

# PROPORTIONALITY OF STOP & SEARCH USE IN SUFFOLK - BME

Date Range 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019

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Suffolk BME population just under **5%** (2011 census)

Of all those subject to stop & search, BME accounted for **426 (14%)**

## Disproportionality by ethnicity for Suffolk

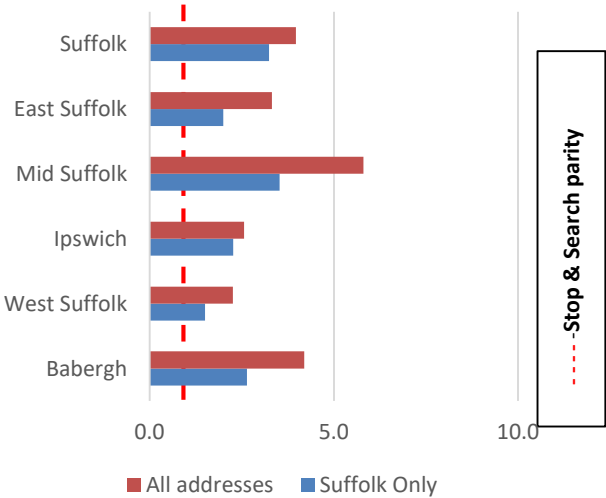
	Asian	Black	Mixed	Chinese/Other
All addresses	1.57	8.17	3.42	4.88
Suffolk addresses	1.17	5.81	3.09	4.77

Since the last reporting period, disproportionality has decreased across all ethnicities apart from Chinese/other. There has been a slight increase in disproportionality for Chinese/Other in Suffolk only addresses (see charts to the right). It has remained stable for all addresses.

See comparison to previous five reporting periods below:

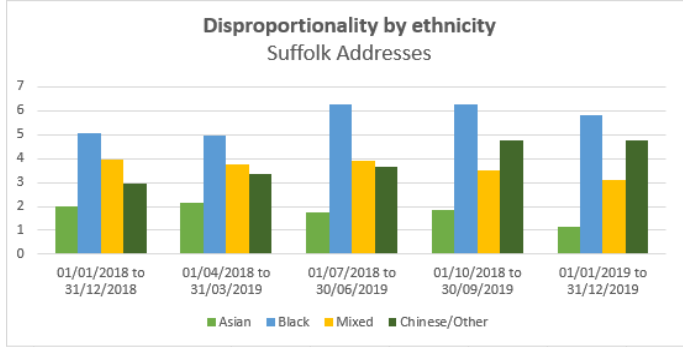
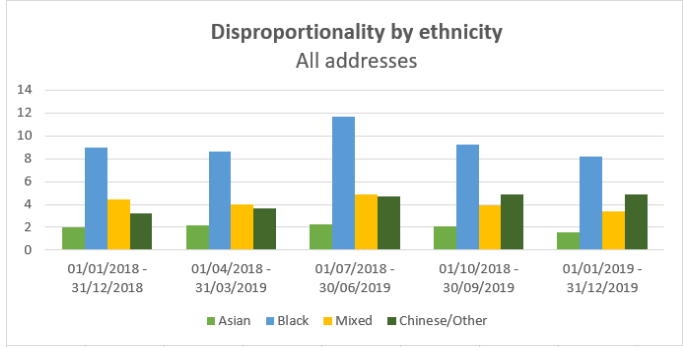
## Disproportionality by District

- Excluding subjects with addresses outside Suffolk, the **local BME** community is just over **3.2** times more likely to be subject of stop/search than white counterparts, increasing to just **under 4** times when including **all subjects**.
- As with the previous reporting period, the highest disproportionality was seen in **Mid Suffolk** for Suffolk only addresses and for all addresses.
- Searches in **West Suffolk** were the least disproportionate (Suffolk addresses only).
- Disproportionality for Suffolk and all addresses has **decreased** slightly since the last reporting period.



## Disproportionality amongst Under 18s.....

- Amongst Suffolk under 18 population BME = **7%**
- Of all U18s subject to stop search BME = **14.3%** (1.6 p.p lower than the last reporting period)
- Reviewing the under 18 population, BME subjects **3** times more likely to be stop searched than white peers (Suffolk only).



