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# Management Information

## National Stop and Search Database: Quarterly Report

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**THIS DATA IS POLICE SCOTLAND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION,  
NOT OFFICIAL STATISTICS****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 2nd April 2018.

2. This report shows the data of the enhanced database 1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018.

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 11 May 2017 until 31 March 2018 a total of 50 complaints have been received by Police Scotland in relation to the use of stop and search.

### Persons Searched on Two or More Occasions

Between 11 May 2017 and 31 March 2018, 2857 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.

### Refusals

Refusals were previously reported in the Management Information. From 11 May 2017, the Code of Practice governs all situations in which constables stop and search a person by statute. There have been no refusals to consensual searches between 1 April and 10 May 2017. The refusal tables have now been removed from the Management Information.

**THIS DATA IS POLICE SCOTLAND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION,  
NOT OFFICIAL STATISTICS****Definition of a Stop and Search and a Seizure**

The following definitions applied prior to the Code of Practice (1 April 2017 to 10 May 2017) and were developed and adopted by Police Scotland to support procedural and recording frameworks:

**Statutory Stop and Search**

A statutory search is one conducted by a Police Officer in the course of their duties where the individual is searched using a specific statutory provision.

**Consensual Stop and Search**

A consensual search is one conducted by a Police Officer in the course of their duties with the consent of the individual being searched.

**Refusal**

A refusal is when an individual does not provide their consent to be searched by an officer. This only relates to a consensual stop and search.

**Seizure**

A seizure occurs when items are surrendered, or are removed from an individual by a Police Officer, for the purpose of safeguarding the health and well-being of that individual or any other, in circumstances where the stop and search tactic has NOT been utilised and no physical search of an individual has taken place.

**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 individual being searched or any other; or potentially compromises the safety of that individual or another.

**Recordable Stop and Search**

Any unplanned stop and search where the officer has, in the course of their duties, used statutory powers or gained the consent of the individual being searched.

Since 11 May 2017 the use of stop and search is carried out in accordance with the Code of Practice, the following definitions now reflect this:

**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 Section 47A/Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000 (which are 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.**

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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)
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)
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 required)
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 2017 to March 2018

Local Authority	Number of Searches	Positive Searches	Positive Rate (%)
<b>North</b>			
Highland	2 116	814	38.5
Orkney Islands	68	20	29.4
Shetland Islands	176	46	26.1
Eilean Siar	70	24	34.3
Aberdeen City	1 961	658	33.6
Aberdeenshire	2 016	495	24.6
Moray	432	127	29.4
Perth and Kinross	556	216	38.8
Dundee	1 150	460	40.0
Angus	392	160	40.8
<b>East</b>			
Fife	1 198	515	43.0
East Lothian	362	153	42.3
Edinburgh City	2 290	767	33.5
Midlothian	372	122	32.8
Scottish Borders	303	124	40.9
West Lothian	712	252	35.4
Clackmannanshire	157	65	41.4
Falkirk	865	298	34.5
Stirling	502	205	40.8
<b>West</b>			
Argyll & Bute	769	218	28.3
East Ayrshire	585	330	56.4
East Dunbartonshire	368	111	30.2
East Renfrewshire	519	205	39.5
Glasgow City	5 697	1 991	34.9
Inverclyde	355	147	41.4
North Ayrshire	392	195	49.7
North Lanarkshire	1 020	553	54.2
Renfrewshire	1 350	528	39.1
South Ayrshire	535	260	48.6
South Lanarkshire	791	369	46.6
West Dunbartonshire	535	206	38.5
Dumfries and Galloway	1 224	372	30.4
<b>Force</b>	<b>29 838</b>	<b>11 006</b>	<b>36.9</b>

1 - This data includes 19 non statutory stop and searches created between 1st April 2017 and 10th May 2017 prior to the introduction of the Code of Practice. For a breakdown of non statutory searches please see Table 1.2.

