



Fair Effective Use of Police Powers

Sept 25

Analysis of data between: August 2024 – July 2025

CORPORATE DEVELOPEMENT
PERFORMANCE TEAM

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Use of Force - Overview

Use of Force Forms

49,204

% Body Worn Video Recorded

93.3%

Use of Force/Arrest Rate

84.8%

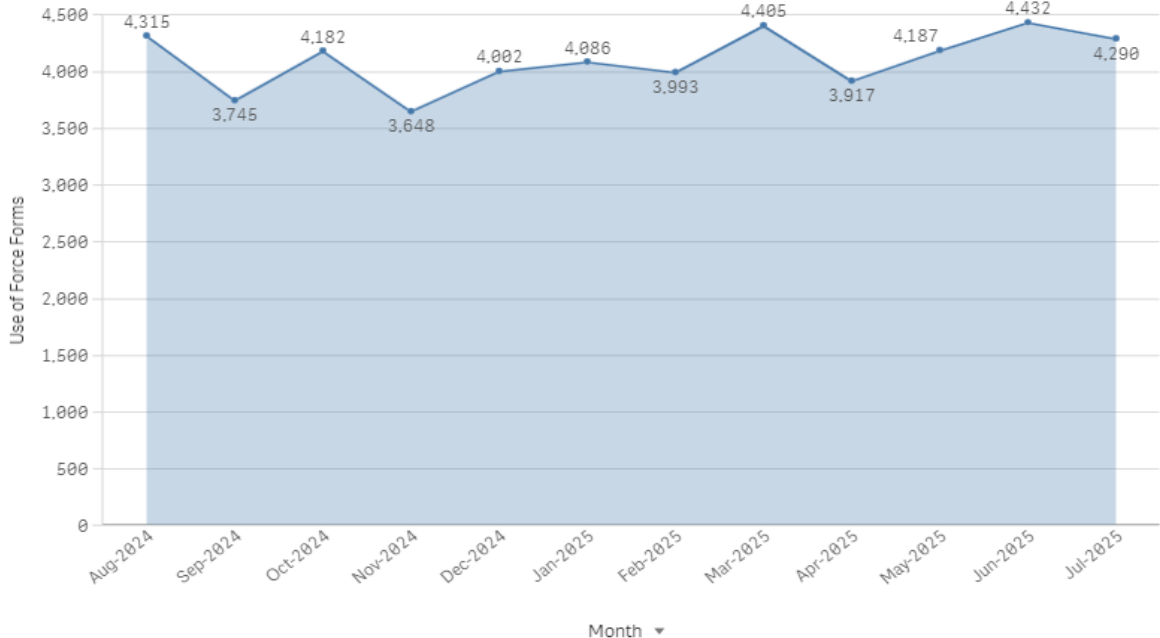
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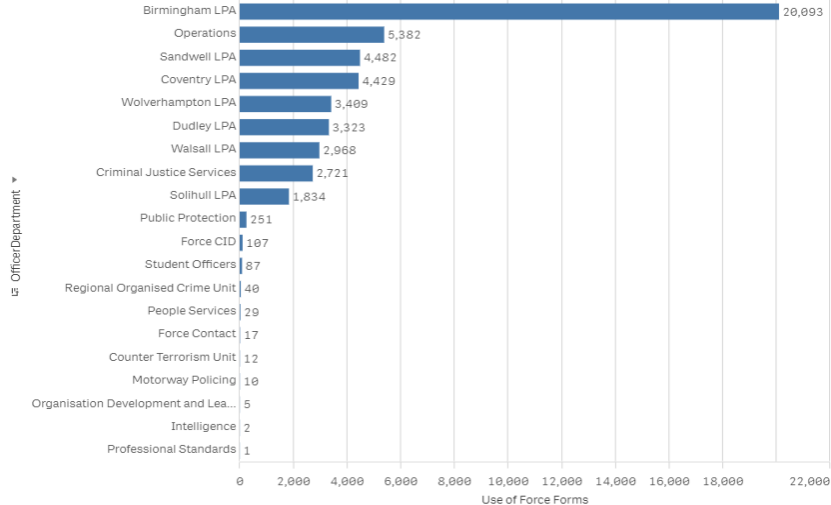
Taser Tactics

1,558

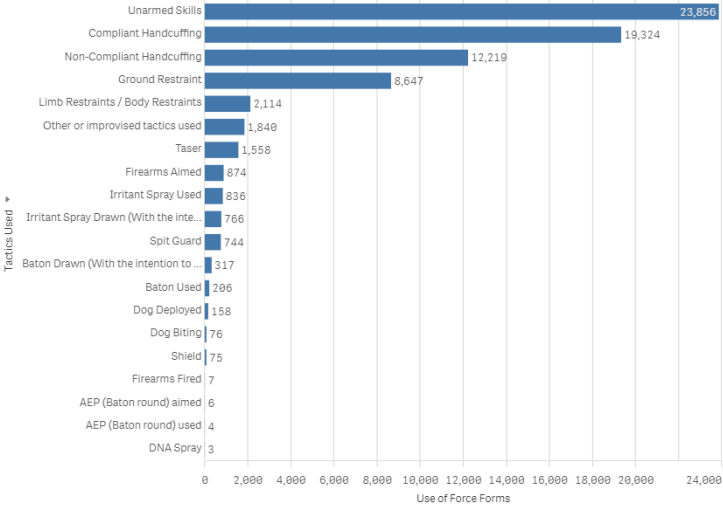
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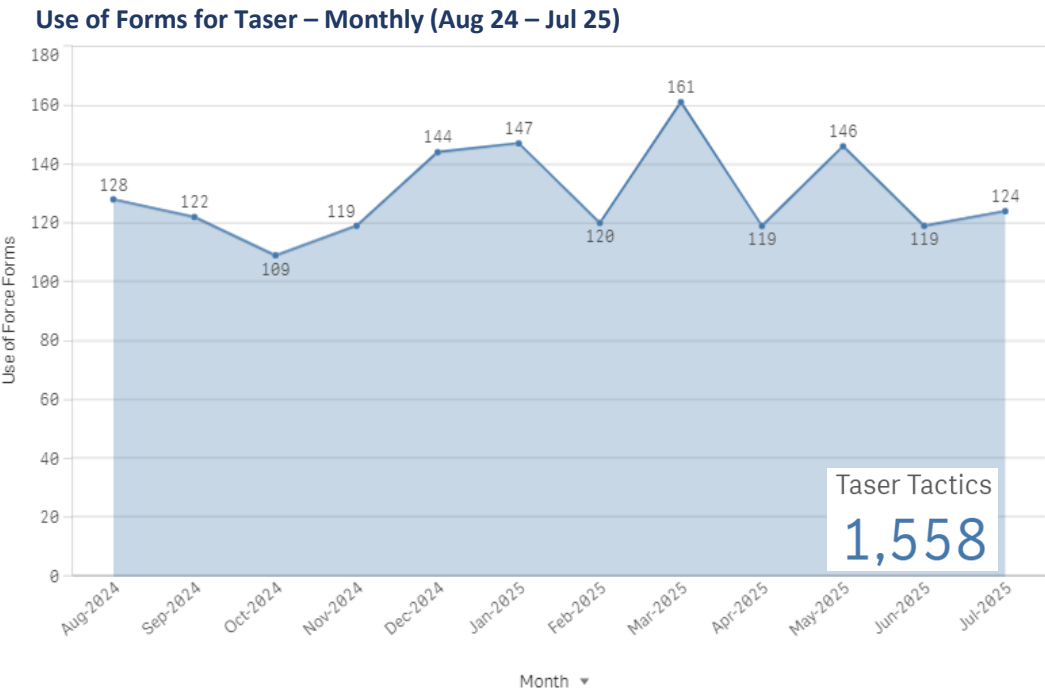
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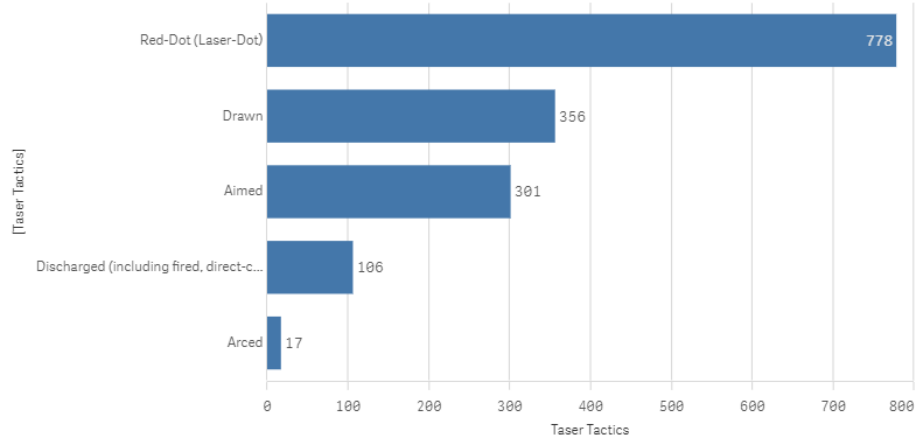
Use of Forms – Tactics Used Breakdown (Aug 24 to Jul 25)



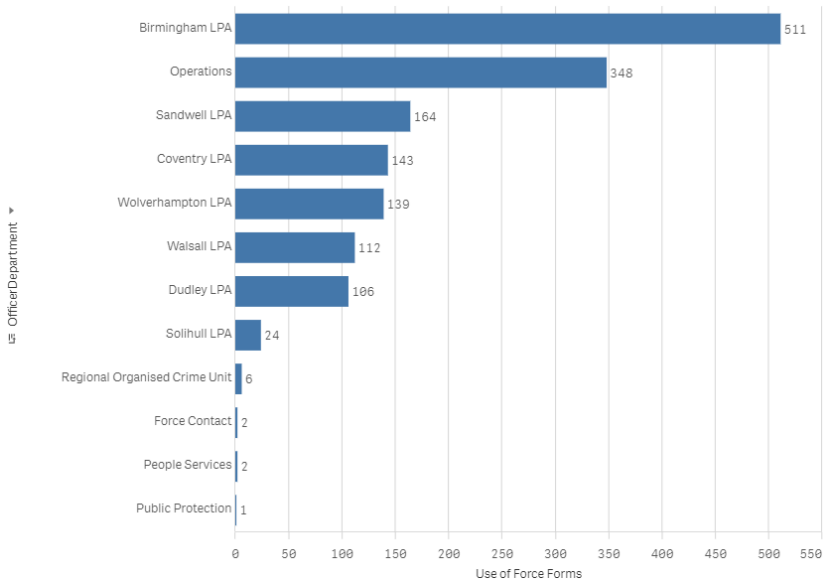
- SUMMARY
- Overall from August 24 to July 25, 49,204 Use of Force Forms have been completed. This has increased from the previous 12 months August 23 to July 24 by 38.8% (35,455). Birmingham LPA have completed the most number of forms with 20,093.
 - Over the past 12 months, the number of forms completed have stayed consistent with 4,290 forms completed in July 25. A slight decrease of 142 compared to June 25.
 - Unarmed Skills and Compliant Handcuffing make up 87.8% of the tactics used.



Taser Tactics (Aug 24 – Jul 25)



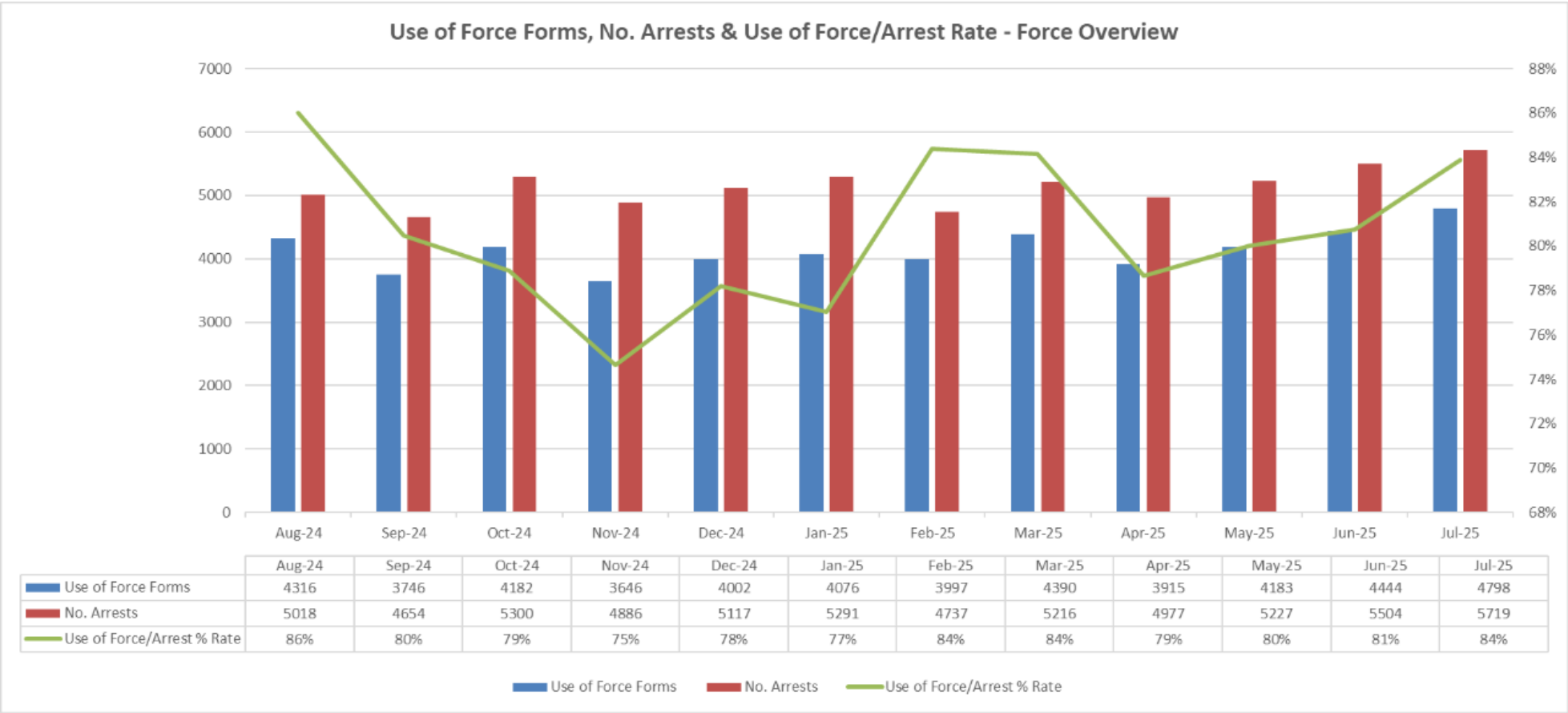
Use of Forms for Taser Tactics – Officer Department Breakdown (Aug 24 – Jul 25)



SUMMARY

- Over the past 12 months, there have been 1,558 use of force forms using taser tactics and 106 of these records included the taser being discharged. This has decreased from the previous 12 months which was 1,727 records and 166 discharges.
- Birmingham LPA have the most records for taser tactics with 511 and Public Protection have the least with 1.
- The most common taser tactic used is Red-dot with 778 records (50%).
- BWV recorded was at 98.6% (22 out of 1,536 had no BWV recorded).

Use of Force – Overview (over time)

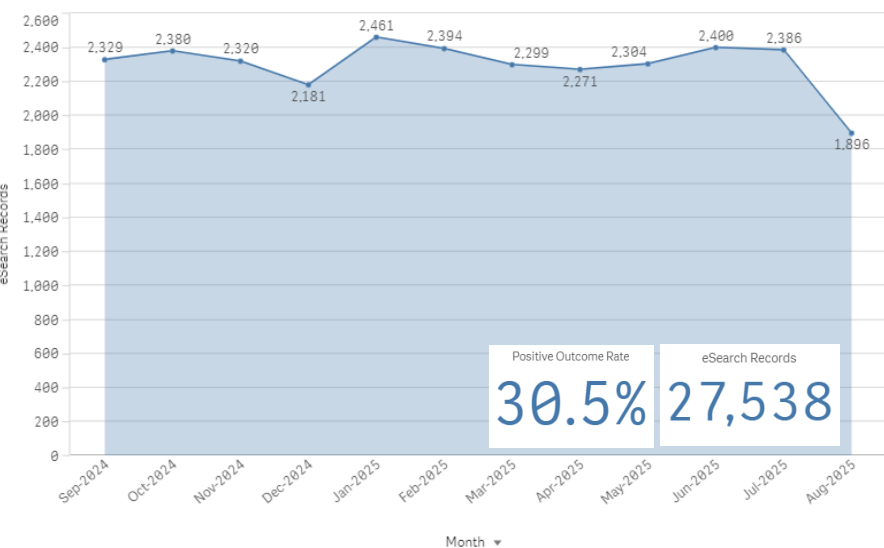


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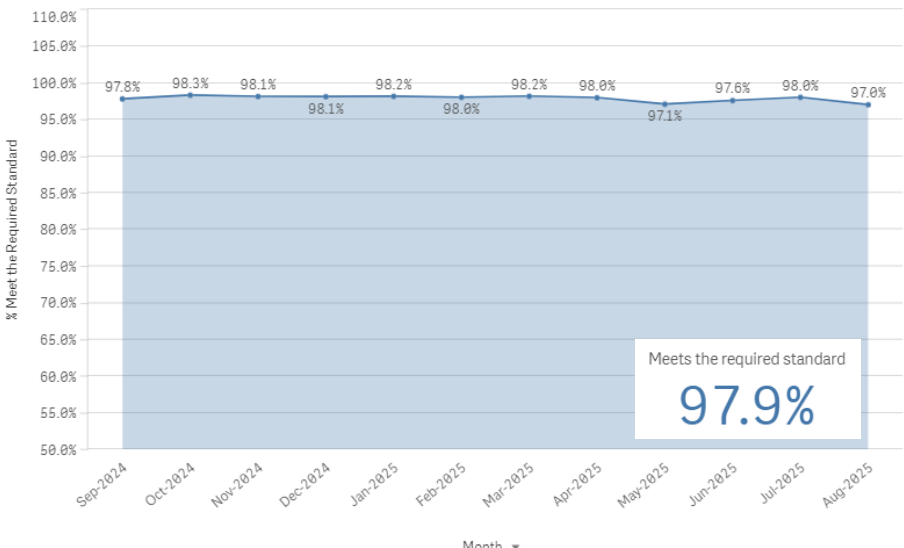
- Over the past 12 months, the use of force/arrest rate has ranged between 75% to 86% with July 25 showing at 84%.
- August 24 had the highest use of force/arrest rate at 86% (4,316 forms and 5,018 arrests) and Nov 24 had the lowest use of force/arrest rate at 75% (3,646 forms and 4,886 arrests).