District	All Addresses		Suffolk Addresses	
	White	BME	White	BME
<b>Suffolk</b>	2128	426	1619	265
<b>East Suffolk</b>	421	42	316	19
<b>Mid Suffolk</b>	87	11	65	5
<b>Ipswich</b>	893	285	700	198
<b>West Suffolk</b>	565	73	418	36
<b>Babergh</b>	162	15	120	7

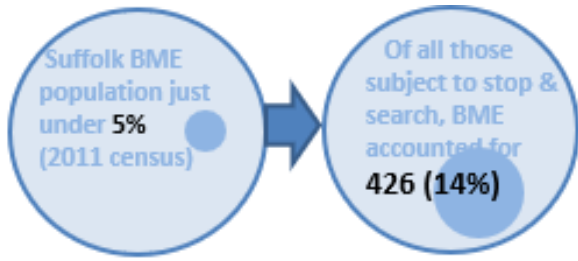
The table to the left displays the counts of stop searches conducted on persons split by White/BME and District.

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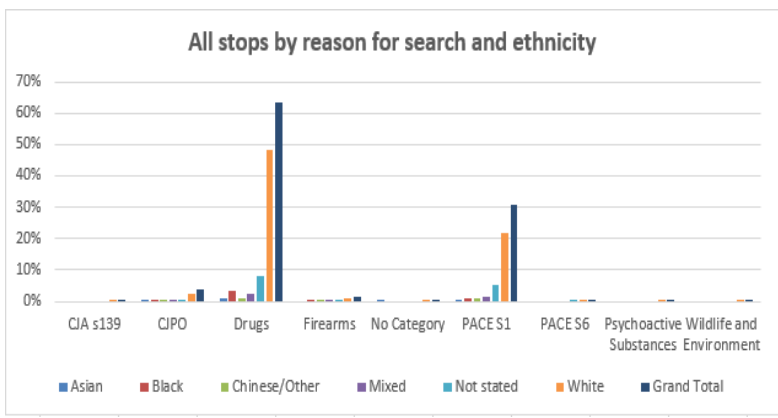
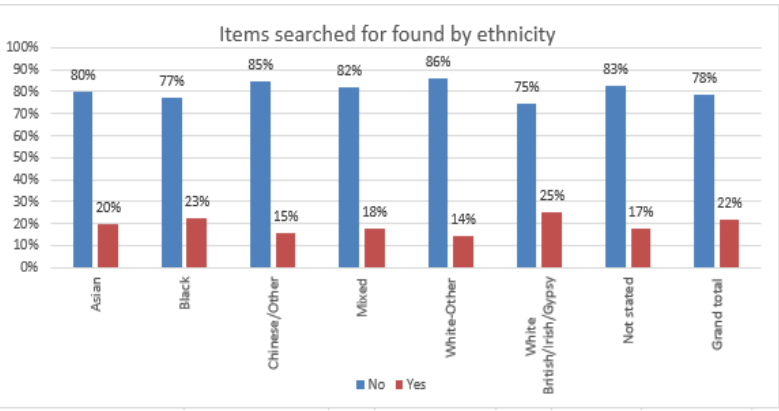
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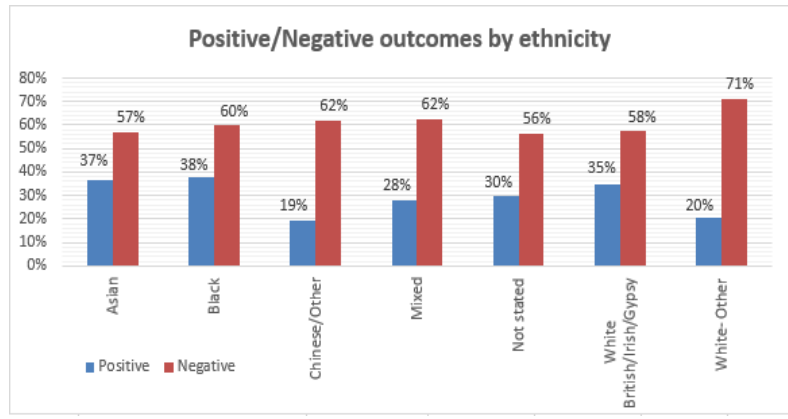
Find rates for items that have been searched for have remained stable across all ethnicities besides Chinese/other, where there has been a decrease by 5 p.p.