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**Table 1.2**  
**Non Statutory Stop and Searches by Local Authority - Police Scotland**  
Period: 1 April to 10 May 2017

Local Authority	Number of Searches	Positive Searches	Positive Rate (%)
<b>North</b>			
Highland	1	0	0.0
Orkney Islands	-	-	-
Shetland Islands	-	-	-
Eilean Siar	-	-	-
Aberdeen City	1	0	0.0
Aberdeenshire	2	0	0.0
Moray	-	-	-
Perth and Kinross	-	-	-
Dundee	-	-	-
Angus	-	-	-
<b>East</b>			
Fife	1	0	0.0
East Lothian	-	-	-
Edinburgh City	-	-	-
Midlothian	4	2	50.0
Scottish Borders	-	-	-
West Lothian	-	-	-
Clackmannanshire	-	-	-
Falkirk	-	-	-
Stirling	-	-	-
<b>West</b>			
Argyll & Bute	5	0	0.0
East Ayrshire	-	-	-
East Dunbartonshire	-	-	-
East Renfrewshire	-	-	-
Glasgow City	2	0	0.0
Inverclyde	-	-	-
North Ayrshire	-	-	-
North Lanarkshire	-	-	-
Renfrewshire	-	-	-
South Ayrshire	-	-	-
South Lanarkshire	1	1	100.0
West Dunbartonshire	-	-	-
Dumfries and Galloway	2	1	50.0
<b>Force</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21.1</b>

2 - Since 11 May 2017 the use of stop and search has been in accordance with the Code of Practice and statutory police powers. Table 1.2 provides information on the use of non-statutory stop and search between 1 April 2017 and 10 May 2017 prior to the introduction of the Code.

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**Table 1.3**  
**Stop and Search by Legislation - Police Scotland**  
Period: April 2017 to March 2018

Legislation	Number of Searches	Positive Searches	Positive Rate (%)
<b>Drugs</b>	<b>24 667</b>	<b>9 141</b>	<b>37.1</b>
S23(2) Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Controlled Drugs)	24 634	9 131	37.1
S23A Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Temp Class Drugs)	33	10	30.3
<b>NPS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100.0</b>
S36 Psychoactive Substances Act 2016 (Supply etc.)	1	1	100.0
<b>Weapons</b>	<b>1 544</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>25.6</b>
S48(1) Criminal Law (Cons) (Scot) Act 1995 (Offensive weapons)	603	147	24.4
S49(B) Criminal Law (Cons) (Scot) Act 1995 (Offensive weapons in Schools)	44	11	25.0
S50 Criminal Law (Cons) (Scot) Act 1995 (Bladed or Pointed Articles)	897	238	26.5
<b>Stolen Property</b>	<b>2 346</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>42.6</b>
S60 Civic Government (Scot) Act 1982	2 346	999	42.6
<b>Sporting Events</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>72.7</b>
S21 Criminal Law (Cons) (Scot) Act 1995 (Controlled items)	11	8	72.7
<b>Firearms</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30.3</b>
S47(1) Firearms Act 1968	88	26	29.5
S4 Crossbows Act 1987	1	1	100.0
<b>Fireworks</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>22.2</b>
S11A Fireworks Act 2003	63	14	22.2
<b>Terrorism</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
S43 Terrorism Act 2000	4	-	-
<b>Public Order</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
S60 Criminal Justice & Public Order Act 1994 (Authority of inspector or above)	-	-	-
<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8.3</b>
S19 Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981	-	-	-
S11 Protection of Badgers Act 1992	-	-	-
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	8	1	12.5
S53(1) Salmon & Freshwater Fisheries (Cons) (Scot) Act 2003	3	0	0.0
<b>Aviation</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
S24B Aviation Security Act 1982 (Stolen or prohibited items in Aerodromes)	3	0	0.0
Edinburgh Airport Byelaws 2015 (Search in interest of public safety)	1	0	0.0
<b>Search Warrants</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>40.0</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	893	361	40.4
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	15	3	20.0
Other Legislation	10	3	30.0
<b>Proceeds of Crime</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100.0</b>
S289 Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Prior approval required)	1	1	100.0
<b>Care and Welfare</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23.8</b>
S66 Criminal Justice (Scot) Act 2016	122	29	23.8
<b>Protection of Life</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>43.8</b>
S20/32 Police & Fire Reform (Scot) Act 2012	32	14	43.8
<b>Other</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>80.0</b>
S20/32 Police & Fire Reform (Scot) Act 2012	5	4	80.0
<b>Total Searches</b>	<b>29 819</b>	<b>11 002</b>	<b>36.9</b>

3 - This data excludes 19 non statutory stop and searches.

4 - Search Warrants and Protection of Life and Other, Care and Welfare were not recorded on the National Stop and Search Database prior to 11 May 2017.

5 - 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.