Stop and Search - Overview

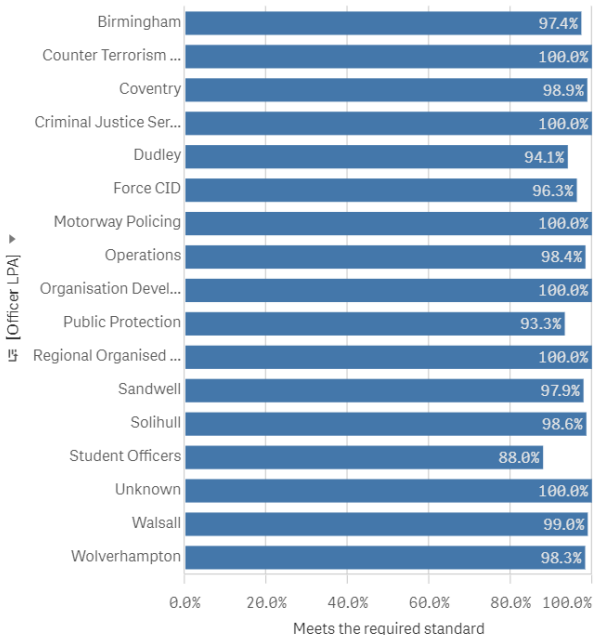
No. of Records – Force (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)



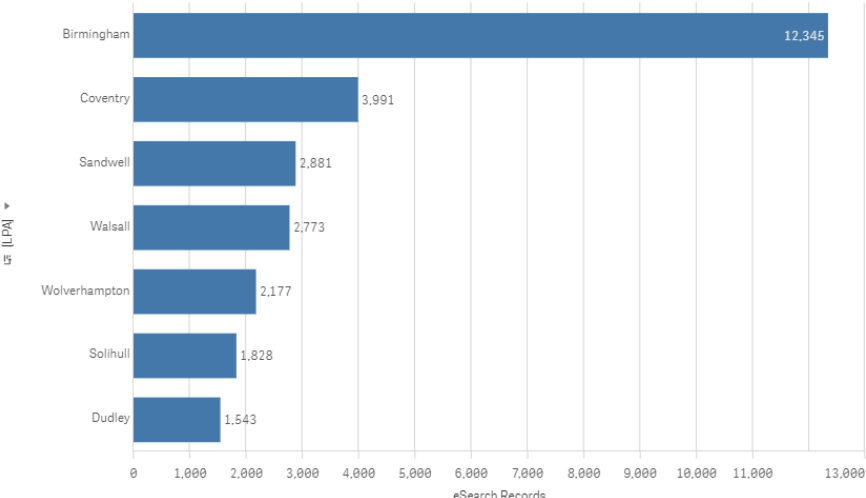
Meets the Required Standard – Force (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)



Meets the Required Standard – Department Breakdown (Sep24-24Aug25)



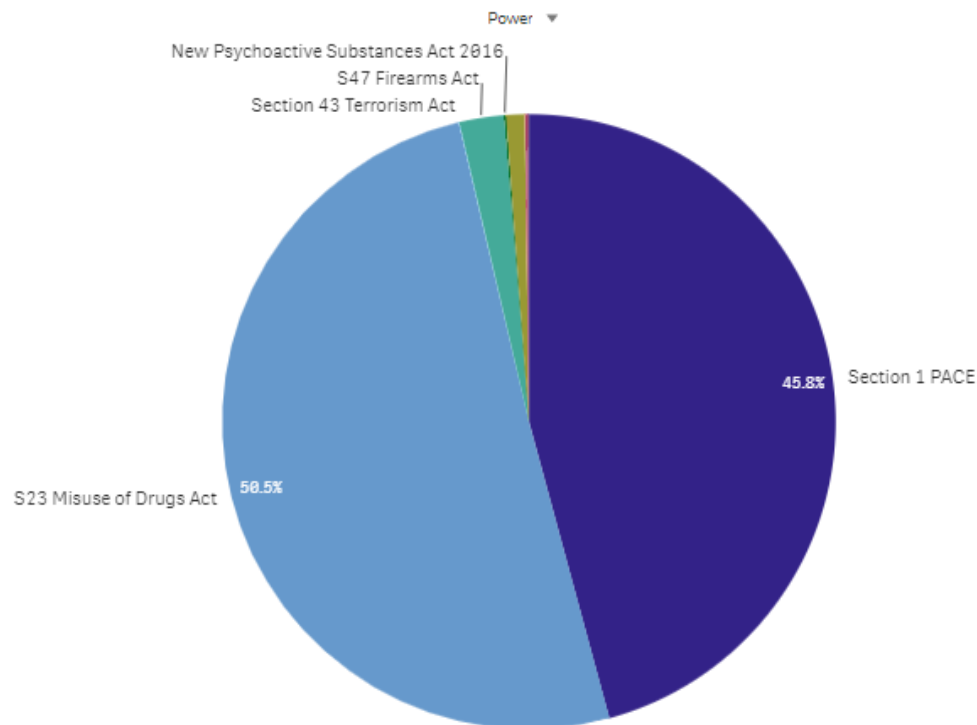
No. of Records – LPA Breakdown (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)



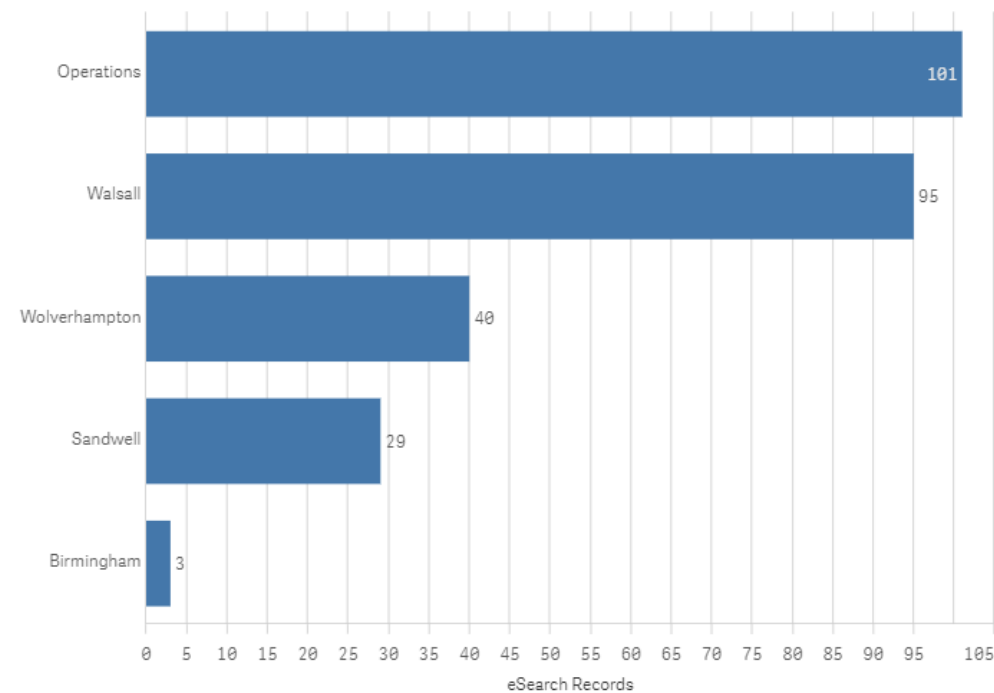
SUMMARY

- Over the last 12 months, 27,538 Stop and Searches have been recorded with Birmingham LPA having the most number of searches at 12,345 and Dudley LPA having the least number of searches at 1,543.
- The number of searches have increased since the previous 12 months by 2,022 records. Previous 12 months was 25,516.
- On average, the Force have a Meet the Required Standard Rate of 97.9%. This has stayed consistent with the previous 12 months which was 97.7%.
- Body Worn Video Recorded was at 97.6% and there was a total of 2,310 repeat subjects.

Stop and Search Powers – Force (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)



No. Section 60 Records – Officer Department Breakdown (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)



SUMMARY

- 50.5% of Stop and Searches were conducted under the Section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act (14,133 records) and 45.8% of Stop and Searches were conducted under the Section 1 PACE (12,714 records) making up 96.3% of all searches.
- This is similar to the previous 12 months with 46.1% of Stop and Searches conducted under the Section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act and 50.1% of Stop and Searches conducted under the Section 1 PACE. August 25 also shows the same pattern (1,162 S23 and 993 Section 1 PACE).
- 1% (268 records) of Stop and Searches were conducted under Section 60. This is similar to the previous 12 months at 1% (260 records). Operations have conducted the most Stop and Searches under Section 60 with 101 followed closely by Walsall.

The next slide looks at Neighbourhoods and the number of 'Incidents' against 'Use of Force' records.

This allows us to analyse if certain Neighbourhoods with a high number of 'Incidents' have low 'Use of Force' records (or vice versa).

To help understand the data, please see below explanation of what an 'Incident' is.

Report of a crime comes into WMP via:

Telephony

Online Services

Public Contact Offices

What we do:

Assess the Incident

Grade

Assign appropriate service

Depending on the above will influence the response of our officers. Example of some of our gradings are:

Emergency Incident

Priority Incident

EM is arrive within 15 minutes – examples risk to life, immediate threat of use, of violence

PR is arrive within 60 minutes – offender detained but not likely to pose a risk to themselves or other people

The Incident data on the next slide is based on these two response gradings.

Up to 24.08.25

Neighbourhoods with the highest amount of Incidents, high to low:

Neighbourhood	No. eSearch Records	Number of Incidents (Final classification EM + PR)	As a percentage
St Michael's	87	619	14.05%
Birmingham City Centre	114	400	28.50%
Lozells and East Handsworth	30	370	8.11%
Edgbaston	25	342	7.31%
Soho and Victoria	38	327	11.62%
Aston	45	296	15.20%
Sparkbrook	37	290	12.76%
Stockland Green	36	285	12.63%
Perry Barr	35	278	12.59%
Shard End	26	268	9.70%
Stechford and Yardley North	23	262	8.78%
Bordesley Green	27	257	10.51%
South Yardley	17	257	6.61%
Acocks Green	17	247	6.88%
Erdington	19	244	7.79%
St Matthew's	82	243	33.74%
Henley	3	232	1.29%
Longbridge	14	228	6.14%
Washwood Heath	22	227	9.69%
Springfield	9	225	4.00%

Neighbourhoods with the highest percentage of S&S compared to Incidents, high to low:

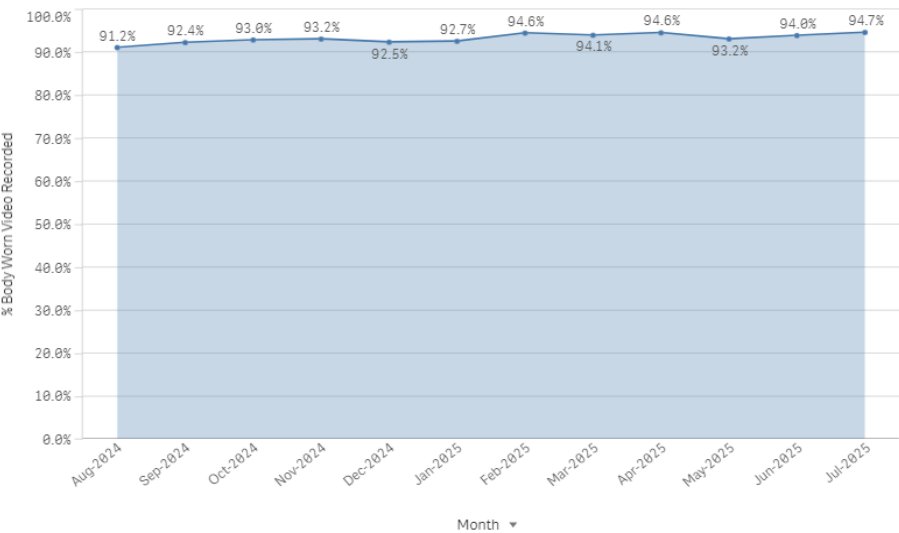
Neighbourhood	No. eSearch Records	Number of Incidents (Final classification EM + PR)	As a percentage
Palfrey	35	87	40.23%
St Paul's	39	111	35.14%
St Matthew's	82	243	33.74%
NEC	8	25	32.00%
Eastside	40	128	31.25%
Southside	26	91	28.57%
Birmingham City Centre	114	400	28.50%
Foleshill	54	205	26.34%
Westside	28	121	23.14%
Brierley Hill	28	151	18.54%
Pheasey Park Farm	7	39	17.95%
Smethwick	18	105	17.14%
Lye and Stourbridge North	16	94	17.02%
Moseley and Kings Heath	31	199	15.58%
Shirley West	9	58	15.52%
Aston	45	296	15.20%
Olton	6	40	15.00%
Selly Oak	27	182	14.84%
Lower Stoke	18	122	14.75%
Wollaston and Stourbridge Town	12	82	14.63%

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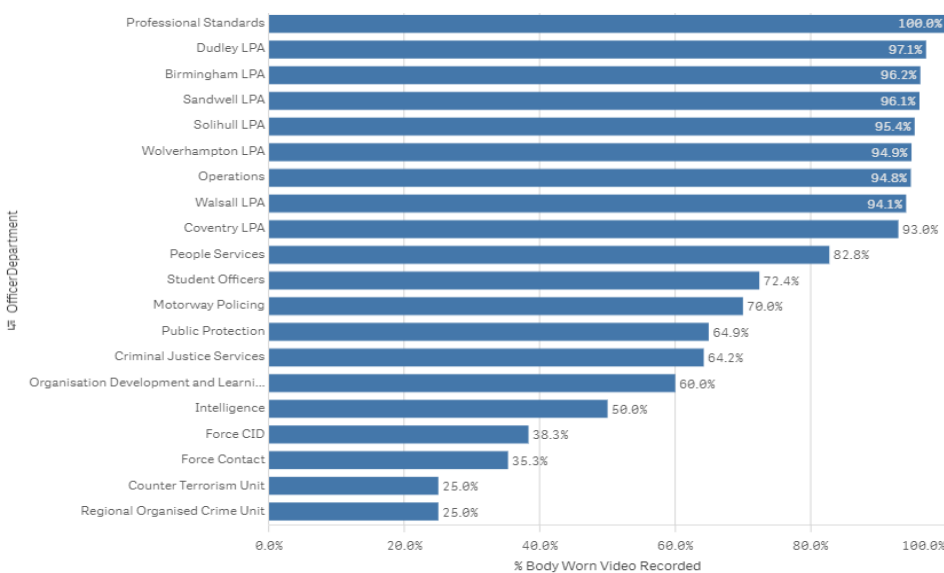
- Birmingham City Centre, Aston and St Matthew's are in the top 20 neighbourhoods with the highest number of Incidents. They also fall into the top 20 Neighbourhoods with the highest percentage of Stop and Searches compared to their number of incidents in August (see purple highlighted).
- St Michael's and Lozells and East Handsworth are in the top 3 neighbourhoods with highest number of Incidents but their stop and search records are between 8-14% of their total number of incidents in the month of August.
- Palfrey has the highest percentage of Stop and Searches in comparison to their number of Incidents at 40%. This is followed by St Paul's at 35%. Southside was at 55% the previous month but dropped down to 28% in August.
- There are 17 neighbourhoods with 0 stop and searches in August (listed in the notes section).

