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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:

[Police Scotland Website](#)

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 January 2025.
2. This report shows the data of the enhanced database 1st April 2024 – 31st December 2024.
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 2024 - 31st December 2024 a total of 63 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 2024 - 31st December 2024, 3485 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).

Stop and Searches, Legislation

The following table identifies the type of searches recorded on the National Stop and Search Database, along with the specific

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)
Weapons	S11 Offensive Weapons Act 2019 (Corrosive Substances)
Firearms	S47(1) Firearms Act 1968
Firearms	S4 Crossbows Act 1987
Fireworks	S11A Fireworks Act 2003
Fireworks	S41 Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022
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 to December 2024

Local Authority	Number of Searches	Positive Searches	Positive Rate (%)
North			
Highland	723	350	48.4
Orkney Islands	83	30	36.1
Shetland Islands	106	36	34.0
Eilean Siar	45	21	46.7
Aberdeen City	582	200	34.4
Aberdeenshire	739	265	35.9
Moray	197	56	28.4
Perth and Kinross	139	62	44.6
Dundee	261	121	46.4
Angus	115	51	44.3
East			
Fife	378	125	33.1
East Lothian	138	56	40.6
Edinburgh City	1 183	384	32.5
Midlothian	139	48	34.5
Scottish Borders	104	38	36.5
West Lothian	204	69	33.8
Clackmannanshire	106	25	23.6
Falkirk	381	127	33.3
Stirling	242	72	29.8
West			
Argyll & Bute	663	193	29.1
East Ayrshire	1 153	315	27.3
East Dunbartonshire	341	86	25.2
East Renfrewshire	315	81	25.7
Glasgow City	7 972	1 703	21.4
Inverclyde	791	175	22.1
North Ayrshire	868	247	28.5
North Lanarkshire	4 769	917	19.2
Renfrewshire	567	198	34.9
South Ayrshire	1 076	210	19.5
South Lanarkshire	3 486	685	19.7
West Dunbartonshire	561	171	30.5
Dumfries and Galloway	555	182	32.8
Force	28 982	7 299	25.2

Table 1.2
Stop and Search by Legislation - Police Scotland
Period: April to December 2024

Legislation	Number of Searches	Positive Searches	Positive Rate (%)
Drugs	20 011	5 414	27.1
S23(2) Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Controlled Drugs)	19 945	5 404	27.1
S23A Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Temp Class Drugs)	66	10	15.2
NPS	-	-	-
S36 Psychoactive Substances Act 2016 (Supply etc.)	-	-	-
Weapons	2 335	424	18.2
S48(1) Criminal Law (Cons) (Scot) Act 1995 (Offensive weapons)	905	158	17.5
S49(B) Criminal Law (Cons) (Scot) Act 1995 (Offensive weapons in Schools)	35	7	20.0
S50 Criminal Law (Cons) (Scot) Act 1995 (Bladed or Pointed Articles)	1 395	259	18.6
S11 Offensive Weapons Act 2019 (Corrosive Substances)	-	-	-
Stolen Property	1 548	729	47.1
S60 Civic Government (Scot) Act 1982	1 548	729	47.1
Sporting Events	9	8	88.9
S21 Criminal Law (Cons) (Scot) Act 1995 (Controlled items)	9	8	88.9
Firearms	59	14	23.7
S47(1) Firearms Act 1968	58	13	22.4
S4 Crossbows Act 1987	1	1	100.0
Fireworks	174	30	17.2
S11A Fireworks Act 2003	125	18	14.4
S41 Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022	49	12	24.5
Terrorism	-	-	-
S43 Terrorism Act 2000	-	-	-
Public Order	2	1	50.0
S60 Criminal Justice & Public Order Act 1994 (Authority of inspector or above)	2	1	50.0
Wildlife	13	5	38.5
S19 Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981	1	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	-	-	-
S53(1) Salmon & Freshwater Fisheries (Cons) (Scot) Act 2003	12	5	41.7
Aviation	3	0	0.0
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
Schedule 8(2) Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Act 2021	-	-	-
Search Warrants	1 123	456	40.6
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	1 048	431	41.1
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	8	1	12.5
Other Legislation	67	24	35.8
Proceeds of Crime	-	-	-
S289 Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Prior approval required - cash)	-	-	-
S303C Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Prior approval required - listed assets)	-	-	-
Care and Welfare	3 426	171	5.0
S66 Criminal Justice (Scot) Act 2016	3 426	171	5.0
Protection of Life	227	23	10.1
S20/32 Police & Fire Reform (Scot) Act 2012	227	23	10.1
Other	52	24	46.2
S20/32 Police & Fire Reform (Scot) Act 2012	52	24	46.2
Total Searches	28 982	7 299	25.2

Table 1.3
Search Outcomes - Police Scotland
Period: April to December 2024

Disposal	Number of Searches	% Of Total Searches
Fixed Penalty Notice	118	0.4
SPR2	4 310	14.9
No Further Action	17 061	58.9
IVPD	1 359	4.7
SID Log	6 089	21.0
Recorded Police Warning	3 135	10.8