6 - 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>.

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**Table 1.4**  
**Search Outcomes - Police Scotland**  
Period: April 2017 to March 2018

Disposal	Number of Searches	% Of Total Searches
Fixed Penalty Notice	104	0.3
SPR2	7 885	26.4
No Further Action	12 546	42.0
IVPD	1 172	3.9
SID Log	9 851	33.0
Recorded Police Warning	3 439	11.5

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

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

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

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

10 - 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.

11 - 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 1.5**  
**Stop and Search Receipts - Police Scotland**  
 Period: 11 May to 31 March 2018

	Number of Searches	Receipts Issued	Issue Rate (%)
Force	26 361	22 713	86.2

12 - 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**  
**Items Found by Search Reason - Police Scotland**  
Period: April 2017 to March 2018

Reason for Search	Total Positive Searches	Items Found											
		Drugs	NPS	Stolen Property	Weapons	Firearms	Fireworks	Controlled Container	Controlled Article	Alcohol	Tobacco and Cigarette Papers	Money	Other
Drugs	9 141	8 755	52	29	241	8	-	3	-	80	105	34	109
New Psychoactive Substances	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Stolen Property	999	147	2	806	57	-	-	-	-	30	3	3	46
Weapons	396	91	1	4	323	1	-	-	-	12	4	-	4
Firearms	27	4	-	-	5	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Fireworks	14	1	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aviation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wildlife	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sporting Events	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	-	1
Public Order	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceed of Crime	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Care & Welfare	29	18	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Warrant	367	357	2	2	5	7	-	-	-	-	2	8	3
Protection of Life	14	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Other	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-
<b>Force</b>	<b>11 002</b>	<b>9 380</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>176</b>

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

14 - The search reasons New Psychoactive Substances; Sporting Events; Care & Welfare; Warrant; Protection of Life and Other were introduced on 11 May 2017 as enhancements to reporting and to meet the requirements of the Code of Practice.

15 - Criminal Damage and ASB were both pre-Code of Practice searches. There were no searches recorded for 1 April - 10 May 2017 and as such these search categories have been removed.

16 - This data excludes 4 positive non statutory searches prior to the Code.

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**Table 2.2**  
**Drugs found by Local Authority Area - Police Scotland**  
Period: April 2017 to March 2018

Local Authority	Class A	Class B	Class C	NPS	Total
<b>Number of searches where drugs were found</b>					
<b>North</b>					
Highland	201	527	76	12	816
Orkney Islands	2	14	1	-	17
Shetland Islands	11	19	11	-	41
Eilean Siar	6	13	2	-	21
Aberdeen City	197	373	53	1	624
Aberdeenshire	103	333	25	3	464
Moray	35	73	9	2	119
Perth & Kinross	39	107	11	3	160
Dundee	116	169	67	5	357
Angus	25	84	18	1	128
<b>East</b>					
Fife	65	328	59	2	454
East Lothian	27	117	8	-	152
Edinburgh City	153	433	78	4	668
Midlothian	12	80	15	2	109
Scottish Borders	20	89	8	-	117
West Lothian	27	187	18	1	233
Clackmannanshire	11	49	11	-	71
Falkirk	70	176	49	1	296
Stirling	48	144	22	-	214
<b>West</b>					
Argyll & Bute	34	151	17	-	202
East Ayrshire	62	163	47	1	273
East Dunbartonshire	24	66	11	-	101
East Renfrewshire	13	164	10	-	187
Glasgow City	345	1,205	372	11	1 933
Inverclyde	22	108	24	-	154
North Ayrshire	38	104	17	-	159
North Lanarkshire	90	386	51	2	529
Renfrewshire	68	329	46	3	446
South Ayrshire	44	133	21	-	198
South Lanarkshire	35	242	54	1	332
West Dunbartonshire	26	119	43	-	188
Dumfries & Galloway	66	255	22	2	345
<b>Force</b>	<b>2 035</b>	<b>6 740</b>	<b>1 276</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>10 108</b>

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**Table 2.3**  
**Weapons found by Local Authority Area - Police Scotland**  
Period: April 2017 to March 2018