Use of Force – Body Worn Video

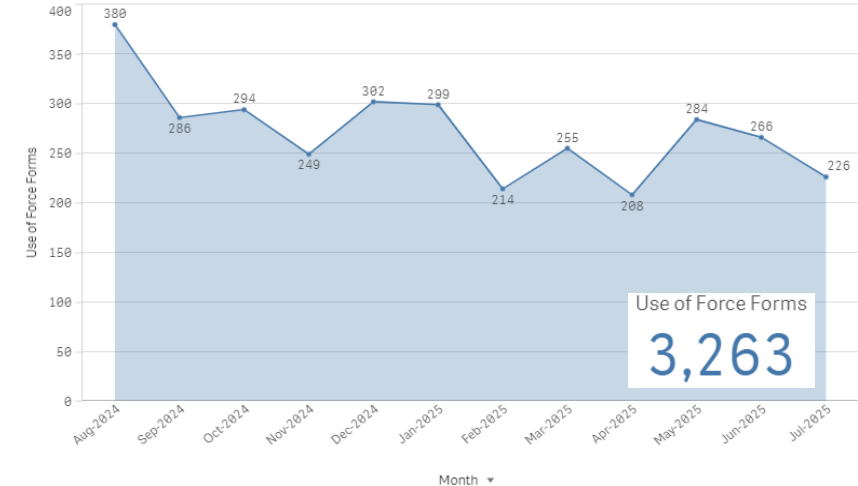
Body Worn Video Recorded – Monthly (Aug 24 – Jul 25)



Body Worn Video Recorded – Department Breakdown (Aug 24 – Jul 25)



Number of Forms with BVW Not Recorded – Monthly (Aug 24 – Jul 25)

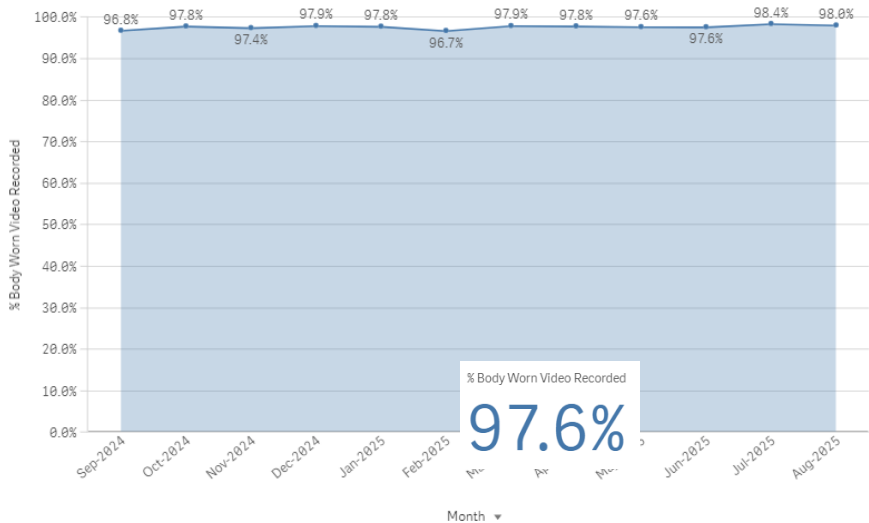


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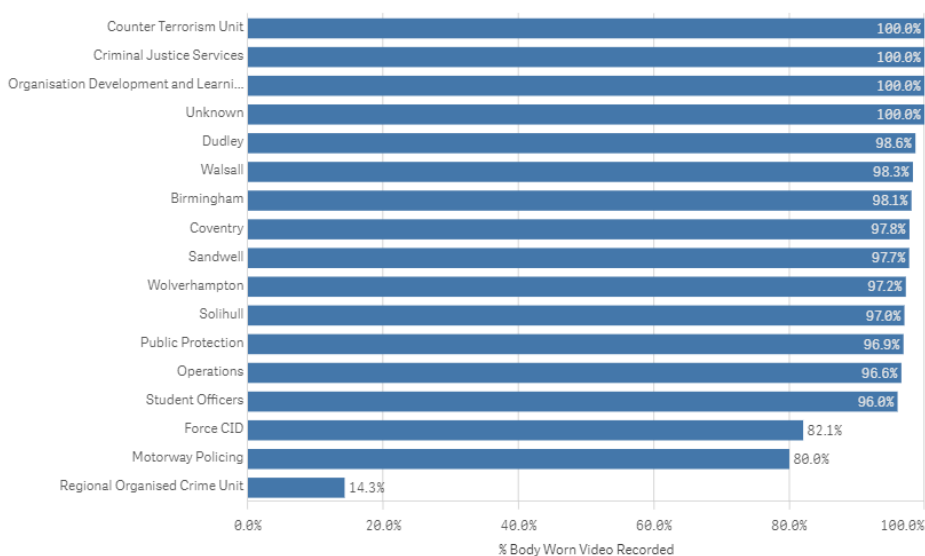
- On average, 93.3% of the force have had their body worn video (BWV) recorded during the use of force; this has stayed consistent during the past 12 months. This has increased from the previous 12 months by 5% (88.3%).
- There are 3,263 records where BWV has not been recorded. This has decreased from the previous 12 months with 4,141 records. Over the past 12 months, the number of records where BWV has not been recorded has gradually decreased from 380 in August 24 to 226 in July 25.
- Counter Terrorism Unit and Regional Organised Crime Unit have the lowest BWV recorded rate at 25% (please see graph above).

Stop and Search – Body Worn Video (BWV)

Body Worn Video Recorded – Force (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)



BWV Recorded – Officer Department Breakdown (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)

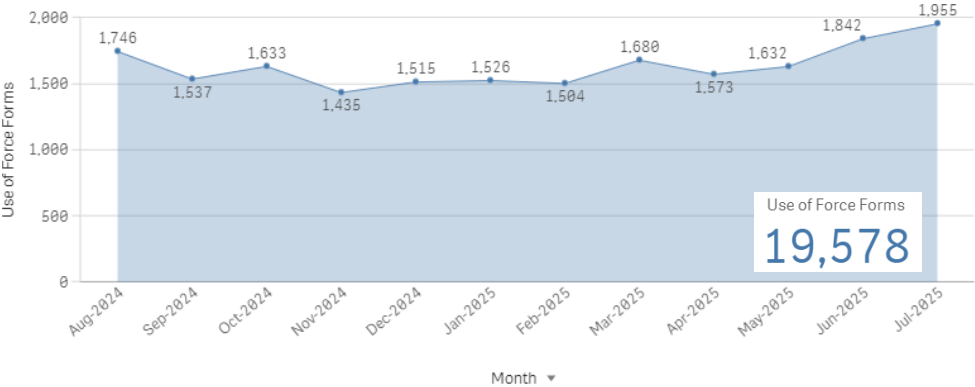


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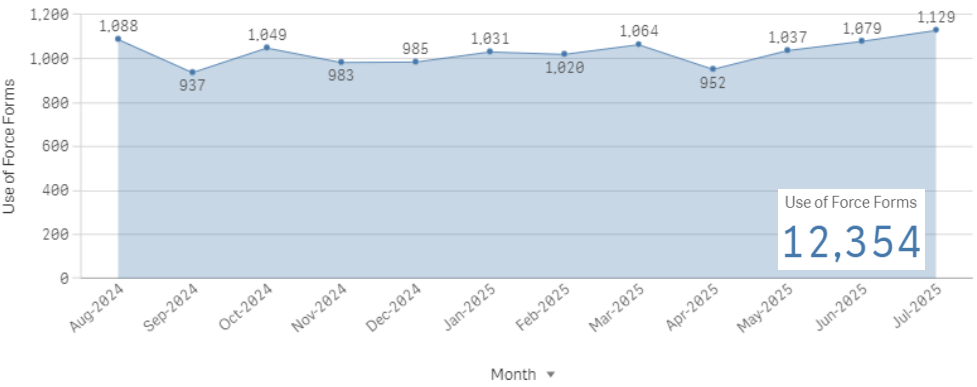
- On average, 97.6% of the force have had their body worn video (BWV) recorded during a Stop and Search; this has stayed consistent during the past 12 months. The BWV percentage for the previous 12 months was also 97.6%.
- There are 648 records where BWV has not been recorded. This has increased from the previous 12 months at 620.

Use of Force – Compliant + Non-Compliant Handcuffing

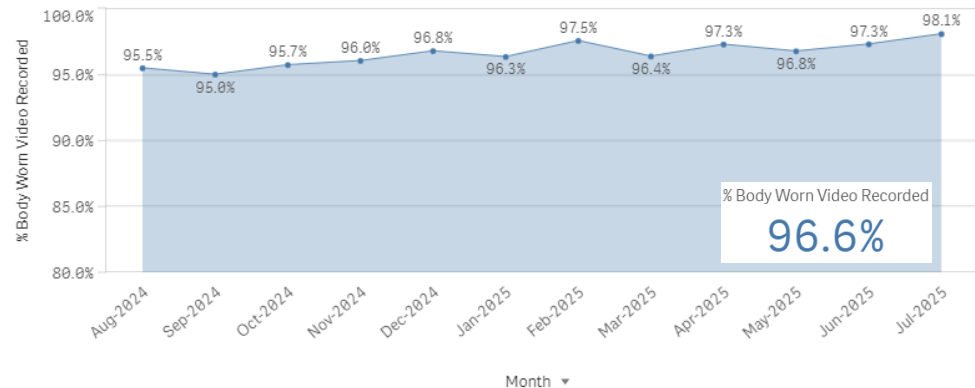
Compliant Handcuffing



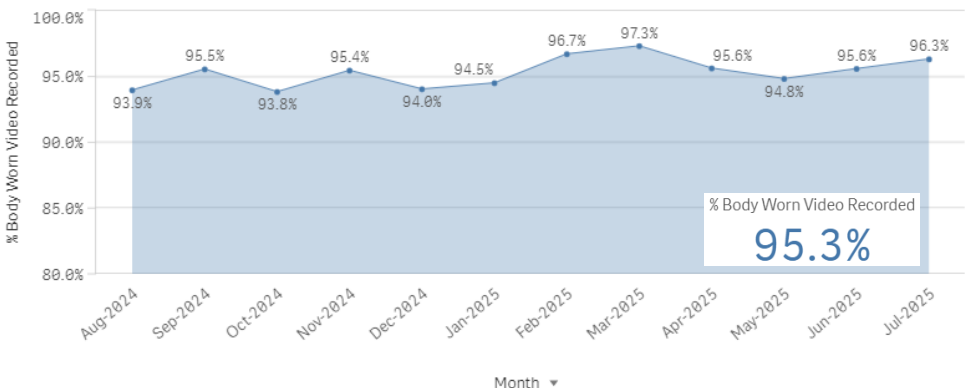
Non-Compliant Handcuffing



Compliant Handcuffing BWV Recorded



Non-Compliant Handcuffing BWV Recorded



SUMMARY

- Over the past 12 months, there have been 19,578 Compliant Handcuffing forms and 96.6% of the force have recorded their BWV. The number of compliant handcuffing forms have gradually increased with 1,746 in August 24 and ,1953 in July 25. The body worn video percentage has also gradually increased from 95.5% in August 24 to 98.1% in July 25.
- Non-Compliant Handcuffing was at 12,354 (37% less than compliant handcuffing) and 95.3% of the force have recorded their BWV. The number of records have increased by 8.4% from the previous 12 months (11,397) and the body worn video percentage has increased by 2.1% (93.2%). Monthly has stayed consistent with 1088 records in August 24 and 1129 records in July 25.

Use of Force – Compliant + Non-Compliant Handcuffing

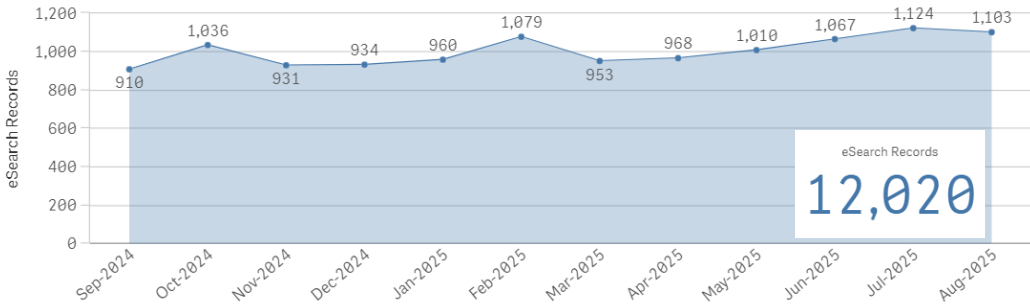
Officer Department	Compliant Handuffing	Non-Compliant Handcuffing	Compliant + Non-Compliant Handcuffing	No. Arrest Records	Overall Handcuffing %	Compliant Handcuffing %	Non-Compliant Handcuffing %
Birmingham LPA	8585	5433	14018	22576	62%	38%	24%
Operations	1953	964	2917	4257	69%	46%	23%
Sandwell LPA	2097	1147	3244	5940	55%	35%	19%
Coventry LPA	1608	1312	2920	6475	45%	25%	20%
Wolverhampton LPA	1491	811	2302	5113	45%	29%	16%
Dudley LPA	1458	891	2349	3838	61%	38%	23%
Walsall LPA	1223	779	2002	4441	45%	28%	18%
Criminal Justice Services	31	455	486	1338	36%	2%	34%
Solihull LPA	956	427	1383	2291	60%	42%	19%
Public Protection	79	87	166	4280	4%	2%	2%
Force CID	50	20	70	693	10%	7%	3%
Student Officers	29	11	40	65	62%	45%	17%
Regional Organised Crime Unit	15	4	19	124	15%	12%	3%
Force Contact	0	3	3	8	38%	0%	38%
Counter Terrorism Unit	1	4	5	41	12%	2%	10%
Motorway Policing	4	4	8	49	16%	8%	8%
TOTAL	19580	12352	31932	61529	52%	32%	20%

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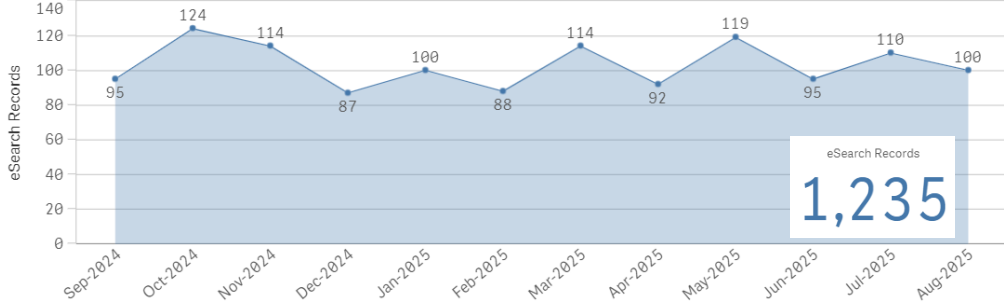
- Comparing the number of arrests in the same period to handcuffing equals 52% (31,932 handcuffing compared to 61,529 arrests).
- Operations has the highest percentage of handcuffing used compared to arrests at 69%. This is closely followed by BH LPA. CV, WV and WS are all at 45% of handcuffing compared to arrests.
- Looking specifically at Compliant Handcuffing, Operations again have the highest % followed by student officers and SH LPA.
- Looking at non-Compliant Handcuffing, CJS has the highest % compared to arrests at 34%, followed by BH LPA at 24%.

Stop and Search – Compliant + Non-Compliant Handcuffing

Compliant Handcuffing



Non-Compliant Handcuffing



Officer Department	Compliant Handuffing	Non-Compliant Handcuffing	Compliant + Non-Compliant Handcuffing	No of total arrests across force	Overall Handcuffing %	Compliant Handcuffing %	Non-Compliant Handcuffing %
Birmingham	5,195	497	5,692	22,693	25%	23%	2%
Coventry	1,238	173	1,411	6,573	21%	19%	3%
Sandwell	1,048	134	1,182	5,976	20%	18%	2%
Wolverhampton	732	65	797	5,117	16%	14%	1%
Walsall	622	66	688	4,469	15%	14%	1%
Dudley	493	55	548	3,920	14%	13%	1%
Solihull	389	38	427	2,281	19%	17%	2%
Operations	2,232	202	2,434	4,406	55%	51%	5%
Student Officers	24	1	25	78	32%	31%	1%
Force CID	22	2	24	681	4%	3%	0%
Public Protection	13	2	15	4,342	0%	0%	0%
Motorway Policing	5	0	5	27	19%	19%	0%
Regional Organised Crime Unit	5	0	5	126	4%	4%	0%
Counter Terrorism Unit	1	0	1	40	3%	3%	0%
TOTAL	12019	1235	13254	60729	22%	20%	2%

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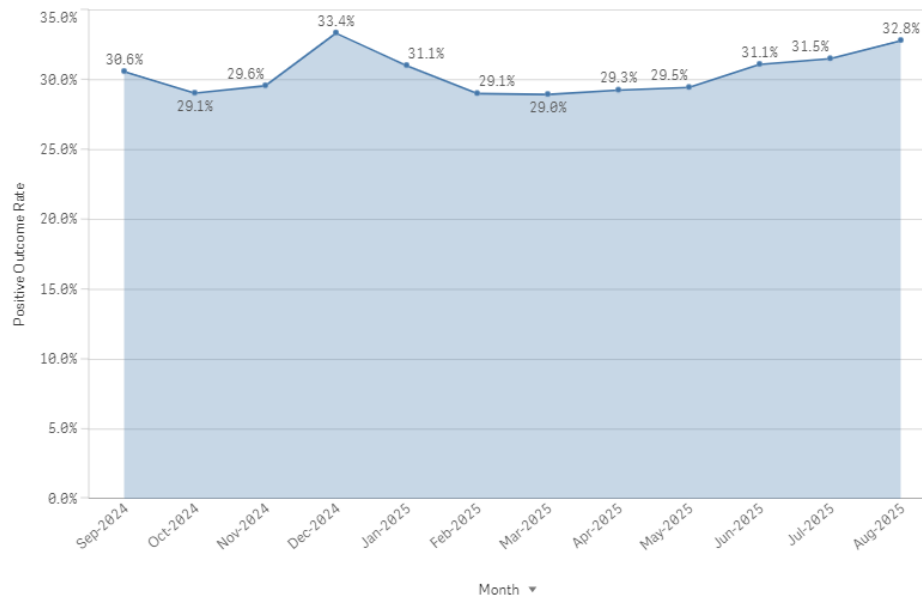
- Over the past 12 months, there have been 12,020 Compliant Handcuffing forms (42% of the total stop and searches). The number of compliant handcuffing forms have gradually increased with 1,103 in August 25 (from 910 in Sep 24).
- Non-Compliant Handcuffing was at 1,235 (4.39% of the total stop and searches). The number of records have stayed stable month on month with August 25 at 100 records.
- Comparing the total number of arrests in the same period to handcuffing equals 22% (13,254 handcuffing compared to 60,729 arrests).
- Operations has the highest percentage of handcuffing used compared to arrests at 55%. This is followed by BH, CV + SW of between 20-25% handcuffing compared to arrests.

