



STOP AND SEARCH

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Making Suffolk a safer place to live, work, travel and invest

Strategic Issues

- Best Use of Stop Search

- Greater data collection on outcomes
- Lay observation
- Community Complaints Trigger
- Section 60 authorisation – public engagement
- Stop Search mapper
- Public scrutiny of all forms/countywide



Improved Use of Technology

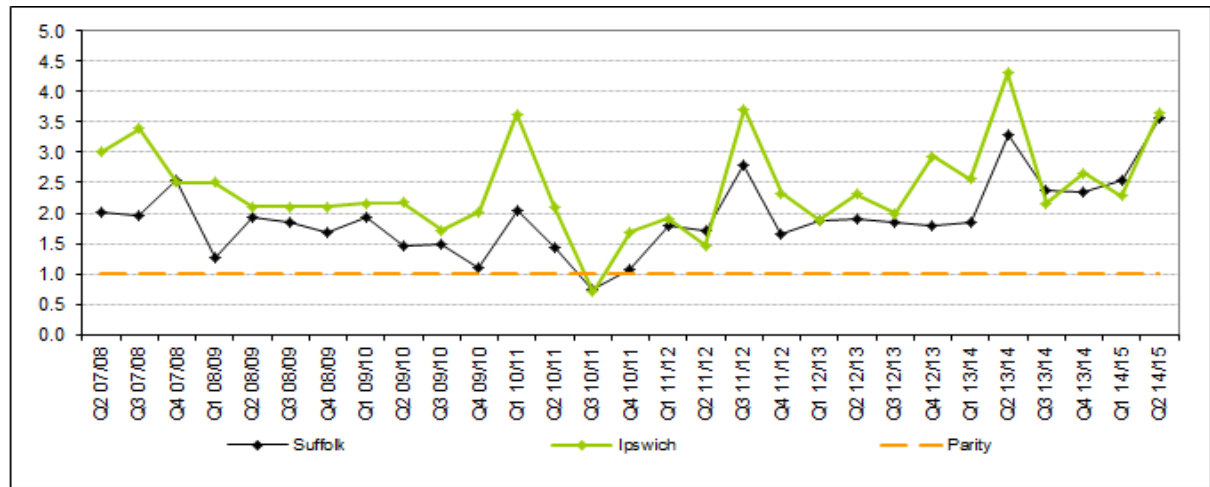
- New Database = improved governance (e.g. officer, team or station trends)
- Athena
- Mobile Data





Overall Performance

- Fourth lowest user of Stop Search nationally
- Disproportionality is currently 3.6 to 1, nationally this is currently 6 to 1



Quarter 2 2014/2015



Q	White	BME	% BME	Ratio	White Pop	BME Pop
Q1 13/14	1530	142	8.5%	1.8	693200	32000
Q2 13/14	1104	183	14.2%	3.3	693200	32000
Q3 13/14	1132	136	10.7%	2.4	693200	32000
Q4 13/14	1218	144	10.6%	2.3	693200	32000
Q1 14/15	1342	172	11.4%	2.5	693200	32000
Q2 14/15	1014	182	15.2%	3.6	693200	32000

- In Q2 14/15 there was small increase in the volume of stop searches of persons of “BME” ethnicity, and a notable reduction in the numbers of stop searches of persons of a “White” ethnicity. These two factors have combined to increase the ratio to 3.6:1.

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- Below table relates only to the Ipswich Area and indicates that stop search in Ipswich is a significant contributor to the trend in the stop search ratio, and in Q2 14/15 Ipswich accounted for 53.3% of stop searches of persons of “BME” ethnicity.
- Operation ‘volcanic’ accounts for this increase.

Q	White	BME	% BME	Ratio	White Pop	BME Pop
Q1 13/14	154	49	24.1%	2.6	119000	14800
Q2 13/14	183	98	34.9%	4.3	119000	14800
Q3 13/14	264	71	21.2%	2.2	119000	14800
Q4 13/14	221	73	24.8%	2.7	119000	14800
Q1 14/15	271	77	22.1%	2.3	119000	14800
Q2 14/15	214	97	31.2%	3.6	119000	14800

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- Below table displays the breakdown of percentage of BME searches on a district basis over the last four quarters (excluding incidents where ethnicity is not stated).

District	Q3 2013/14	Q4 13/14	Q1 14/15	Q2 14/15
Babergh	3.1%	5.9%	6.4%	13.2%
Forest Heath	12.8%	4.8%	20.2%	14.3%
Ipswich	21.1%	24.8%	22.1%	31.2%
Mid Suffolk	4.9%	5.0%	1.7%	3.9%
St Edmundsbury	8.1%	5.8%	6.0%	7.7%
Suffolk Coastal	7.2%	11.3%	6.2%	9.2%
Waveney	4.2%	8.4%	7.5%	9.5%
Suffolk	12.7%	10.6%	11.4%	15.2%



Quarter 2 2014/2015 Summary



- The driver for performance in Q2 appears to be a combination of a slight increase in the volume of stop searches of persons of BME ethnicity, coupled with a notable reduction in stop searches of persons of White ethnicity.
- Ipswich saw 57 fewer stop searches of individuals of White ethnicity in Q2 14/15 compared to the previous quarter, with 20 more stop searches of persons of BME ethnicity.
- St Edmundsbury district recorded 97 fewer stop searches of persons of White ethnicity, and just two fewer stop searches of persons of BME ethnicity.
- Waveney recorded 89 fewer stop searches of persons of White ethnicity, and just 3 fewer of persons of BME ethnicity.

Suffolk compared to our MSG forces

(most up-to-date national figures are 2012/13)

Geographic	White	White per 000	BME	BME per 000	Ratio BME to White	White Pop	BME Pop
North Yorks	6,768	11.6	264	16.6	1.43	582,475	15,901
Warwickshire	4,893	9.7	746	18.8	1.94	505,688	39,786
West Mercia	12,104	10.3	1,431	31.2	3.03	1,176,516	45,900
Norfolk	13,526	16.3	771	25.8	1.58	828,018	29,870
Suffolk	3,254	4.7	308	8.8	1.88	693,195	34,968
Devon and Cornwall	12,694	10.1	413	14.9	1.47	1,253,098	27,777
Wiltshire	5,147	11.3	697	43.5	3.85	454,971	16,010
North Wales	4,629	6.9	61	3.5	0.51	670,704	17,233
England and Wales	700,774	14.5	251,826	32.0	2.20	48,209,395	7,866,517



Complaints

- Levels of complaint very low. Of the 3,500 stop searches conducted complaints were;
 - 2012 – 4
 - 2013 – 4
 - 2014 – 7 (of which 5 concern officers perceived attitude and 2 the grounds of the complaint. The 2 complaint's regarding grounds were not upheld.)
- All complaints are now a community trigger, Stop Search lead investigates.
- Redacted/finalised complaints go to Scrutiny group for “lessons learned”.



Future Developments, including communication plan for staff

- Most importantly face-to-face ‘peer lead’ training for all staff. Will cover the impact of Stop Search, unconscious bias, and why Stop Search is so important to get right. Inspector Roger Salmon is doing this scrutiny.
- Home Office and HMIC direction of travel in relation to “public encounters”.