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	19	-	5	-	4	28
Orkney Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shetland Islands	1	-	-	-	1	2
Eilean Siar	1	-	-	-	-	1
Aberdeen City	25	10	6	-	5	46
Aberdeenshire	17	1	5	-	3	26
Moray	3	2	-	-	1	6
Perth & Kinross	5	6	2	-	2	15
Dundee	18	8	9	-	4	39
Angus	9	1	2	-	2	14
<b>East</b>						
Fife	16	11	7	-	4	38
East Lothian	1	-	-	-	1	2
Edinburgh City	39	10	13	-	6	68
Midlothian	3	-	2	-	2	7
Scottish Borders	3	-	3	-	-	6
West Lothian	6	2	1	-	1	10
Clackmannanshire	1	-	1	-	1	3
Falkirk	9	-	4	-	-	13
Stirling	3	1	3	-	1	8
<b>West</b>						
Argyll & Bute	6	1	2	-	-	9
East Ayrshire	14	3	4	-	6	27
East Dunbartonshire	4	4	-	-	-	8
East Renfrewshire	2	4	2	-	2	10
Glasgow City	72	13	11	-	9	105
Inverclyde	6	-	-	-	-	6
North Ayrshire	11	3	6	-	4	24
North Lanarkshire	21	9	7	-	9	46
Renfrewshire	21	5	7	-	2	35
South Ayrshire	15	6	1	-	-	22
South Lanarkshire	18	4	4	-	2	28
West Dunbartonshire	12	1	4	-	3	20
Dumfries & Galloway	14	3	5	-	5	27
<b>Force</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>699</b>

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**Table 2.4**  
**Other Items found by Local Authority Area - Police Scotland**  
Period: April 2017 to March 2018

Local Authority	Firearms	Fireworks	Stolen Property	Alcohol	Other	Total
<b>Number of searches where other items were found</b>						
<b>North</b>						
Highland	1	-	38	7	12	58
Orkney Islands	-	-	1	1	-	2
Shetland Islands	-	-	1	1	2	4
Eilean Siar	-	-	2	-	-	2
Aberdeen City	4	-	43	1	18	66
Aberdeenshire	-	-	14	15	18	47
Moray	2	-	4	4	1	11
Perth & Kinross	2	-	43	7	5	57
Dundee	2	-	104	1	11	118
Angus	4	-	19	-	5	28
<b>East</b>						
Fife	2	-	84	3	5	94
East Lothian	-	-	7	3	1	11
Edinburgh City	1	6	55	12	38	112
Midlothian	-	-	4	4	3	11
Scottish Borders	-	-	9	2	3	14
West Lothian	1	-	16	1	2	20
Clackmannanshire	1	-	-	-	2	3
Falkirk	-	-	14	1	4	19
Stirling	1	-	4	1	-	6
<b>West</b>						
Argyll & Bute	1	1	7	2	4	15
East Ayrshire	2	-	54	3	-	59
East Dunbartonshire	-	-	6	2	-	8
East Renfrewshire	-	-	4	14	3	21
Glasgow City	3	6	71	17	22	119
Inverclyde	-	-	1	-	1	2
North Ayrshire	-	-	20	4	4	28
North Lanarkshire	-	-	14	8	1	23
Renfrewshire	3	-	67	5	3	78
South Ayrshire	1	-	61	3	2	67
South Lanarkshire	-	-	19	6	3	28
West Dunbartonshire	-	-	20	3	1	24
Dumfries & Galloway	2	-	35	1	2	40
<b>Force</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>1 195</b>

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

20 - The previously reported category of Crossbows has now been subsumed into Firearms.

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**Table 3.1**  
**Searches by Ethnicity/National Origin - Police Scotland**  
Period: April 2017 to March 2018