Stop and Search - Outcomes

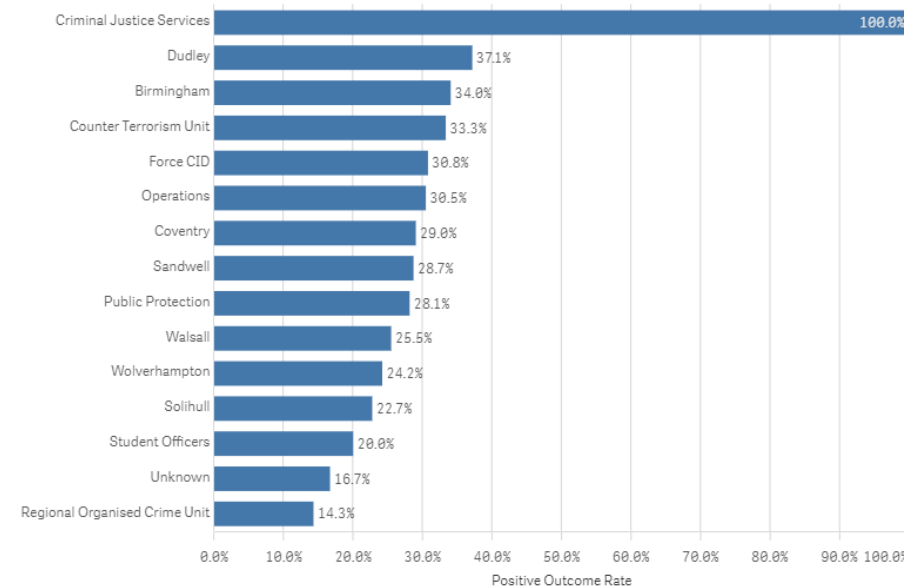
Positive Outcome Rate

30.5%

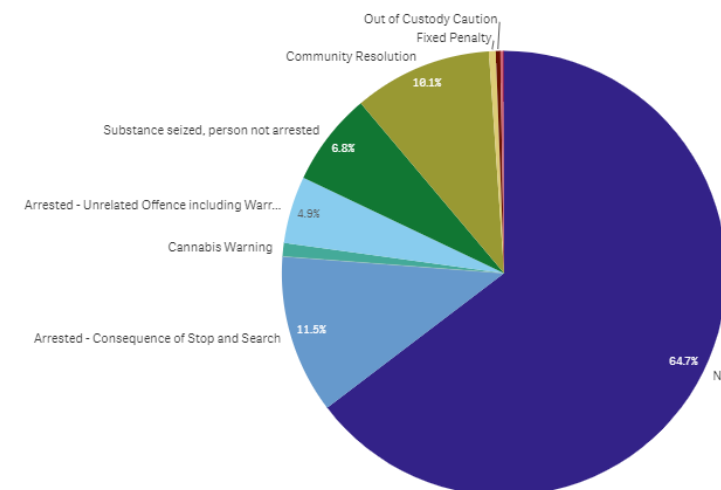
Positive Outcome Rate – Force (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)



Positive Outcome Rate – Officer Department Breakdown (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)



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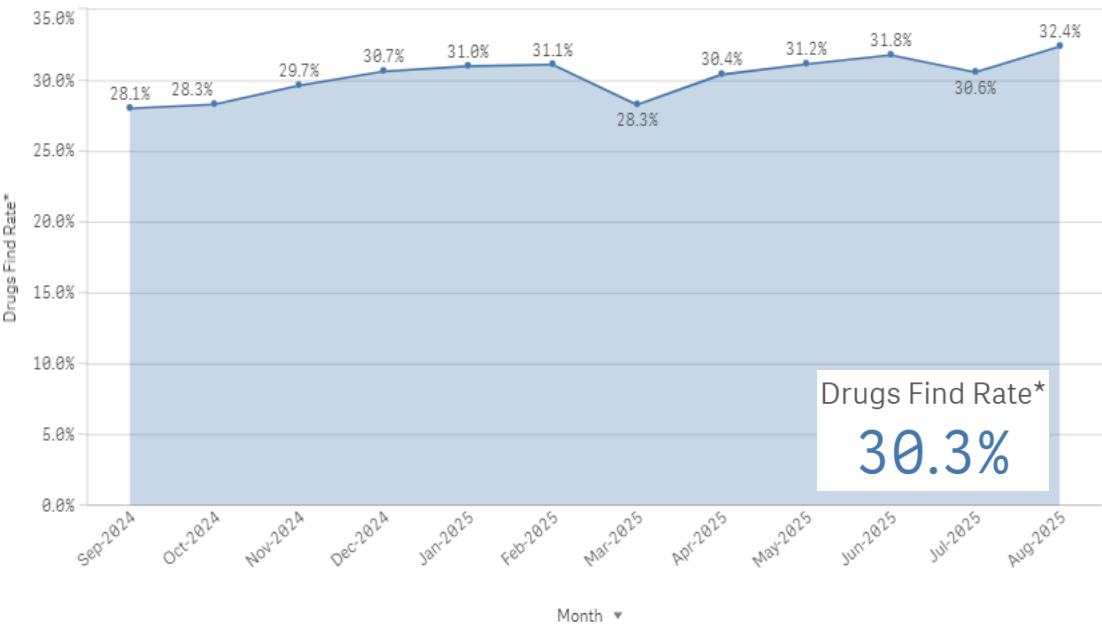


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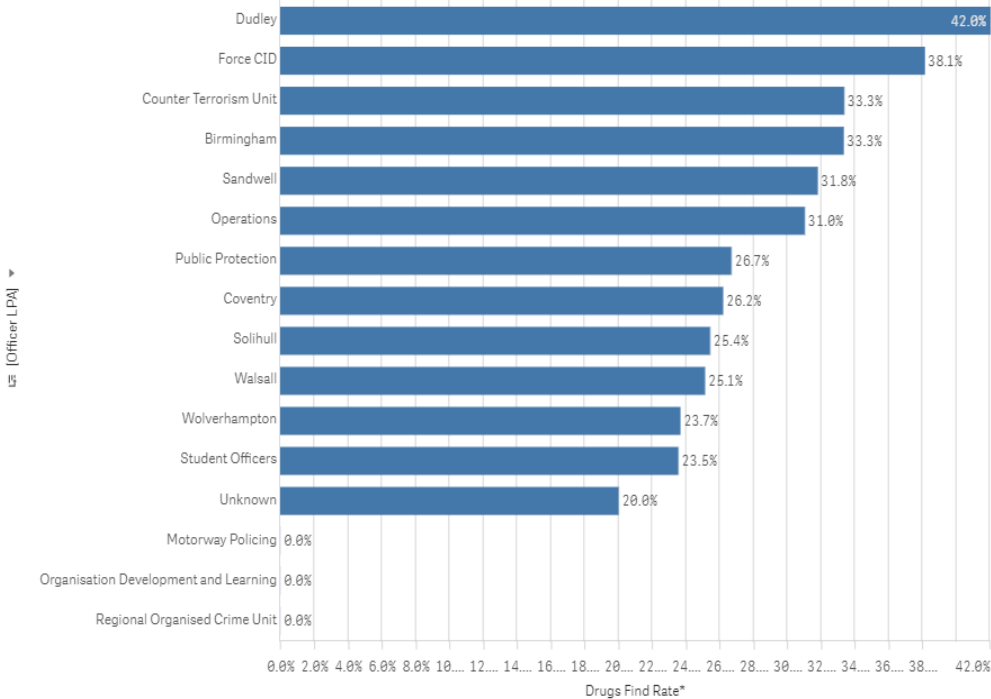
- On average, the Force have a positive outcome rate of 30.5%. This has increased from the previous 12 month at 28%.
- The most common outcome is 'No Further Action' (NFA) at 64.7%. 11.5% of all the Stop and Searches conducted result in an arrest. August is in line with the last 12 months with 63% NFA and 12% arrested.
- Criminal Justice Services have the highest positive outcome rate at 100% but only has 1 stop and search record. The next highest positive outcome rate is Dudley LPA with 37.1%. Regional Organised Crime Unit have the lowest rate at 14.3%.

Stop and Search – Find rates (Drugs)

Drugs Find Rate – Force (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)



Drugs Find Rate – Officer Department Breakdown (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)

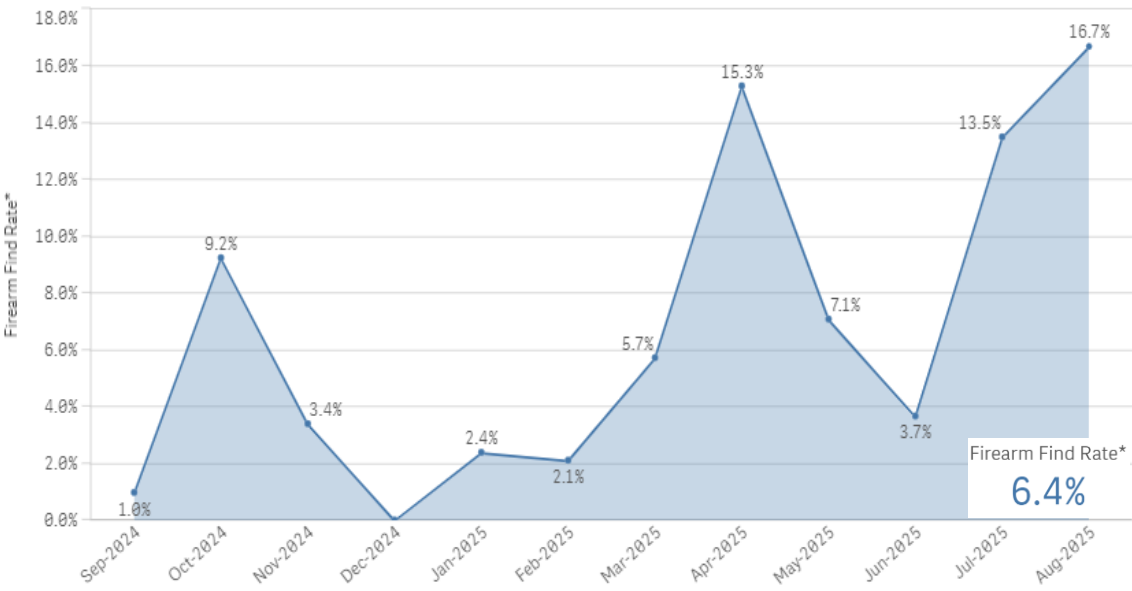


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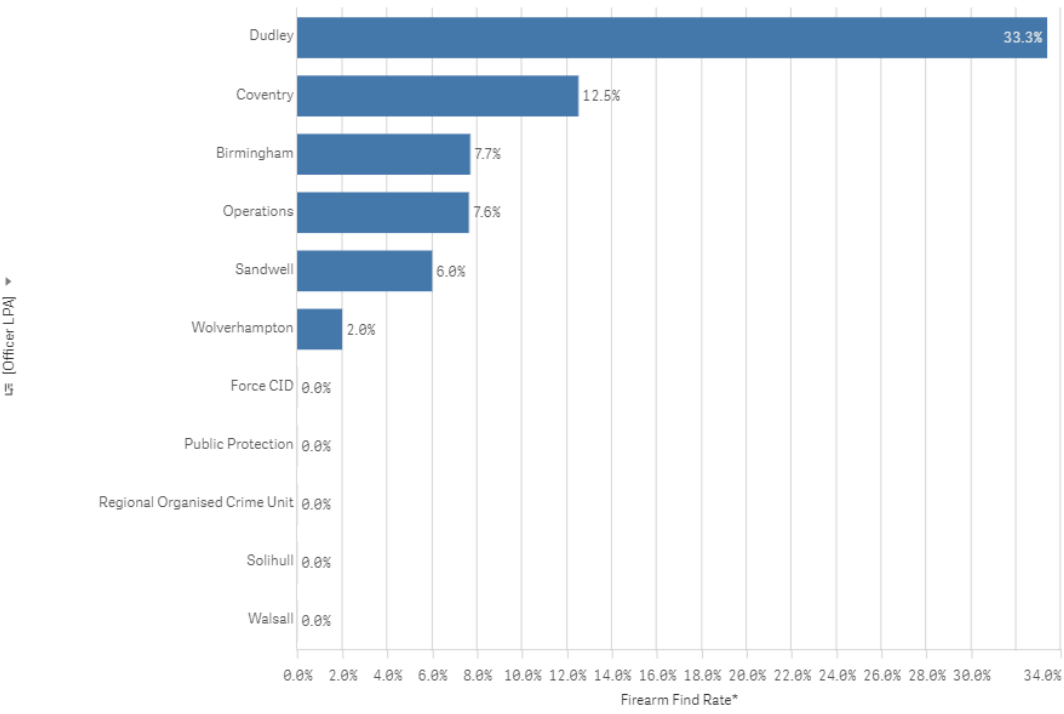
- Out of the 27,538 stop and search records, 14,133 relate to ‘search for drugs’.
- Of these 14,133 ‘search for drugs’, 4,271 records have a drug found, giving an overall find rate of 30.3%. This has increased from the previous 12 months which was 28.7%.
- In the month of August, there was 1,162 ‘search for drugs’ with 367 drugs recovered. This equals a find rate of 32%.
- Dudley LPA has the highest drug find rate at 42% which is equivalent to 14 out of 35 search for drugs.

