48.2</b>
S60 Civic Government (Scot) Act 1982	1 288	621	48.2
<b>Sporting Events</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>62.5</b>
S21 Criminal Law (Cons) (Scot) Act 1995 (Controlled items)	8	5	62.5
<b>Firearms</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21.8</b>
S47(1) Firearms Act 1968	55	12	21.8
S4 Crossbows Act 1987	-	-	-
<b>Fireworks</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10.4</b>
S11A Fireworks Act 2003	48	5	10.4
<b>Terrorism</b>	-	-	-
S43 Terrorism Act 2000	-	-	-
<b>Public Order</b>	-	-	-
S60 Criminal Justice & Public Order Act 1994 (Authority of inspector or above)	-	-	-
<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>55.6</b>
S19 Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981	4	3	75.0
S11 Protection of Badgers Act 1992	1	0	0.0
S101 Conservation (Natural Habitats etc.) Regulations 1994	-	-	-
S27 Deer (Scot) Act 1996	1	0	0.0
S4 Wild Mammals (Protection) Act 1996	-	-	-
S7 Wild Mammals (Scot) Act 2002	-	-	-
S53(1) Salmon & Freshwater Fisheries (Cons) (Scot) Act 2003	3	2	66.7
<b>Aviation</b>	-	-	-
S24B Aviation Security Act 1982 (Stolen or prohibited items in Aerodromes)	-	-	-
Edinburgh Airport Byelaws 2015 (Search in interest of public safety)	-	-	-
Schedule 8(2) Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Act 2021	-	-	-
<b>Search Warrants</b>	<b>1 462</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>43.2</b>
S109(1) Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (Piracy and trademark offences etc)	-	-	-
S142(1) Criminal Justice Act, 1988 (Search of premises for offensive weapons)	-	-	-
S23(3) Misuse Of Drugs Act 1971	1 373	612	44.6
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	13	4	30.8
Other Legislation	76	16	21.1
<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>2 671</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>8.0</b>
S66 Criminal Justice (Scot) Act 2016	2 671	213	8.0
<b>Protection of Life</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15.1</b>
S20/32 Police & Fire Reform (Scot) Act 2012	146	22	15.1
<b>Other</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11.8</b>
S20/32 Police & Fire Reform (Scot) Act 2012	17	2	11.8
<b>Total Searches</b>	<b>30 807</b>	<b>10 682</b>	<b>34.7</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 2021 to March 2022

Disposal	Number of Searches	% Of Total Searches
Fixed Penalty Notice	142	0.5
SPR2	7 494	24.3
No Further Action	14 569	47.3
IVPD	1 547	5.0
SID Log	8 598	27.9
Recorded Police Warning	3 454	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.

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**Table 1.4**  
**Stop and Search Receipts - Police Scotland**  
Period: April 2021 to March 2022

	Number of Searches	Receipts Issued	Issue Rate (%)
Force	30 807	21 911	71.1

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.

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**Table 2.1**  
**Main Item Found Classification by Search Reason - Police Scotland**  
 Period: April 2021 to March 2022

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>8 722</b>	8 306	45	13	298	7	2	5	-	138	75	65	65
New Psychoactive Substances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stolen Property	<b>621</b>	95	4	488	27	-	-	-	-	49	2	4	26
Weapons	<b>443</b>	90	2	1	359	1	-	-	-	20	1	1	3
Firearms	<b>12</b>	2	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Fireworks	<b>5</b>	1	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aviation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wildlife	<b>5</b>	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Sporting Events	<b>5</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	1
Public Order	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceed of Crime	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Care & Welfare	<b>213</b>	148	2	8	38	-	-	-	-	15	1	1	11
Warrant	<b>632</b>	612	1	4	9	6	-	-	-	-	-	12	15
Protection of Life	<b>22</b>	7	-	-	10	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	5
Other	<b>2</b>	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
<b>Force</b>	<b>10 682</b>	<b>9 263</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>131</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 2021 to March 2022