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 December 2024

	Number of Searches	Receipts Issued	Issue Rate (%)
Force	28 982	18 874	65.1

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 December 2024

Reason for Search	Total Positive Searches	Main Item Found Classification									Tobacco and Cigarette Papers	Money	Other
		Drugs	NPS	Stolen Property	Weapons	Firearms	Fireworks	Controlled Container	Controlled Article	Alcohol			
Drugs	5 414	5 079	14	29	239	2	1	9	-	99	65	61	71
New Psychoactive Substances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stolen Property	729	63	1	573	38	1	-	-	-	87	6	7	37
Weapons	424	89	1	8	329	2	-	-	-	19	3	1	7
Firearms	14	2	-	-	3	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Fireworks	30	5	-	-	3	-	21	-	-	1	-	-	2
Aviation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wildlife	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Sporting Events	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	-	-
Public Order	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceed of Crime	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Care & Welfare	171	103	2	2	42	2	-	-	-	9	11	-	13
Warrant	456	418	-	5	20	7	1	-	-	-	-	12	24
Protection of Life	23	6	1	1	9	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3
Other	24	2	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	18	-	-	5
Force	7 299	5 770	19	618	685	24	24	13	-	242	85	81	167

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 December 2024

Local Authority	Class A	Class B	Class C	NPS	Total
Number of searches where drugs were found					
North					
Highland	93	215	24	-	332
Orkney Islands	9	19	-	-	28
Shetland Islands	18	15	7	-	40
Eilean Siar	5	14	2	-	21
Aberdeen City	58	113	17	-	188
Aberdeenshire	67	170	13	3	253
Moray	20	36	-	-	56
Perth & Kinross	7	29	10	-	46
Dundee	24	26	22	-	72
Angus	7	20	10	-	37
East					
Fife	25	62	24	-	111
East Lothian	13	34	5	-	52
Edinburgh City	142	171	26	-	339
Midlothian	2	31	1	-	34
Scottish Borders	2	31	2	-	35
West Lothian	16	32	8	3	59
Clackmannanshire	3	15	4	-	22
Falkirk	18	62	17	1	98
Stirling	11	36	21	-	68
West					
Argyll & Bute	33	128	19	-	180
East Ayrshire	72	97	45	1	215
East Dunbartonshire	25	57	9	-	91
East Renfrewshire	5	51	9	1	66
Glasgow City	356	920	215	4	1 495
Inverclyde	73	63	42	-	178
North Ayrshire	76	103	35	-	214
North Lanarkshire	183	488	93	2	766
Renfrewshire	48	76	32	1	157
South Ayrshire	40	97	17	2	156
South Lanarkshire	106	338	67	1	512
West Dunbartonshire	37	80	21	-	138
Dumfries & Galloway	39	101	24	-	164
Force	1 633	3 730	841	19	6 223

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 December 2024

Local Authority	Bladed Instrument	Blunt Instrument	Pointed Article	Pointed Instrument	Other	Total
Number of searches where weapons were found						
North						
Highland	11	7	4	-	3	25
Orkney Islands	1	-	1	-	-	2
Shetland Islands	1	-	-	-	-	1
Eilean Siar	1	-	-	-	-	1
Aberdeen City	8	-	4	-	-	12
Aberdeenshire	7	4	1	-	2	14
Moray	1	1	-	-	-	2
Perth & Kinross	8	1	1	-	2	12
Dundee	13	2	5	-	2	22
Angus	4	-	-	-	1	5
East						
Fife	11	6	2	-	-	19
East Lothian	3	2	-	-	1	6
Edinburgh City	21	14	8	-	6	49
Midlothian	1	-	-	-	-	1
Scottish Borders	-	-	1	-	-	1
West Lothian	7	1	6	-	-	14
Clackmannanshire	4	1	-	-	1	6
Falkirk	14	4	5	-	3	26
Stirling	4	2	2	-	-	8
West						
Argyll & Bute	4	-	2	-	1	7
East Ayrshire	15	6	5	-	2	28
East Dunbartonshire	3	1	1	-	1	6
East Renfrewshire	4	1	6	-	1	12
Glasgow City	99	26	47	-	13	185
Inverclyde	12	5	5	-	2	24
North Ayrshire	24	2	4	-	3	33
North Lanarkshire	42	16	23	-	8	89
Renfrewshire	8	1	7	-	1	17
South Ayrshire	7	2	3	-	1	13
South Lanarkshire	37	23	16	-	8	84
West Dunbartonshire	14	7	4	-	3	28
Dumfries & Galloway	2	1	-	-	-	3
Force	391	136	163	-	65	755