Stop and Search – Find rates (Firearms)

Firearms Find Rate – Force (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)



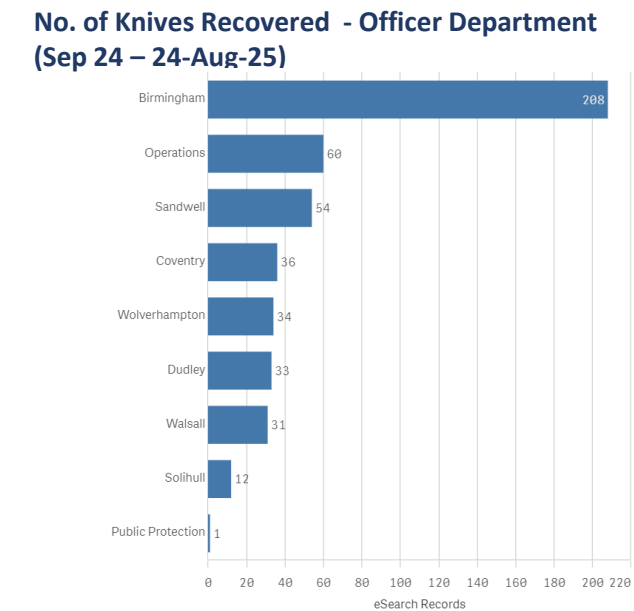
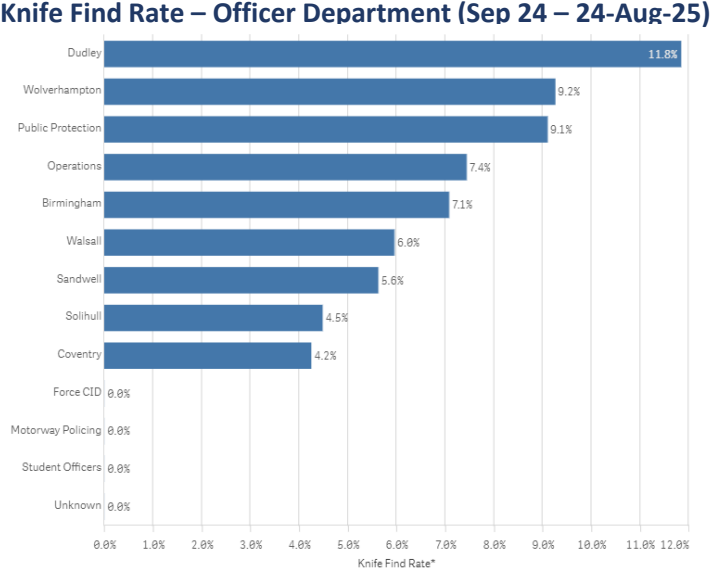
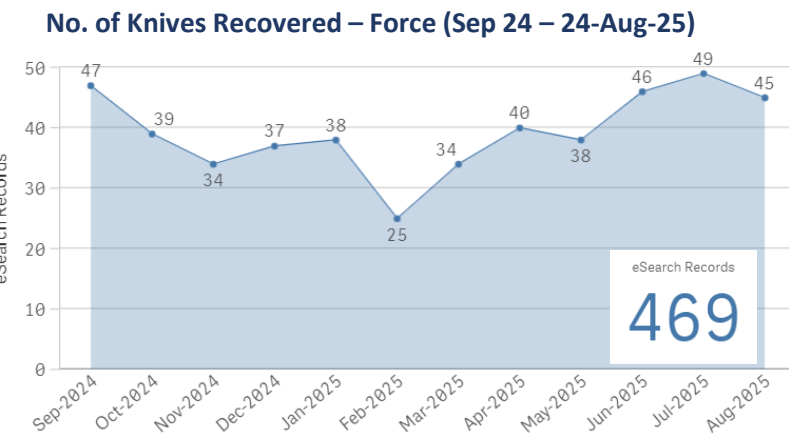
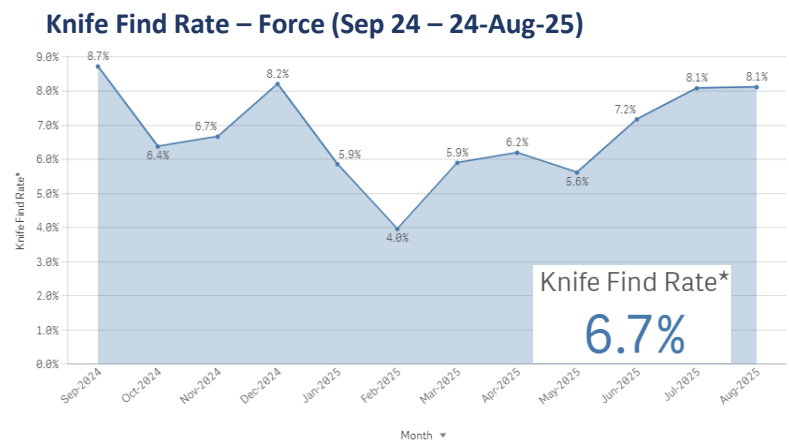
Firearms Find Rate – Officer Department Breakdown (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)



SUMMARY

- Out of the 27,538 stop and search records, 920 relate to an object description of ‘firearms ’ and ‘s60 searching for dangerous instrument / offensive weapon’.
- Of these 920 records, there are 59 where a firearm was recovered , giving an overall find rate of 6.4%.
- This has increased from the previous 12 months which was 3.8%. Over the past 12 months, the average find rate for firearms have been relatively low peaking in October 24 at 9.2% , April 25 at 15.3% and August 25 at 16.7%.
- In the month of August, there was 56 records with 9 drugs recovered. This equals a find rate of 16%.
- Dudley LPA has the highest firearm find rate at 33.3% which is equivalent to 1 out of 3 search for firearms.

Stop and Search – Find rates (Knife)



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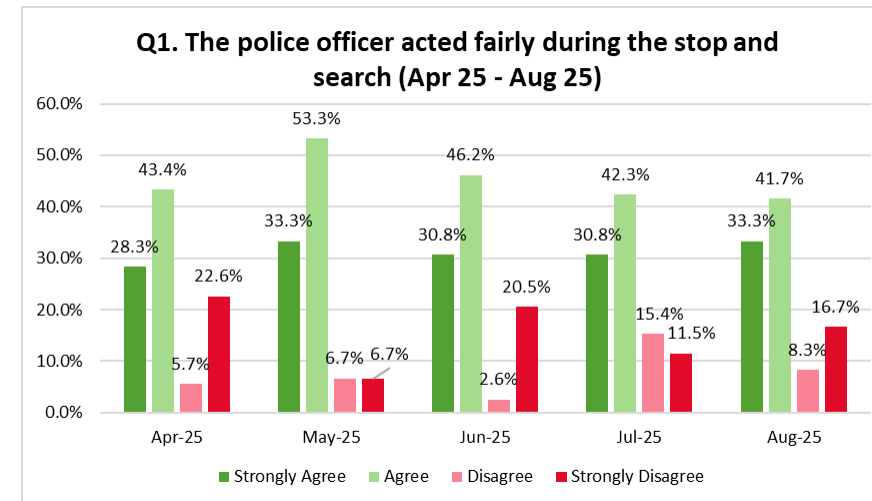
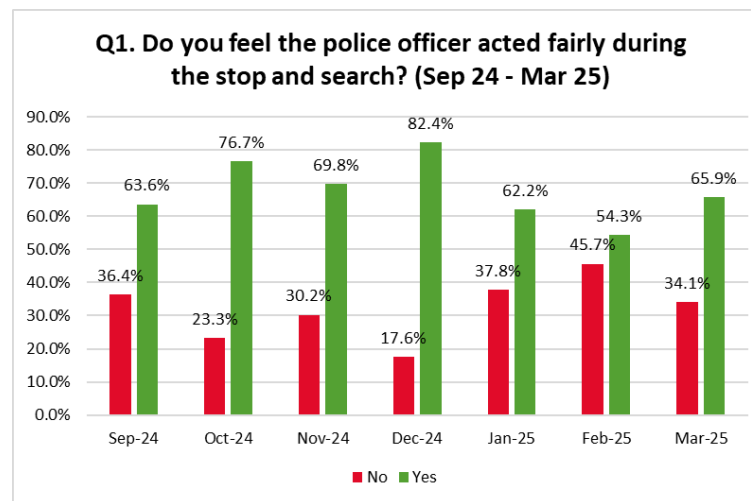
- Out of the 27,538 stop and search records, 6,987 relate to 'Offensive weapon/bladed article', 'Offensive weapons, bladed or sharply pointed articles' and 's60 searching for dangerous instrument/offensive weapon'.
- Of these 6,987 records, there are 469 where a knife was recovered , giving an overall find rate of 6.7%.
- This has decreased from the previous 12 months which was 7.2%.
- In the month of August, there was 523 records with 45 drugs recovered. This equals a find rate of 8%.
- Dudley LPA have the highest rate at 11.8% - 2 out of 18.
- Birmingham LPA have recovered the most knives with 208 records.

Stop and Search – QR Survey Data

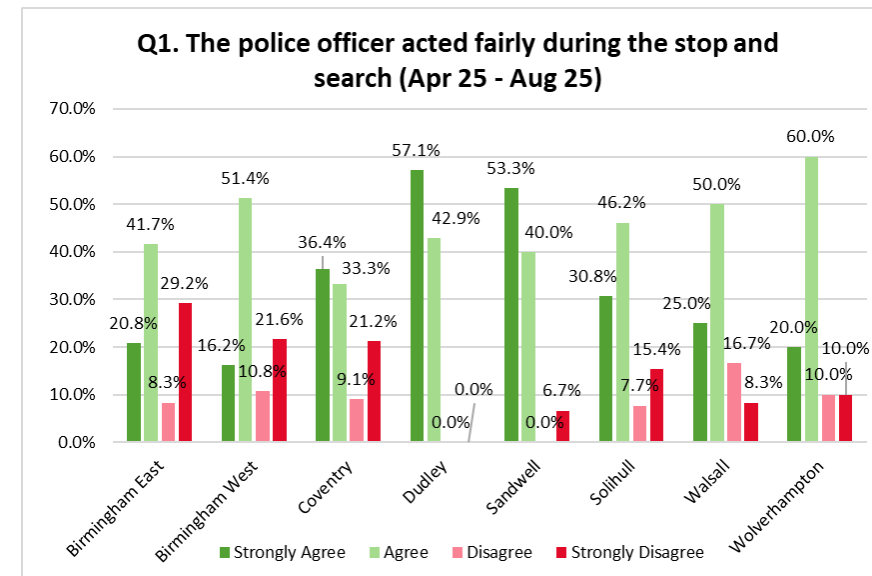
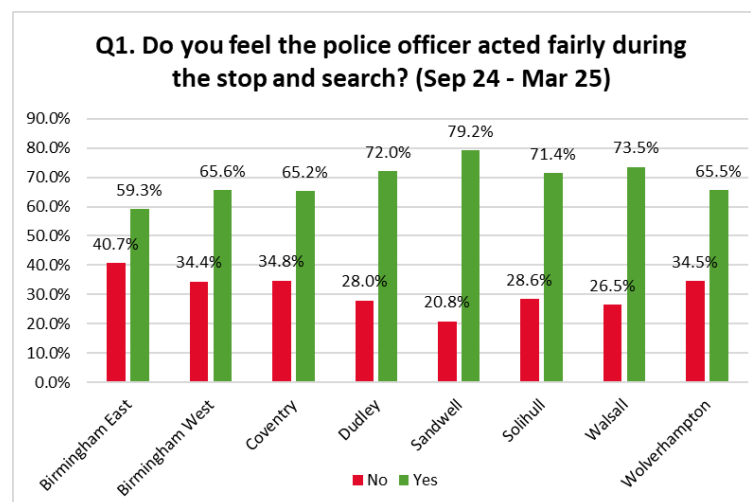
SUMMARY

- Over the past 12 months, there have been 2,195 survey responses out of 27,538 stop and searches conducted.
- 1,708 (77.8%) of the responses were spam and removed from the analysis - this leaves 487 authentic responses.
- From April 25, the survey questions have changed from closed answers (Y/N) to scaled answers (strongly agree – strongly disagree.)
- Over the past 12 months, Question 1 has received 340 (69.8%) positive responses.
- May 25 had the highest positive response rate at 86.7% (33.3% + 53.3%). January 25 had the lowest positive response rate at 62.2%.
- From September 24 to March 25, Sandwell LPA received the highest positive response rate at 79.2% and Birmingham East received the lowest positive response rate at 59.3%.
- From April 25 to August 25, Dudley LPA received the highest positive response rate at 100% and Birmingham East received the lowest positive response rate at 62.5%.

Monthly Breakdown



LPA Breakdown

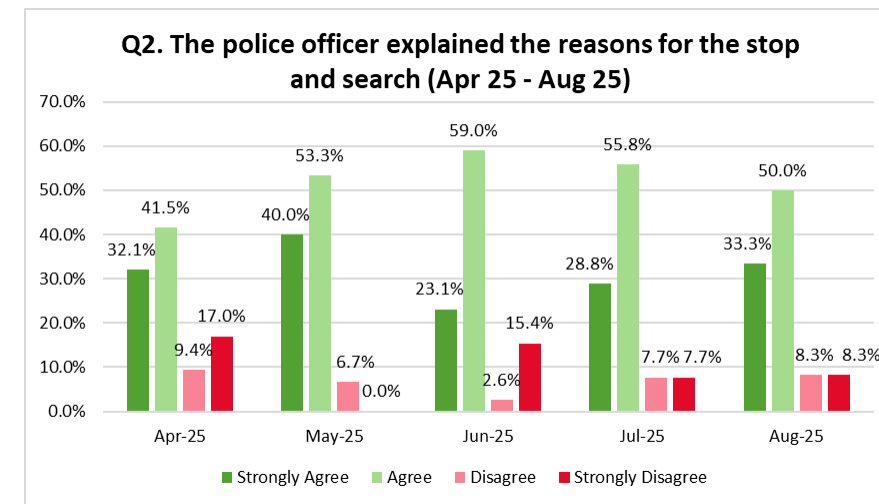
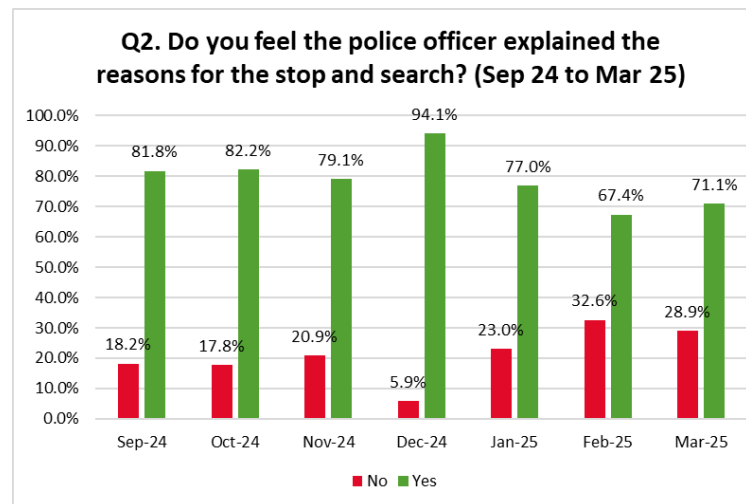


Stop and Search – QR Survey Data

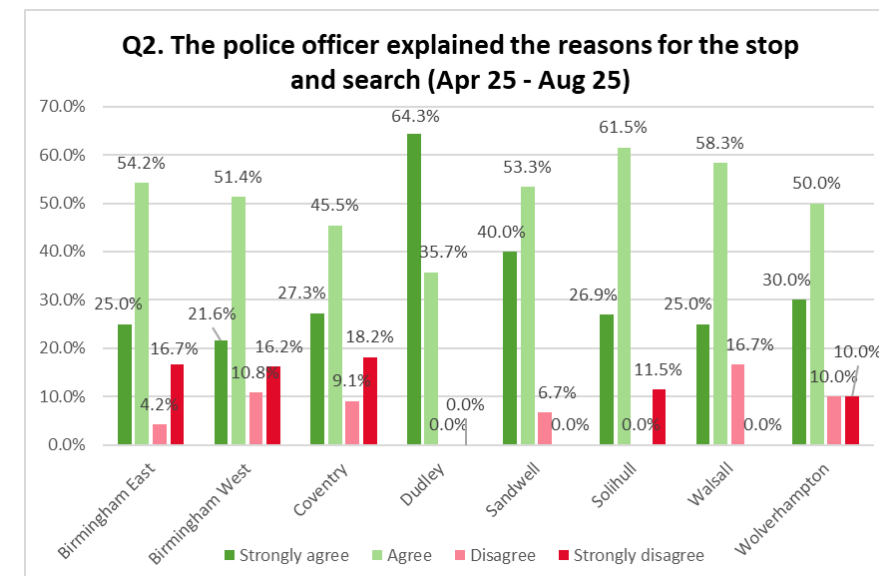
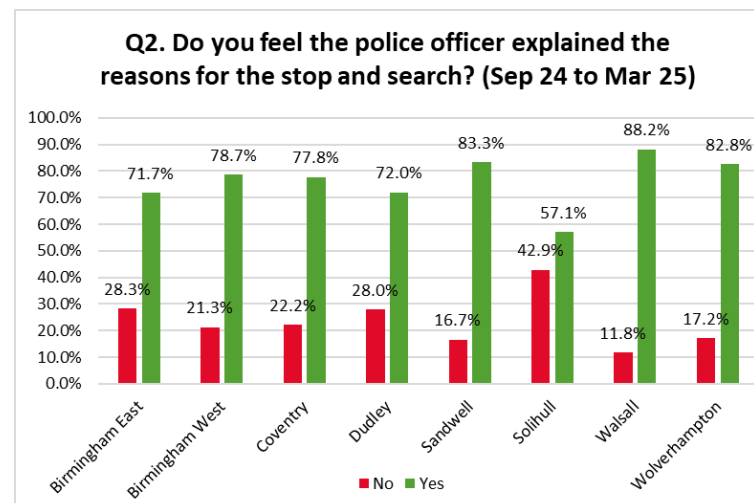
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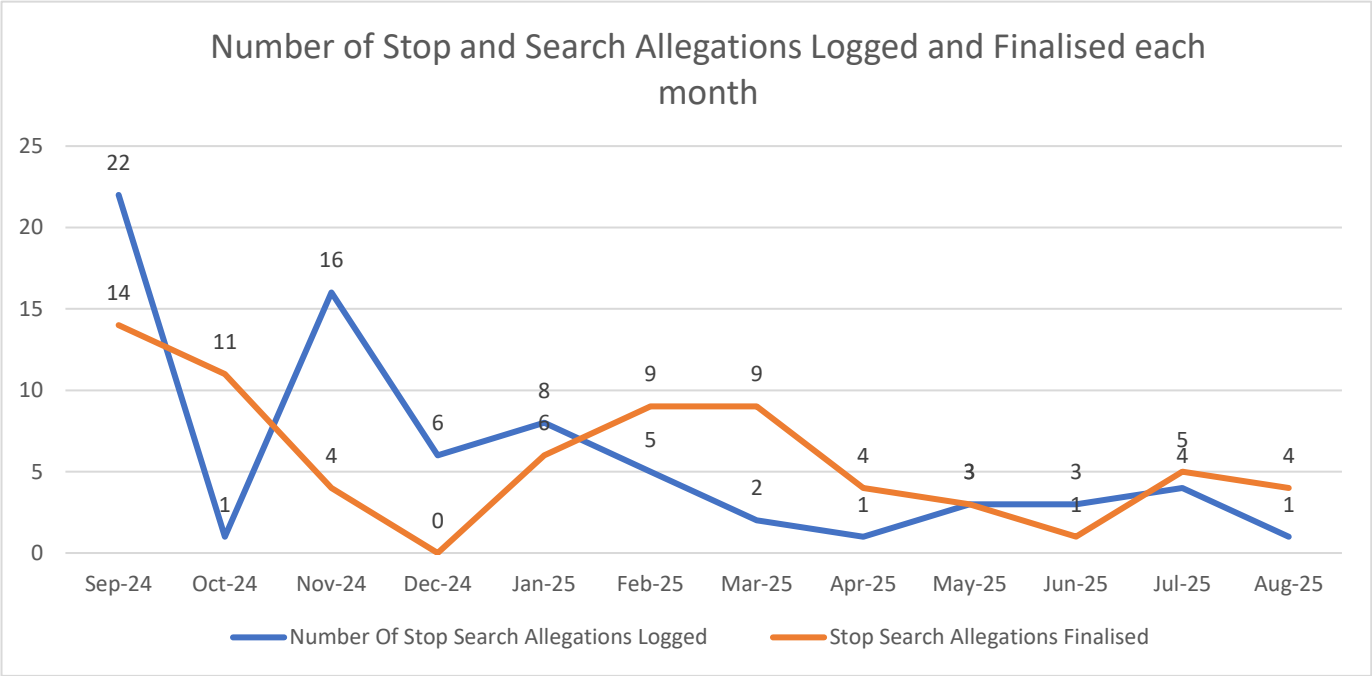
- Question 2 has received 382 (78.9%) positive responses.
- December 24 received the highest positive response rate at 94.1% and February 25 received the lowest positive response rate at 67.4%.
- Birmingham West had the highest number of responses with 135 and Solihull had the least number of responses with 28.
- From September 24 to March 25, Walsall LPA received the highest positive response rate at 88.2% and Solihull received the lowest positive response rate at 57.1%.
- From April 25 to August 25, Dudley LPA received the highest positive response rate at 100% and Coventry LPA received the lowest positive response rate at 45.5%.