Local Authority	Class A	Class B	Class C	NPS	Total
<b>Number of searches where drugs were found</b>					
<b>North</b>					
Highland	126	487	110	8	731
Orkney Islands	1	13	-	-	14
Shetland Islands	9	19	1	-	29
Eilean Siar	5	27	2	-	34
Aberdeen City	153	291	45	2	491
Aberdeenshire	99	296	38	-	433
Moray	26	30	11	-	67
Perth & Kinross	50	92	31	1	174
Dundee	86	100	70	1	257
Angus	22	70	17	-	109
<b>East</b>					
Fife	77	244	73	4	398
East Lothian	10	64	4	1	79
Edinburgh City	80	208	43	1	332
Midlothian	17	59	2	-	78
Scottish Borders	36	74	22	-	132
West Lothian	9	64	12	1	86
Clackmannanshire	24	85	31	-	140
Falkirk	48	167	62	2	279
Stirling	46	129	66	1	242
<b>West</b>					
Argyll & Bute	25	121	17	-	163
East Ayrshire	102	130	88	2	322
East Dunbartonshire	22	132	11	1	166
East Renfrewshire	9	69	10	1	89
Glasgow City	281	911	348	11	1 551
Inverclyde	50	63	43	2	158
North Ayrshire	42	114	50	1	207
North Lanarkshire	189	650	167	-	1 006
Renfrewshire	112	211	87	3	413
South Ayrshire	78	90	44	1	213
South Lanarkshire	226	605	144	6	981
West Dunbartonshire	39	182	30	-	251
Dumfries & Galloway	98	281	43	4	426
<b>Force</b>	<b>2 197</b>	<b>6 078</b>	<b>1 722</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>10 051</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 2021 to March 2022

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	13	4	4	-	2	23
Orkney Islands	2	-	1	-	-	3
Shetland Islands	1	-	-	-	1	2
Eilean Siar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aberdeen City	23	3	9	-	-	35
Aberdeenshire	14	1	2	-	3	20
Moray	4	1	5	-	-	10
Perth & Kinross	5	3	2	-	-	10
Dundee	24	7	19	-	3	53
Angus	6	2	6	-	-	14
<b>East</b>						
Fife	19	2	7	-	3	31
East Lothian	5	1	3	-	1	10
Edinburgh City	22	6	13	-	2	43
Midlothian	3	-	-	-	1	4
Scottish Borders	2	-	-	-	-	2
West Lothian	6	1	4	-	5	16
Clackmannanshire	8	-	3	-	1	12
Falkirk	15	4	4	-	6	29
Stirling	17	2	4	-	2	25
<b>West</b>						
Argyll & Bute	5	1	1	-	-	7
East Ayrshire	10	7	5	-	4	26
East Dunbartonshire	8	2	3	-	-	13
East Renfrewshire	4	2	2	-	-	8
Glasgow City	72	23	29	-	17	141
Inverclyde	13	4	5	-	1	23
North Ayrshire	20	5	5	-	3	33
North Lanarkshire	46	15	6	-	8	75
Renfrewshire	18	4	4	-	2	28
South Ayrshire	7	4	3	-	1	15
South Lanarkshire	51	23	15	-	11	100
West Dunbartonshire	8	2	5	-	3	18
Dumfries & Galloway	7	1	3	-	1	12
<b>Force</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>841</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 2021 to March 2022

Local Authority	Firearms	Fireworks	Stolen Property	Alcohol	Other	Total
<b>Number of searches where other items were found</b>						
<b>North</b>						
Highland	1	-	14	4	11	30
Orkney Islands	-	-	1	-	-	1
Shetland Islands	-	1	1	1	3	6
Eilean Siar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aberdeen City	1	1	36	7	3	48
Aberdeenshire	-	-	9	5	7	21
Moray	-	-	3	3	3	9
Perth & Kinross	-	-	18	2	3	23
Dundee	1	-	25	4	7	37
Angus	-	-	10	2	3	15
<b>East</b>						
Fife	1	-	8	1	6	16
East Lothian	1	-	-	-	-	1
Edinburgh City	1	-	19	4	15	39
Midlothian	-	-	3	4	3	10
Scottish Borders	1	-	5	2	-	8
West Lothian	2	-	4	3	3	12
Clackmannanshire	1	-	4	-	1	6
Falkirk	-	-	12	2	1	15
Stirling	-	-	3	1	2	6
<b>West</b>						
Argyll & Bute	1	-	2	2	1	6
East Ayrshire	1	-	82	2	-	85
East Dunbartonshire	-	-	3	2	-	5
East Renfrewshire	-	1	1	-	1	3
Glasgow City	3	2	31	26	17	79
Inverclyde	-	-	16	1	1	18
North Ayrshire	-	1	20	4	4	29
North Lanarkshire	1	-	51	73	9	134
Renfrewshire	1	-	26	3	5	35
South Ayrshire	1	-	25	1	3	30
South Lanarkshire	3	-	61	56	17	137
West Dunbartonshire	2	-	3	4	1	10
Dumfries & Galloway	2	-	18	8	1	29
<b>Force</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>903</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 2021 to March 2022