Ethnicity/National Origin	Number of Searches	Positive Searches	Positive Rate (%)
	<b>Number</b>		
White Scottish	22 954	8 730	38.0
White British Other	1 941	746	38.4
White Irish	68	24	35.3
White Gypsy/Traveller	32	6	18.8
White Polish	420	145	34.5
White Other	514	197	38.3
Any Mixed Ethnic Group	156	54	34.6
Pakistani	430	134	31.2
Indian	55	25	45.5
Bangladeshi	8	2	25.0
Chinese	15	9	60.0
Asian Other	160	59	36.9
African, African Scottish, African British	142	44	31.0
African Other	54	17	31.5
Caribbean, Caribbean Scottish or Caribbean British	34	17	50.0
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	138	47	34.1
Black Other	-	-	-
Arab, Arab Scottish, Arab British	44	27	61.4
Other Ethnic Group	247	62	25.1
Not Provided/Unknown	2 426	661	27.2
	<b>Percentage</b>		
White Scottish	76.9	79.3	
White British Other	6.5	6.8	
White Irish	0.2	0.2	
White Gypsy/Traveller	0.1	0.1	
White Polish	1.4	1.3	
White Other	1.7	1.8	
Any Mixed Ethnic Group	0.5	0.5	
Pakistani	1.4	1.2	
Indian	0.2	0.2	
Bangladeshi	0.0	0.0	
Chinese	0.1	0.1	
Asian Other	0.5	0.5	
African, African Scottish, African British	0.5	0.4	
African Other	0.2	0.2	
Caribbean, Caribbean Scottish or Caribbean British	0.1	0.2	
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	0.5	0.4	
Black Other	-	-	
Arab, Arab Scottish, Arab British	0.1	0.2	
Other Ethnic Group	0.8	0.6	
Not Provided/Unknown	8.1	6.0	

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

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**Table 3.2**  
**Searches by Age and Gender - Police Scotland**  
Period: April 2017 to March 2018

Demographic	Number of Searches	Positive Searches	Positive Rate (%)
<b>Gender</b>			
	<b>Number</b>		
Male	26 021	9 654	37.1
Female	3 817	1 352	35.4
Not Provided	-	-	-
<b>Age Group</b>			
1 - 11 Years	18	5	27.8
12 - 15 Years	1 867	450	24.1
16 - 17 Years	2 634	841	31.9
18 - 19 Years	3 194	1 140	35.7
20 - 24 Years	5 644	2 295	40.7
25 - 29 Years	4 090	1 643	40.2
30 - 39 Years	6 956	2 611	37.5
40 - 49 Years	3 931	1 474	37.5
50 - 59 Years	1 216	474	39.0
60 - 69 Years	164	60	36.6
70 - 90 Years	36	13	36.1
Age Unknown	88	0	0.0
<b>Gender</b>			
	<b>Percentage</b>		
Male	87.2	87.7	
Female	12.8	12.3	
Not Provided	-	-	
<b>Age Group</b>			
1 - 11 Years	0.1	0.0	
12 - 15 Years	6.3	4.1	
16 - 17 Years	8.8	7.6	
18 - 19 Years	10.7	10.4	
20 - 24 Years	18.9	20.9	
25 - 29 Years	13.7	14.9	
30 - 39 Years	23.3	23.7	
40 - 49 Years	13.2	13.4	
50 - 59 Years	4.1	4.3	
60 - 69 Years	0.5	0.5	
70 - 90 Years	0.1	0.1	
Age Unknown	0.3	0.0	

22 - All 18 searches of persons in the age group '1-11' were statutory searches which have been reviewed by the NSSU and met the expected criteria.

23 – The 88 searches in the age group 'Age Unknown' refer to records where nominal details were withheld or 'Age Unknown' boxes have been ticked. There were 4 of these searches before 11 May and 84 after. Since the 11 May 2017 officers are required to make an estimate whether the persons searched was under the age of 18 years. Of the 84 searches following the 11 May 2017, 73 were for persons estimated by reporting officers to be 18 years of age or over and 11 were for persons estimated by reporting officers to be under the age of 18. All 88 records have been reviewed by the NSSU and met the expected criteria.

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

Period: April 2017 to March 2018

A total of 1 Section 60 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 authorisation was recorded as detailed in the table below:

Authorisation Date	Local Authority Area	Authorising Officer Rank	Authorisation Type	Number of Searches
10/06/2017	Glasgow City	Assistant Chief Constable	Pre-Planned	0

24 - The one Section 60 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 authorisation was a pre-planned authorisation for the 2018 World Cup qualifying football match between Scotland and England held at Hampden Park Glasgow on Saturday 10 June 2017. Despite the authorisation being in place, no officers used this legislation to search any persons during the period of authorisation.

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**Table 5.1**  
**Items Seized - Police Scotland**  
Period: April 2017 to March 2018

Seizure Type	Number of Seizures	Percentage (%)
Alcohol	2 917	94.9
Tobacco and Tobacco Products	161	5.2
Substance	15	0.5
Other	28	0.9
<b>Total Seizure Incidents</b>	<b>3 074</b>	

25 - Since 11 May 2017 only Alcohol, Tobacco and Tobacco Products are recorded as seizures (refer to definition on page 3). All other seizures e.g. relating to items other than a statutory surrender requirement or alcohol byelaw are recorded on the appropriate police systems.