Monthly Breakdown



LPA Breakdown





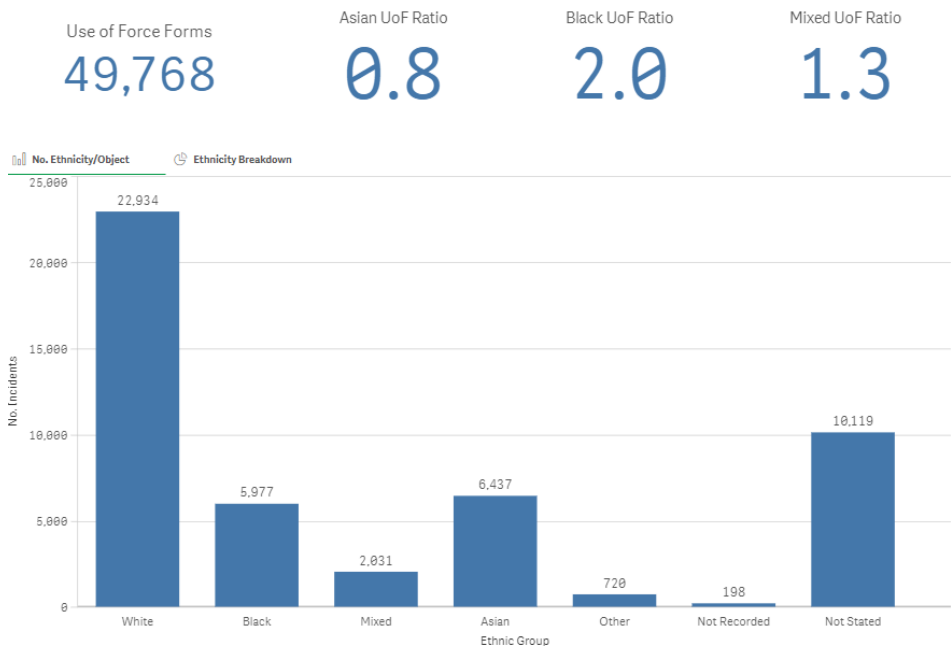
	Outcomes Of Finalised Allegations				
	Resolved	Service Provided Was Acceptable	Service Provided Was Not Acceptable	Not Determined If Service Provided Was Acceptable	No Further Action
Sep-24	10	3	1		
Oct-24	10			1	
Nov-24		2			2
Dec-24					
Jan-25	4	2			
Feb-25	6	1	1	1	
Mar-25	4	3	1	1	
Apr-25	3	1			
May-25	2	1			
Jun-25		1			
Jul-25	3	2			
Aug-25	4				
Total	46	16	3	3	2

SUMMARY

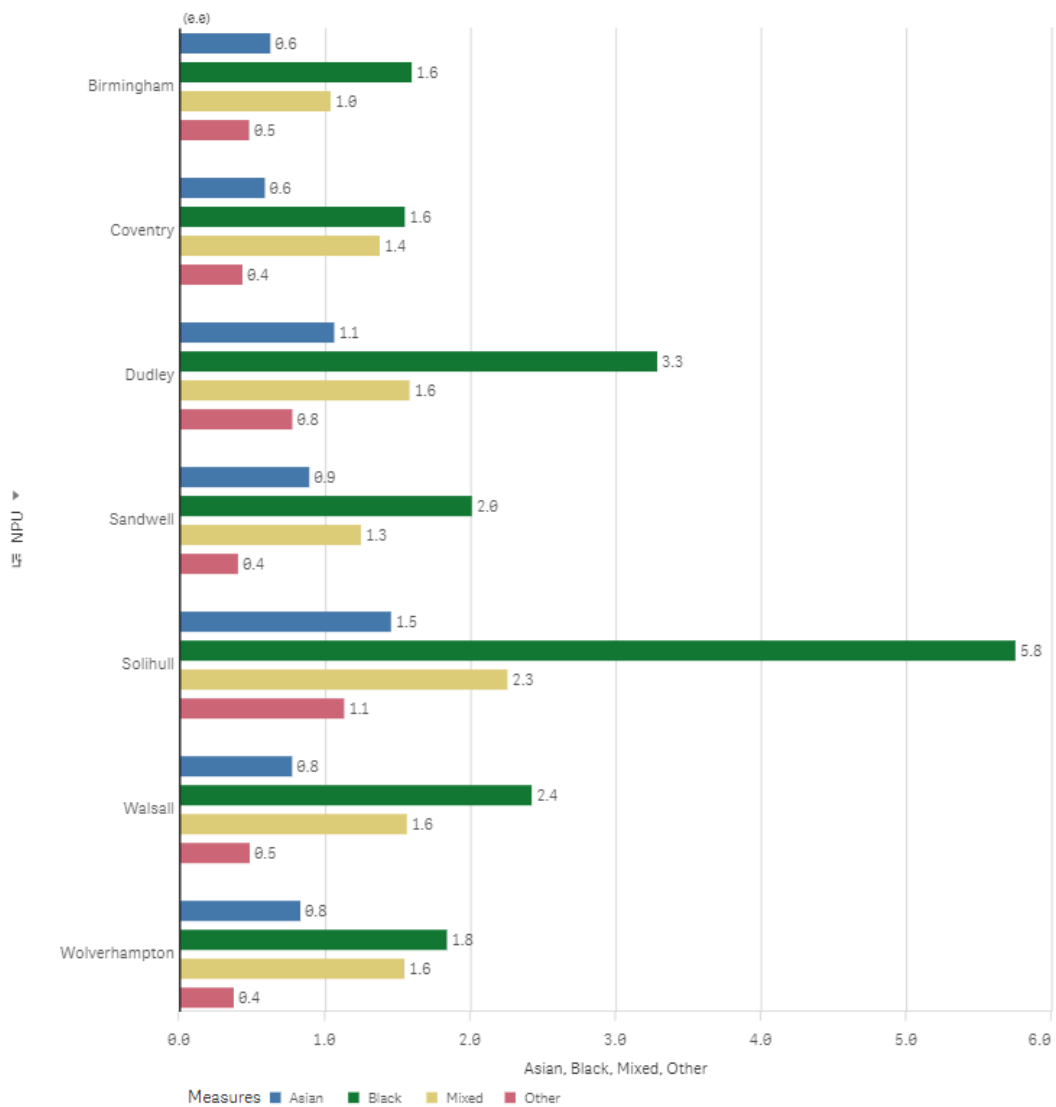
- Between Sep-Aug 25, PSD have logged 72 complaint allegations (graph above) – this is from 62 individual complaints (a complaint can have more than one allegation).
- There has been a decrease in number of complaint allegations received from 22 in Sep 24 to 1 in Aug 25 (blue line).
- Stop and search complaints make up 1.5% of the overall number of complaints PSD receive. This is a small proportion and is equivalent to 62 out of 4,186 complaints in the time period.
- Between Sep-Aug 25, 70 allegations have been finalised (orange line). This averages between 5-6 a month with August at 4 allegations finalised.
- Looking at the finalised outcome table, 65% (46 of 70) have an outcome of resolved. 3 of 70 had an outcome ‘service provided was not acceptable’. These are in relation to time being incorrect, poor attitude and body worn footage not kept on. All three have learning from reflection (rather than misuse) but small things that could be learnt from and avoided.

Use of Force – Ethnic Breakdown

Ethnic Breakdown (Aug 24 – Jul 25)



Ethnic Breakdown – LPA (Aug 24 – Jul 25)

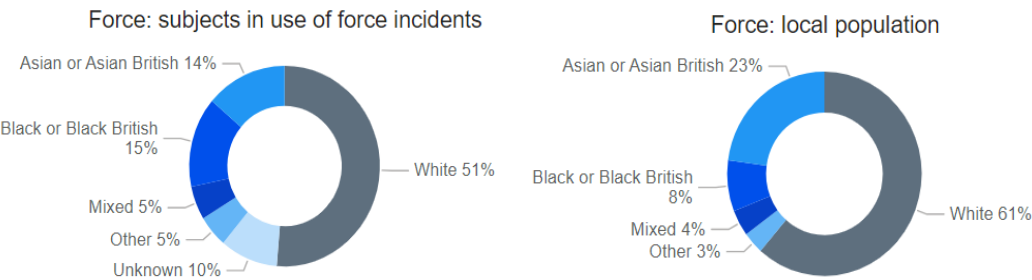


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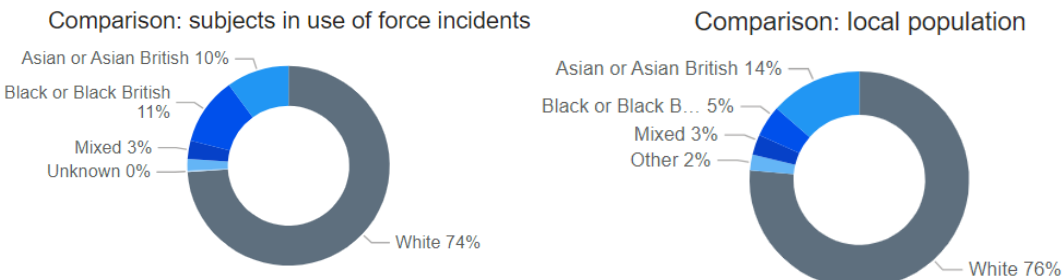
- The Black population are 2 times more likely to have forced used on them followed by 1.3 for the Mixed population and 0.8 Asian population.
- This has stayed consistent with the previous 12 months (Black population 2 times, Mixed population 1.5 times and Asian population 0.7 times).
- Solihull LPA has the highest disproportionality rates with the Black population 5.8 times more likely to have forced used on them followed by Mixed at 2.3 and Asian 1.5.
- Ethnic population densities need to be considered when looking at ethnicity data as there will be areas that have a higher proportion of ethnic diversity compared to others.

Use of Force: Ethnic Breakdown – Most Similar Groups 23/24

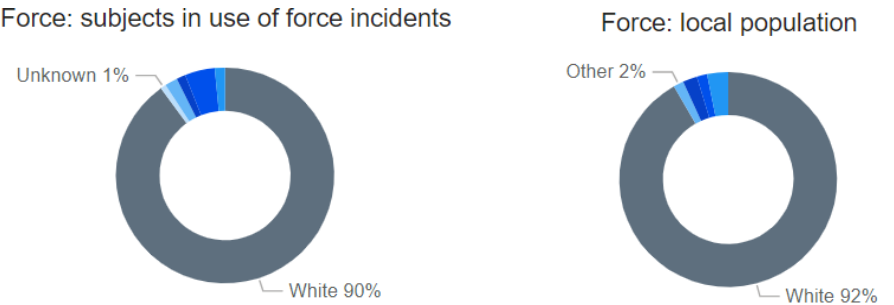
West Midlands: 28,353 UoF forms



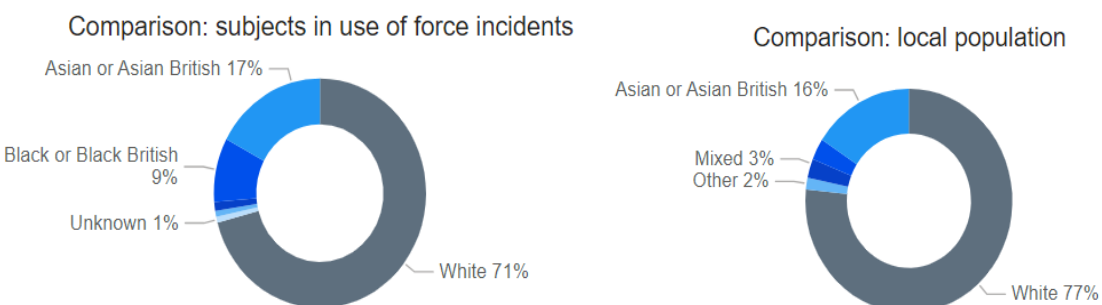
Greater Manchester: 48,213 UoF forms



Merseyside: 14,886 UoF forms



West Yorkshire: 45,280 UoF forms



SUMMARY

- Looking at force used on the White population : WMP has 51% of force used. This is lower in comparison to our MSGs with Greater Manchester at 74%, West Yorkshire 71% and Merseyside 90%. One of the reasons this could be is due to these other areas having an overall higher proportion of white population compared to WMP which can be seen with Merseyside where their local population is 92% white compared to the West Midlands which is 61%.
- Use of Force used on Asian ethnicity is at 14% for West Midlands. This is similar to Greater Manchester (10%) and West Yorkshire (17%) whereas Merseyside is at (4%).
- West Midlands has the highest proportion of UoF on the Black population at 15%. Greater Manchester (11%) and West Yorkshire (9%). Again, this is down to West Midlands having a slightly higher Black population compared to the other regions.
- Mixed is at 5% for WMP, Greater Manchester (3%), West Yorkshire (3%) and Merseyside (1%). Lower percentages for all regions.

Stop and Search – Ethnic Breakdown

Ethnic Breakdown – Force (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)