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 December 2024

Local Authority	Firearms	Fireworks	Stolen Property	Alcohol	Other	Total
Number of searches where other items were found						
North						
Highland	2	-	15	3	8	28
Orkney Islands	-	-	-	-	2	2
Shetland Islands	-	-	1	-	1	2
Eilean Siar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aberdeen City	1	-	13	4	2	20
Aberdeenshire	-	3	3	3	6	15
Moray	-	-	1	-	-	1
Perth & Kinross	-	-	6	-	1	7
Dundee	-	-	32	1	8	41
Angus	1	-	4	3	7	15
East						
Fife	1	-	5	2	4	12
East Lothian	-	1	2	2	5	10
Edinburgh City	-	3	31	2	16	52
Midlothian	1	-	11	1	2	15
Scottish Borders	-	-	1	-	1	2
West Lothian	-	1	2	1	1	5
Clackmannanshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
Falkirk	-	2	9	4	2	17
Stirling	1	-	3	-	3	7
West						
Argyll & Bute	2	1	4	10	2	19
East Ayrshire	1	-	90	18	2	111
East Dunbartonshire	-	-	3	2	-	5
East Renfrewshire	-	1	5	2	6	14
Glasgow City	5	6	102	51	41	205
Inverclyde	2	-	8	1	2	13
North Ayrshire	-	-	15	5	2	22
North Lanarkshire	1	-	74	43	17	135
Renfrewshire	-	-	31	8	8	47
South Ayrshire	-	-	39	18	2	59
South Lanarkshire	1	4	73	55	12	145
West Dunbartonshire	2	1	17	-	2	22
Dumfries & Galloway	3	1	18	3	2	27
Force	24	24	618	242	167	1 075

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 December 2024

Ethnicity/National Origin	Number of Searches	Positive Searches	Positive Rate (%)
Number			
White Scottish	23 876	5 932	24.8
White British Other	1 259	384	30.5
White Irish	70	15	21.4
White Gypsy/Traveller	29	8	27.6
White Polish	313	89	28.4
White Other	541	162	29.9
Any Mixed Ethnic Group	331	82	24.8
Pakistani	466	130	27.9
Indian	86	17	19.8
Bangladeshi	14	5	35.7
Chinese	54	9	16.7
Asian Other	332	98	29.5
African, African Scottish, African British	378	93	24.6
African Other	178	35	19.7
Caribbean, Caribbean Scottish or Caribbean British	49	9	18.4
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	272	57	21.0
Black Other	-	-	-
Arab, Arab Scottish, Arab British	145	31	21.4
Other Ethnic Group	251	60	23.9
Not Provided/Unknown	338	83	24.6
Percentage			
White Scottish	82.4	81.3	
White British Other	4.3	5.3	
White Irish	0.2	0.2	
White Gypsy/Traveller	0.1	0.1	
White Polish	1.1	1.2	
White Other	1.9	2.2	
Any Mixed Ethnic Group	1.1	1.1	
Pakistani	1.6	1.8	
Indian	0.3	0.2	
Bangladeshi	0.0	0.1	
Chinese	0.2	0.1	
Asian Other	1.1	1.3	
African, African Scottish, African British	1.3	1.3	
African Other	0.6	0.5	
Caribbean, Caribbean Scottish or Caribbean British	0.2	0.1	
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	0.9	0.8	
Black Other	-	-	
Arab, Arab Scottish, Arab British	0.5	0.4	
Other Ethnic Group	0.9	0.8	
Not Provided/Unknown	1.2	1.1	

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 December 2024

Demographic	Number of Searches	Positive Searches	Positive Rate (%)
Gender	Number		
Male	24 286	6 280	25.9
Female	4 696	1 019	21.7
Not Provided	-	-	-
Age Group			
1 - 11 Years	42	2	4.8
12 - 15 Years	2 351	358	15.2
16 - 17 Years	2 235	509	22.8
18 - 19 Years	1 974	562	28.5
20 - 24 Years	3 783	1 187	31.4
25 - 29 Years	3 269	958	29.3
30 - 39 Years	6 659	1 796	27.0
40 - 49 Years	5 548	1 355	24.4
50 - 59 Years	2 293	472	20.6
60 - 69 Years	500	81	16.2
70 Years and Over	110	11	10.0
Age Unknown	218	8	3.7
Gender	Percentage		
Male	83.8	86.0	
Female	16.2	14.0	
Not Provided	-	-	
Age Group			
1 - 11 Years	0.1	0.0	
12 - 15 Years	8.1	4.9	
16 - 17 Years	7.7	7.0	
18 - 19 Years	6.8	7.7	
20 - 24 Years	13.1	16.3	
25 - 29 Years	11.3	13.1	
30 - 39 Years	23.0	24.6	
40 - 49 Years	19.1	18.6	
50 - 59 Years	7.9	6.5	
60 - 69 Years	1.7	1.1	
70 Years and Over	0.4	0.2	
Age Unknown	0.8	0.1	

14 - All 42 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 218 searches 175 were for persons estimated by reporting officers to be 18 years of age or over and 43 was 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 December 2024

A total of 2 stop searches have been carried out under Section 60 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 authorisations recorded as:

Authorisation Date	Local Authority Area	Authorising Officer Rank	Authorisation Type	Number of Searches
05/11/2024	City of Edinburgh	ACC	Preplanned	2
15/12/2014	Glasgow City	SUPT	Spontaneous	0

The "pre-planned" authorisation relates to Operation Moonbeam - fireworks disorder.