Ethnicity/National Origin	Number of Searches	Positive Searches	Positive Rate (%)
<b>Number</b>			
White Scottish	26 485	9 035	34.1
White British Other	1 637	638	39.0
White Irish	87	23	26.4
White Gypsy/Traveller	45	14	31.1
White Polish	359	127	35.4
White Other	462	159	34.4
Any Mixed Ethnic Group	233	104	44.6
Pakistani	327	141	43.1
Indian	71	20	28.2
Bangladeshi	11	3	27.3
Chinese	18	6	33.3
Asian Other	123	61	49.6
African, African Scottish, African British	121	56	46.3
African Other	37	15	40.5
Caribbean, Caribbean Scottish or Caribbean British	45	19	42.2
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	189	68	36.0
Black Other	-	-	-
Arab, Arab Scottish, Arab British	47	18	38.3
Other Ethnic Group	143	48	33.6
Not Provided/Unknown	367	127	34.6
<b>Percentage</b>			
White Scottish	86.0	84.6	
White British Other	5.3	6.0	
White Irish	0.3	0.2	
White Gypsy/Traveller	0.1	0.1	
White Polish	1.2	1.2	
White Other	1.5	1.5	
Any Mixed Ethnic Group	0.8	1.0	
Pakistani	1.1	1.3	
Indian	0.2	0.2	
Bangladeshi	0.0	0.0	
Chinese	0.1	0.1	
Asian Other	0.4	0.6	
African, African Scottish, African British	0.4	0.5	
African Other	0.1	0.1	
Caribbean, Caribbean Scottish or Caribbean British	0.1	0.2	
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	0.6	0.6	
Black Other	-	-	
Arab, Arab Scottish, Arab British	0.2	0.2	
Other Ethnic Group	0.5	0.4	
Not Provided/Unknown	1.2	1.2	

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 2021 to March 2022

Demographic	Number of Searches	Positive Searches	Positive Rate (%)
<b>Gender</b>			
	<b>Number</b>		
Male	26 068	9 205	35.3
Female	4 739	1 477	31.2
Not Provided	-	-	-
<b>Age Group</b>			
1 - 11 Years	14	5	35.7
12 - 15 Years	1 751	394	22.5
16 - 17 Years	2 086	636	30.5
18 - 19 Years	2 436	871	35.8
20 - 24 Years	4 989	2 006	40.2
25 - 29 Years	4 088	1 559	38.1
30 - 39 Years	7 490	2 747	36.7
40 - 49 Years	5 476	1 788	32.7
50 - 59 Years	1 909	573	30.0
60 - 69 Years	375	91	24.3
70 Years and Over	71	10	14.1
Age Unknown	122	2	1.6
<b>Gender</b>			
	<b>Percentage</b>		
Male	84.6	86.2	
Female	15.4	13.8	
Not Provided	-	-	
<b>Age Group</b>			
1 - 11 Years	0.0	0.0	
12 - 15 Years	5.7	3.7	
16 - 17 Years	6.8	6.0	
18 - 19 Years	7.9	8.2	
20 - 24 Years	16.2	18.8	
25 - 29 Years	13.3	14.6	
30 - 39 Years	24.3	25.7	
40 - 49 Years	17.8	16.7	
50 - 59 Years	6.2	5.4	
60 - 69 Years	1.2	0.9	
70 Years and Over	0.2	0.1	
Age Unknown	0.4	0.0	

14 - All 14 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 122 searches 47 were for persons estimated by reporting officers to be 18 years of age or over and 75 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 2021 to March 2022

A total of 0 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

The "pre-planned" authorisation relates to

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

The "pre-planned" authorisation relates to

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**Table 5.1****Stop and searches conducted by mutual aid Police Officers in support of the policing of COP26**

Period: October to November 2021

During the policing of COP26 mutual aid support was received from police forces in England and Wales. A total of 47 stop and searches were recorded by officers from those forces of which 14 (29.8%) were positive as detailed in the table below:

	Number of Searches	Positive Searches
<b>Force Area</b>		
Dyfed Powys Police	1	1
Kent Police	5	0
Merseyside	19	5
MPS	12	2
North Yorkshire	1	0
Thames Valley	7	4
West Mercia	1	1
West Yorkshire	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	43	13
Female	4	1
<b>Age Group</b>		
12 - 15 Years	5	2
16 - 17 Years	1	1
18 - 19 Years	3	2
20 - 24 Years	10	2
25 - 29 Years	4	2
30 - 39 Years	12	3
40 - 49 Years	6	1
50 - 59 Years	5	1
Age Unknown	1	0
<b>Ethnicity</b>		
Any Mixed Ethnic Group	1	1
Bangladeshi	3	0
Bangladeshi British	1	0
Not Provided	6	4
Other African	3	0
Other Asian	1	0
Pakistani	2	0
White British	6	1
White Scottish	24	8

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