eSearch Records

27,538

Asian Search Ratio

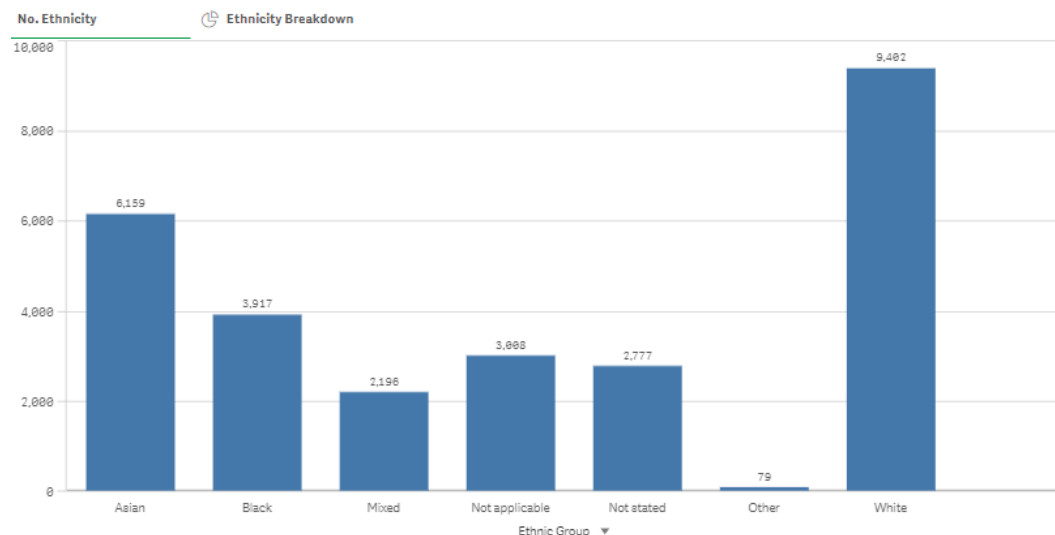
1.8

Black Search Ratio

3.2

Mixed Search Ratio

3.4

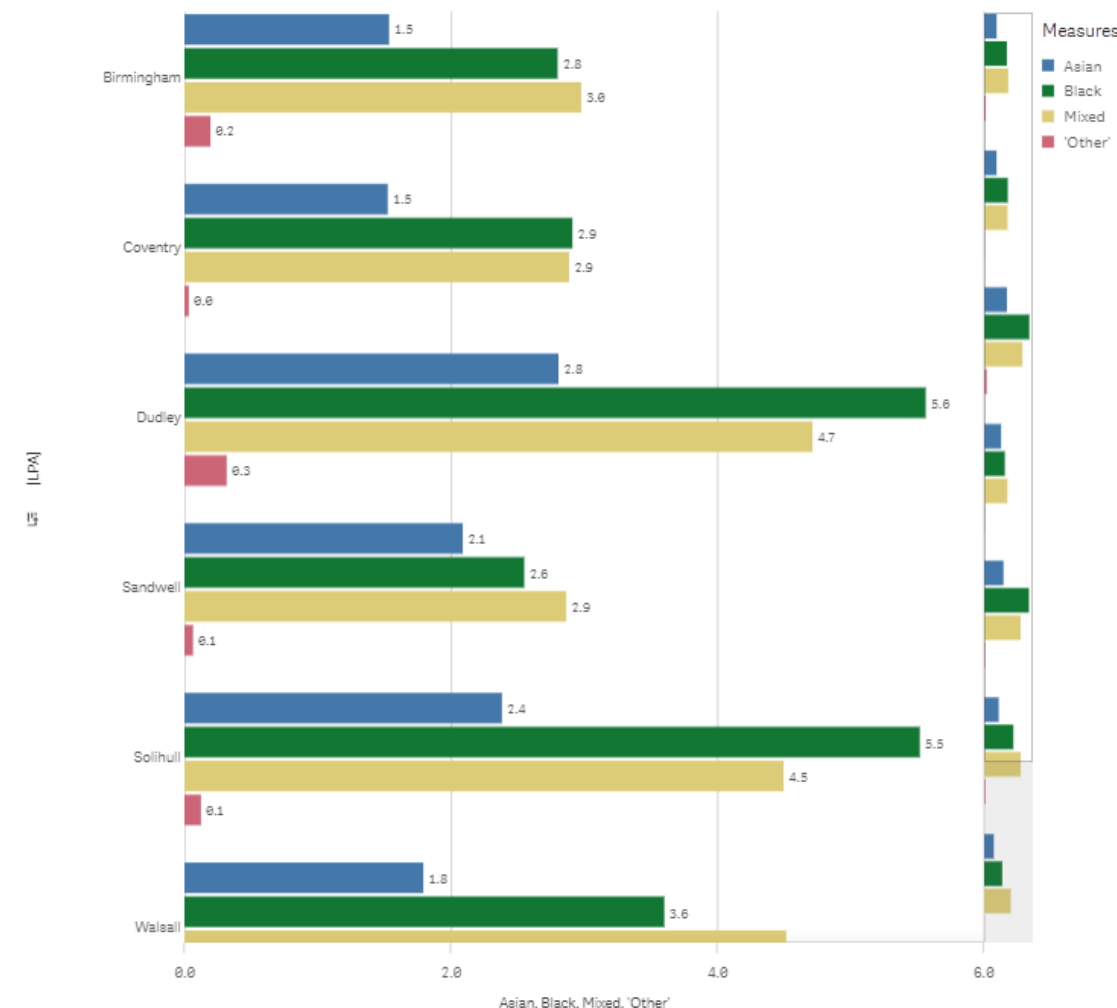


SUMMARY

- Overall, the Asian population are 1.8 times more likely to be stopped and searched compared to the White population, the Black population are 3.2 times and the Mixed population are 3.4 times. DY and SH have the highest disproportionality rates.
- For DY, the Asian population are 2.8 times more likely to be stopped and searched, the Black population 5.6 times and Mixed 4.7.
- For SH, the Asian population are 2.4 times more likely to be searched, the Black population are 5.5 times and Mixed 4.5 times.
- Ethnic population densities need to be considered when looking at ethnicity data as there will be areas that have a higher proportion of ethnic diversity compared to others.

Ethnic Breakdown – LPA Breakdown (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)

Stops and Searches of Ethnic Minority Subjects compared to White Subjects by NPU

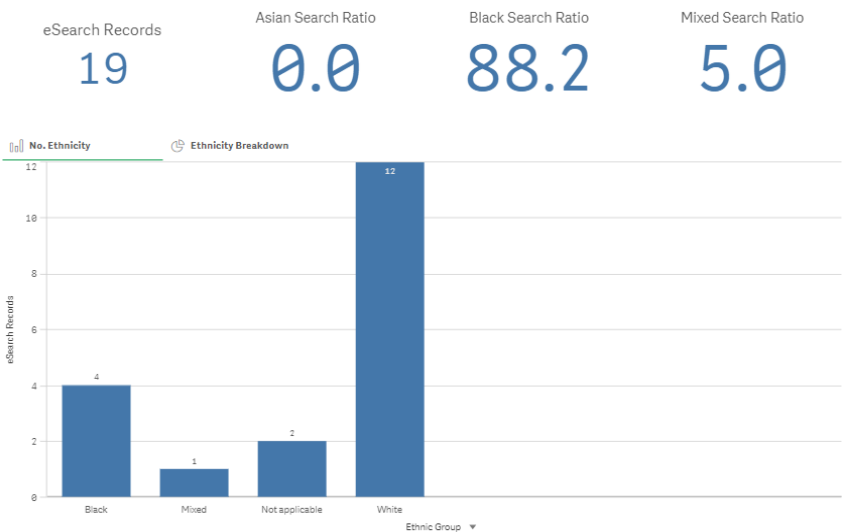


**A value of 4.8 means that a member of an ethnic group is 4.8 times as likely to be stopped compared to a member of the white population

Stop and Search – Ethnic Breakdown

If an area has a small ethnic minority population with a small number of stop and searches conducted, the ethnic proportion will appear distorted.

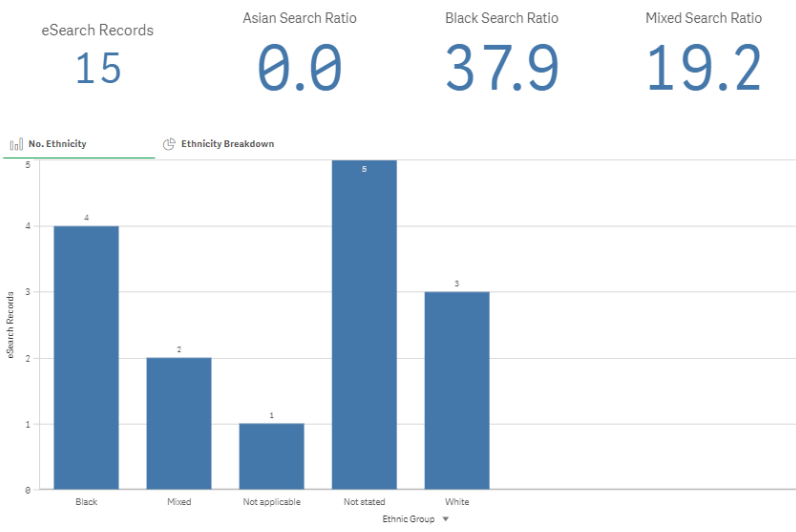
Dudley LPA – Kingswinford South (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)



Solihull LPA – Meriden (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)



Wolverhampton LPA – Wednesfield North (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)



SUMMARY

- Over the past 12 months, 19 stop and searches have been conducted in Kingswinford South (Dudley LPA). 4 Black subjects were stopped and searched – the Black population is now 88.2 times more likely to be searched than a member of the White population (please see chart above). 1 subject from the Mixed population were searched making them 5 times more likely to be searched. No one from the Asian population were searched so their proportion is 0.
- Another neighbourhood in the Dudley LPA that has a similar trend is Gornal. Neighbourhoods in the Solihull LPA that have similar trends to Meriden are Dorridge and Hockley Heath and St. Alphege. Neighbourhoods in the Wolverhampton LPA that have similar trends to Wednesfield North are Bilston North and Tettenhall Regis. Other neighbourhoods that have similar trends are Pelsall (Walsall LPA) and Woodlands (Coventry LPA).

Stop and Search – Ethnic Breakdown: Top City Centres

Coventry LPA – St. Michaels (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)



Birmingham LPA – Birmingham City Centre (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)



Walsall LPA – St. Matthew's (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)



Wolverhampton LPA – Wolverhampton City Centre (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)

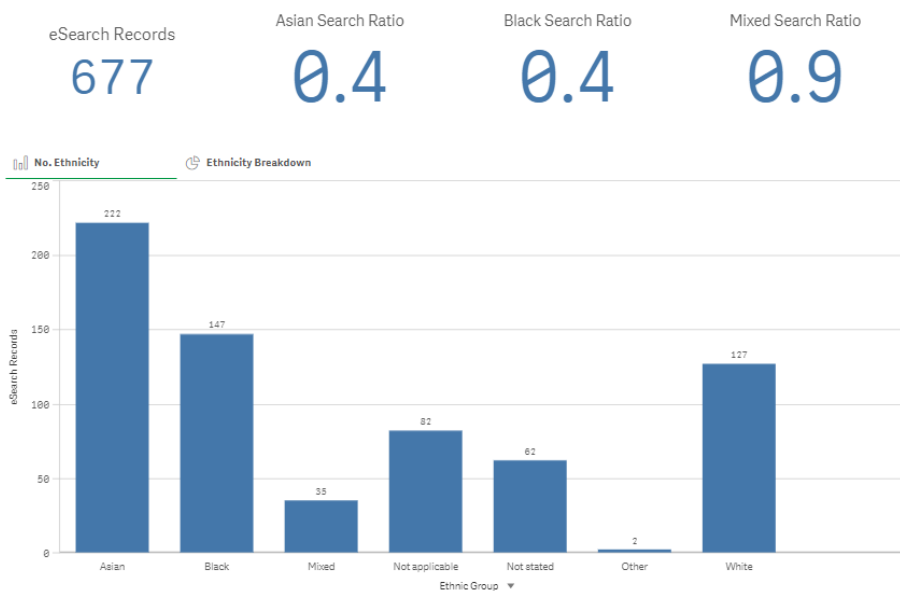


Stop and Search – Ethnic Breakdown: Other Top Neighbourhoods

Sandwell LPA – West Bromwich Central (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)



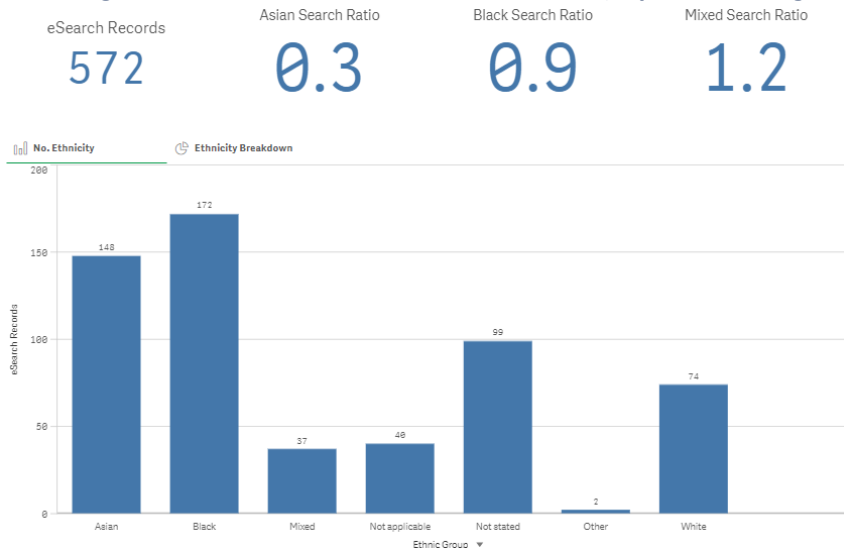
Birmingham LPA – Aston (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)



Coventry LPA – Foleshill (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)

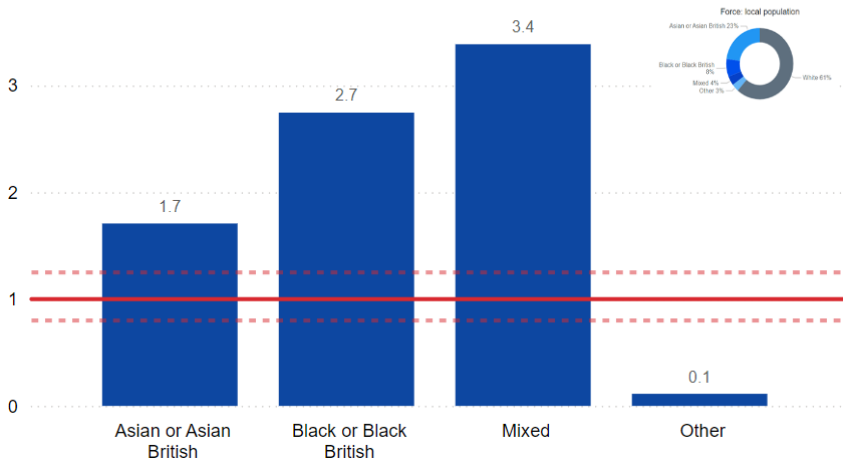


Birmingham LPA – Lozells and East Handsworth (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)

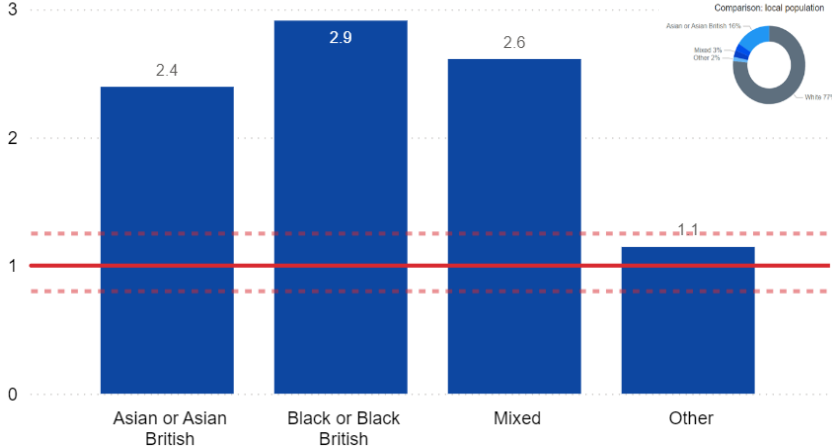


Stop and Search: Ethnic Breakdown – Most Similar Groups 23/24

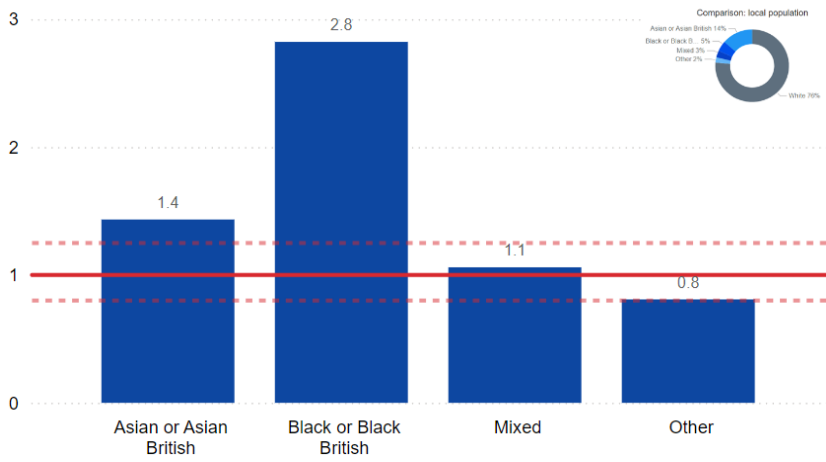
Disproportionality of searches in **West Midlands** in the year ending 31 Mar 2024



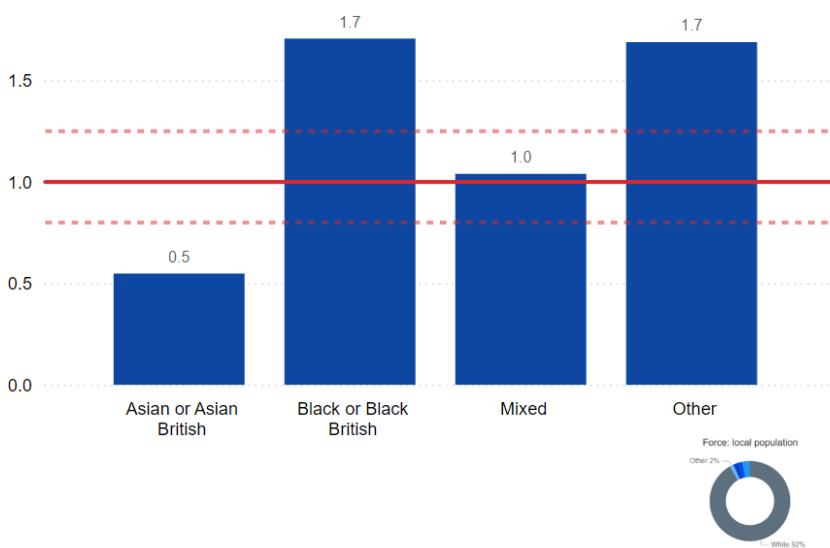
Disproportionality of searches in **West Yorkshire** in the year ending 31 Mar 2024



Disproportionality of searches in **Greater Manchester** in the year ending 31 Mar 2024



Disproportionality of searches in **Merseyside** in the year ending 31 Mar 2024



Area	Number of Searches 23/24
West Midlands	24,146
G Manchester	44,712
West Yorkshire	18,422
Merseyside	49,573

SUMMARY

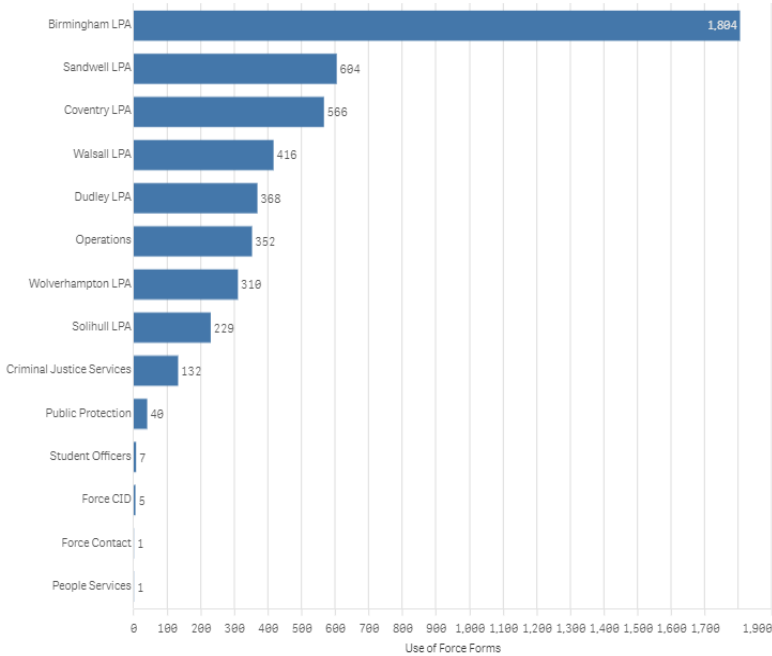
- The Asian population are 1.7 times more likely to be stopped and searched than the White population in the West Midlands compared to Greater Manchester (1.4), West Yorkshire (2.4) and Merseyside (0.5). Merseyside have a lower population of Asian ethnicity hence their low numbers.
- The Black population are 2.7 times more likely to be stopped and searched in the West Midlands compared to Greater Manchester (2.8), West Yorkshire (2.9) and Merseyside (1.7). Again WMP are in line with Greater Manchester and West Yorkshire here.
- The Mixed population are 3.4 times more likely to be stopped and searched in the West Midlands compared to Greater Manchester (1.1), West Yorkshire (2.6) and Merseyside (1). Mixed population is slightly lower in the other regions.