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

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**Table 5.2**  
**Seizures by Legislation - Police Scotland**  
Period: 11 May to 31 March 2018

Legislation	Number of Seizures
<b>Alcohol</b>	<b>2 140</b>
Local authority byelaws	1 598
S61 Crime and Punishment (Scotland) Act 1997	488
S61 Crime and Punishment (Scotland) Act 1997 Suspected of supply of alcohol to under 18s	54
<b>Tobacco</b>	<b>129</b>
S7 Tobacco and Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Act 2010	129
<b>Alcohol and Tobacco</b>	<b>63</b>
Local authority byelaws and S7 Tobacco and Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Act 2010	9
S61 Crime and Punishment (Scotland) Act 1997 and S7 Tobacco and Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Act 2010	54
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>2 332</b>

27 - 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. The legislation used for seizures has been recorded since 11 May 2017.

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**Table 5.3**  
**Seizure Outcomes - Police Scotland**  
Period: April 2017 to March 2018

Disposal Type	Number of Seizures	Percentage (%)
Fixed Penalty Notice	354	11.5
SPR2 (Standard Prosecution Reports)	944	30.7
No Further Action	976	31.8
IVPD	195	6.3
SID Log	115	3.7
Recorded Police Warning	642	20.9

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

29 - 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.

30 - 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.

31 - SPR2 is a new category of disposal introduced on 11 May 2017 and replaces crime report.

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**Table 5.4**  
**Seizures by Ethnicity/National Origin - Police Scotland**  
Period: April 2017 to March 2018

Ethnicity/National Origin	Number of Seizures
	<b>Number</b>
White Scottish	2 773
White British Other	92
White Irish	7
White Gypsy/Traveller	2
White Polish	21
White Other	16
Any Mixed Ethnic Group	4
Pakistani	1
Indian	1
Bangladeshi	-
Chinese	-
Asian Other	3
African, African Scottish, African British	5
African Other	4
Caribbean, Caribbean Scottish or Caribbean British	2
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	6
Black Other	-
Arab, Arab Scottish, Arab British	2
Other Ethnic Group	4
Not Provided/Unknown	131
	<b>Percentage</b>
White Scottish	90.2
White British Other	3.0
White Irish	0.2
White Gypsy/Traveller	0.1
White Polish	0.7
White Other	0.5
Any Mixed Ethnic Group	0.1
Pakistani	0.0
Indian	0.0
Bangladeshi	-
Chinese	-
Asian Other	0.1
African, African Scottish, African British	0.2
African Other	0.1
Caribbean, Caribbean Scottish or Caribbean British	0.1
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	0.2
Black Other	-
Arab, Arab Scottish, Arab British	0.1
Other Ethnic Group	0.1
Not Provided/Unknown	4.3

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

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**Table 5.5**  
**Seizures by Age and Gender - Police Scotland**  
Period: April 2017 to March 2018

Demographic	Number of Seizures
<b>Gender</b>	
	<b>Number</b>
Male	2 428
Female	646
Not Provided	-
<b>Age Group</b>	
1 - 11 Years	2
12 - 15 Years	542
16 - 17 Years	615
18 - 19 Years	245
20 - 24 Years	248
25 - 29 Years	213
30 - 39 Years	545
40 - 49 Years	431
50 - 59 Years	194
60 - 69 Years	26
70 - 90 Years	9
Age Unknown	4
<b>Gender</b>	
	<b>Percentage</b>
Male	79.0
Female	21.0
Not Provided	-
<b>Age Group</b>	
1 - 11 Years	0.1
12 - 15 Years	17.6
16 - 17 Years	20.0
18 - 19 Years	8.0
20 - 24 Years	8.1
25 - 29 Years	6.9
30 - 39 Years	17.7
40 - 49 Years	14.0
50 - 59 Years	6.3
60 - 69 Years	0.8
70 - 90 Years	0.3
Age Unknown	0.1

33 - The 2 seizures from a person in the age group '1-11' have been reviewed by the NSSU and met the expected criteria.

34 - The 4 seizures for 'Age Unknown' all relate to seizures of alcohol. 3 of these relate to persons estimated by the reporting officer to be under the age of 18 and the other estimated to be a person 18 years or over.