Use of Force – Under 18s

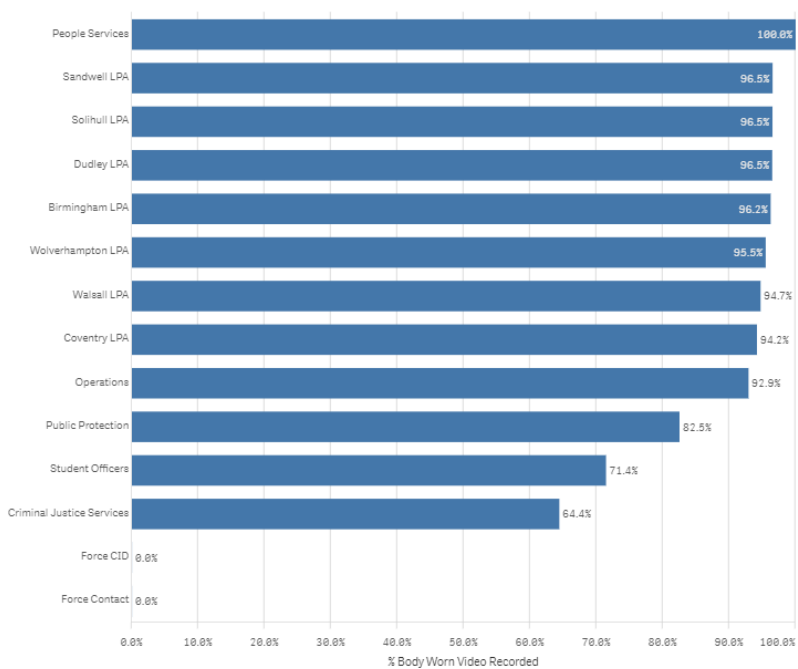
Tactics Breakdown – Force Overview (Aug 24 – Jul 25)

Tactics Used	Values		
	Use of Force Forms	% Body Worn Video	Require Signoff
Totals	4835	94.5%	41
Unarmed Skills	2265	92.8%	20
Compliant Handcuffing	1925	97.5%	13
Non-Compliant Handcuffing	1289	95.9%	14
Ground Restraint	727	91.9%	7
Limb Restraints / Body Restraints	189	92.1%	0
Other or improvised tactics used	171	88.9%	1
Taser	125	99.2%	0
Irritant Spray Drawn (With the intention to deploy it)	70	94.3%	0
Firearms Aimed	37	94.6%	0
Irritant Spray Used	37	94.6%	0
Spit Guard	36	94.4%	1
Baton Drawn (With the intention to deploy it)	17	82.4%	0
Baton Used	6	100.0%	0
Dog Deployed	5	100.0%	1
Dog Biting	1	100.0%	0
Shield	1	100.0%	0

Department Breakdown (Aug 24 – Jul 25)



Body Worn Video Recorded – Department Breakdown (Aug 24 – Jul 25)



SUMMARY

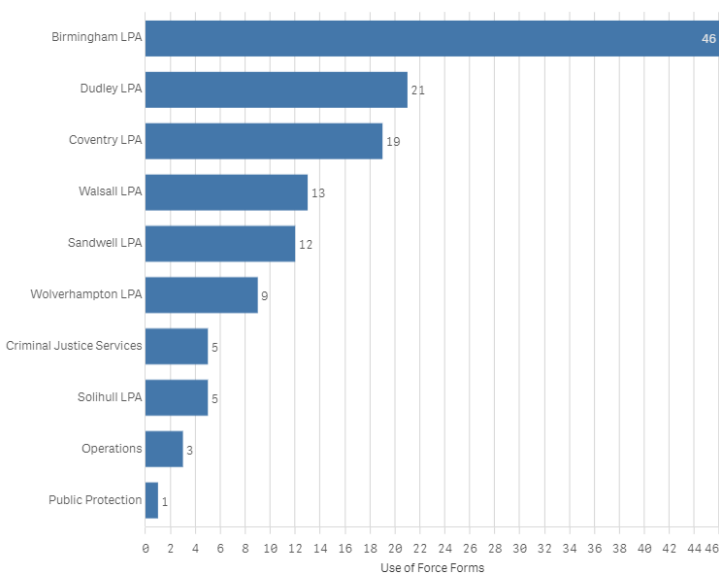
- Over the past 12 months, there have been 4,835 use of force records for under 18s. This has increased from the previous 12 months (3,361). Birmingham LPA have the most records with 1,804.
- On average, 94.5% of the force have had their BWV recorded during the use of force. This is 1.2% higher than the overall force average.
- 125 forms included the use of ‘taser tactics’, none of which were discharged. This has stayed consistent with the previous 12 months (124 records)

Use of Force – Under 13s

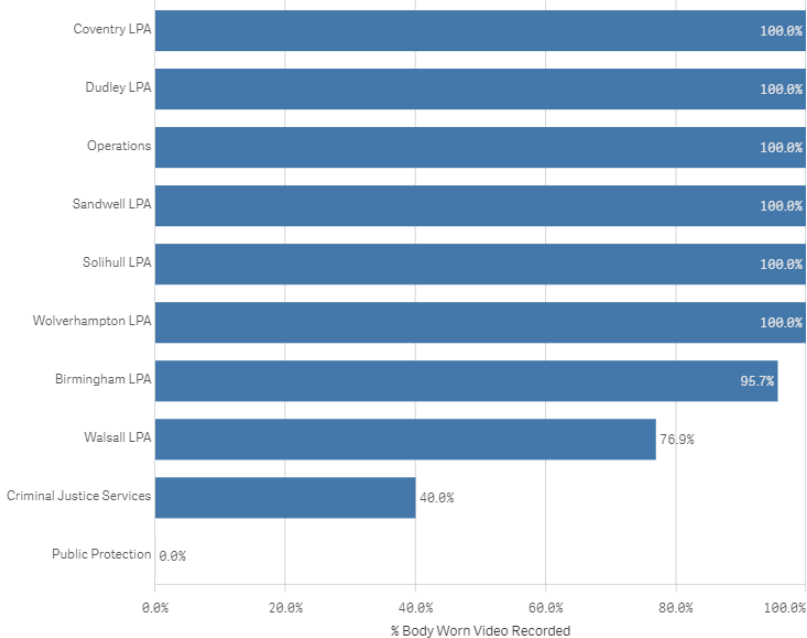
Tactics Breakdown – Force Overview (Aug 24 – Jul 25)

Tactics Used	Values		
	Use of	% Body	Require
	Force	Worn	
	Forms	Video	
Totals	134	93.3%	0
Unarmed Skills	86	90.7%	0
Ground Restraint	28	92.9%	0
Compliant Handcuffing	26	100.0%	0
Non-Compliant Handcuffing	23	95.7%	0
Other or improvised tactics used	12	91.7%	0
Limb Restraints / Body Restraints	7	100.0%	0
Irritant Spray Drawn (With the intention to deploy it)	2	100.0%	0
Spit Guard	2	100.0%	0
Taser	1	100.0%	0

Department Breakdown (Aug 24 – Jul 25)



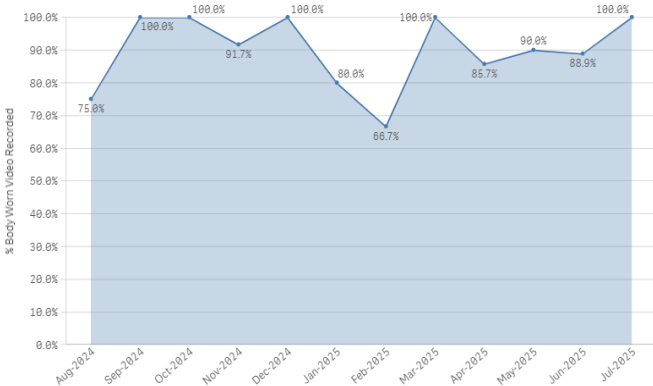
Body Worn Video Recorded – Department Breakdown (Aug 24 – Jul 25)



SUMMARY

- Over the past 12 months, there have been 134 UoF records for under 13s. This is 0.3% of the overall total. This has decreased from the previous 12 months which was 214 records.
- 1 form included the use of a taser (red-dot). The previous 12 months before that also had 1 use of taser red-dot.
- Feb 25 had the lowest BWV percentage at 66.7%, this was 2 out of 3 records. Departments (excluding BH, WS, CJS and PPU) have 100% body worn video percentage.

Body Worn Video – Monthly Breakdown



Stop and Search – Under 18s

eSearch Records

5,508

Positive Outcome Rate

21.5%

Meets the required standard

98.2%

% Body Worn Video Recorded

97.8%

Repeat subjects

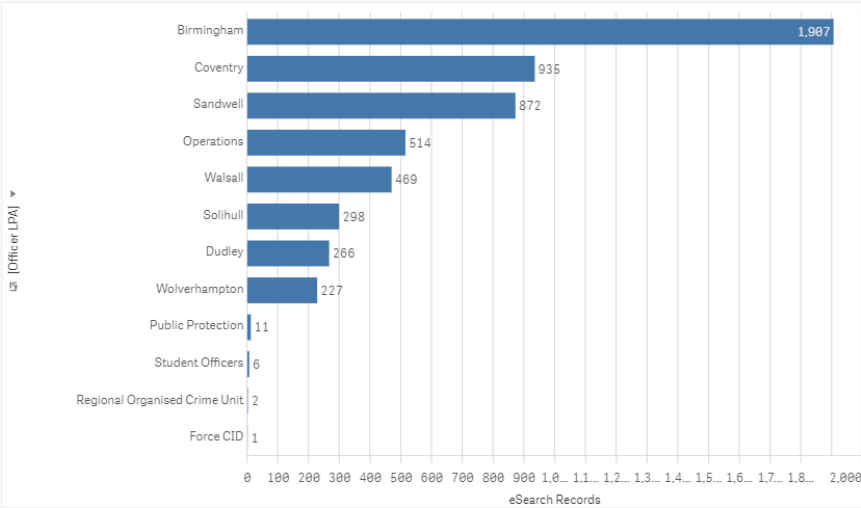
665

Arrest Rate

12.5%



No. Records – Officer Department Breakdown (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)



Body Worn Video Recorded (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)

Body Worn Vide...

Yes	No
5387	121

Find Rates – Officer Breakdown (Sep 24 – 24-Aug-25)

[Officer LPA]

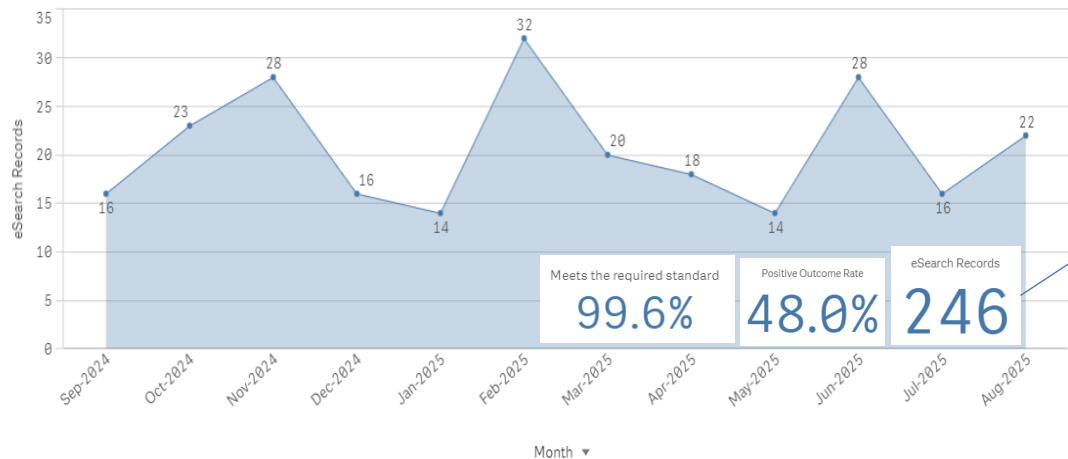
	Values		
	Drugs Find Rate*	Knife Find Rate*	Firearm Find Rate*
Totals	24.8%	5.4%	12.4%
Birmingham	28.4%	5.7%	50.0%
Coventry	22.5%	2.1%	0.0%
Dudley	30.4%	9.5%	-
Operations	25.3%	8.3%	17.6%
Public Protection	0.0%	0.0%	-
Regional Organised Crime Unit	0.0%	-	-
Sandwell	26.1%	5.0%	0.0%
Solihull	23.4%	4.1%	-
Student Officers	0.0%	0.0%	-
Walsall	19.5%	3.9%	0.0%
Wolverhampton	18.8%	12.2%	0.0%

SUMMARY

- Other the past 12 months, there have been 5508 stop and search records for under 18s. This has increased from the previous 12 months which was 4,841 records.
- 97.8% of the force have recorded their BWV and there have been 665 repeat subjects under 18.
- Find Rates: 24.8% for drugs, 5.4% for knives and 12.4% for firearms.

Stop and Search – Strip Searches

No. of Strip Search Records – Force (Sep 24 – Aug-25)



age_group	
	Age Group
	10-17
	18-25
	26-34
	35-44
	45-54
	55-64
	N/A

Ethnic Group	
	Count of records
	Asian
	Black
	Mixed
	Not stated
	White

Subject gender	
	Count of records
	Female
	Male
	Unknown

No. of Strip Search Records + BWV – LPA Breakdown (Sep 24 – Aug-25)

No. Records & % BWV Recorded - Officer Department Breakdown

[Officer LPA]	No. eSearch Records	% Body Worn Video Recorded
Totals	246	93.9%
Force CID	3	100.0%
Wolverhampton	11	100.0%
Birmingham	126	96.8%
Operations	27	96.3%
Coventry	62	91.9%
Sandwell	9	88.9%
Solihull	6	66.7%
Walsall	2	0.0%

SUMMARY

- Over the last 12 months, 246 records were linked to strip searches. 51% of these are linked to BH LPA. In the month of August there were 22 records, just above the monthly average by 2.
- There were 13 records linked to strip searches on children. 100% of child strip searches had an appropriate adult. All 13 records were linked to ‘Misuse of Drugs Act’ – avoiding, concealing, acting suspiciously. In August the number of child strip searches was 4 which is slightly above the average of 1.
- Ethnic group data is missing in 11% of records (29 out of 246 records). Looking at the data that has been populated, 39% of strip searches are Asian followed by 23% Black.
- There is a 48% positive outcome rate. 50% of the outcomes are ‘NFA’ (124 out of 246 records). This is followed by ‘Arrested – consequence of S+S’ at 26%.
- Out of August 22 records, 6 were linked to community resolution and substance seized.

	Count of records
NFA	124
Arrested - Consequence of Stop and Search	65
Community Resolution	33
Substance seized, person not arrested	16
Arrested - Unrelated Offence including Warrant / PNC	4
Fixed Penalty	2
Cannabis Warning	1
Out of Custody Caution	1



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