However, these relate to small number and this means that the find rate for this ethnicity fluctuates more than other ethnicities (in reporting period ending September 2018 it was 10% and in reporting period ending June 2019 it was 32%).

Within the white ethnicity, there are higher find rates amongst White British/Irish/Gypsy than White – Other.



The most prevalent reason for search is Drugs (S23 Misuse of Drugs Act). This has remained stable for the last five reporting periods.



The percentages in the graph above are the percentages of each ethnicity total rather than a percentage of all stops in Suffolk. Please note a small number of stops will show a high percentage. Negative relates to NFA and positive is all other outcomes excluding No Category.

The positive rate is higher and NFA rate is lower for those living outside of Suffolk than inside of Suffolk, across every ethnicity group.

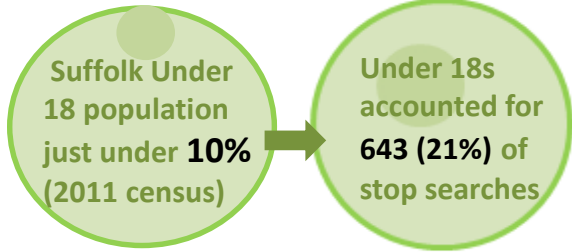
The positive outcome rate has increased slightly across all ethnicities besides Chinese/Other since the last reporting period.

# PROPORTIONALITY OF STOP & SEARCH USE IN SUFFOLK - AGE

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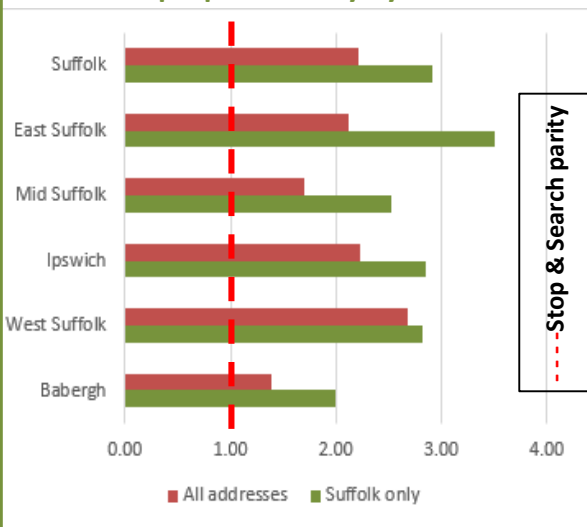
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Under 18s	Asian	Black	Mixed	Chinese/Other
All addresses	0.92	9.36	2.37	16.98
Suffolk addresses	0.41	7.22	1.92	15.44

Specifically in U18s, Asian and Mixed ethnicities experience lower disproportionality and this is higher than when all ages are reviewed together. However, disproportionality is higher amongst Black and Chinese/Other ethnicities who are U18. It is worth noting that small numbers can show high percentages.

## Disproportionality by District

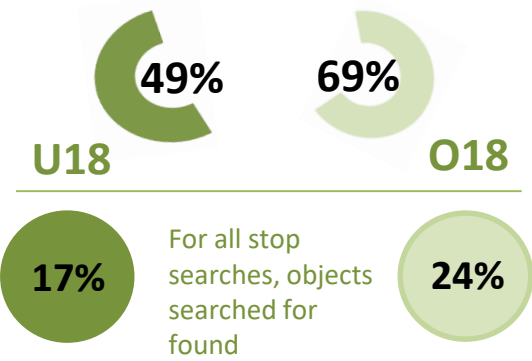


- The Suffolk U18 community is just over **2.9** times more likely to be subject of stop/search than over 18 counterparts, decreasing to **2.2** times when including all subjects indicating that the majority of external subjects are aged over 18.
- Disproportionality has increased for both Suffolk addresses and all addresses since the last reporting period.
- Highest disproportionality seen in East Suffolk for Suffolk only addresses but regarding all addresses, highest disproportionality is found in West Suffolk and Ipswich.

## Items Searched for by reason for search

**PACE S1** was the most common reason for search for the U18 age group.

**Drugs** were the most common items searched for by reason for search for Over 18s

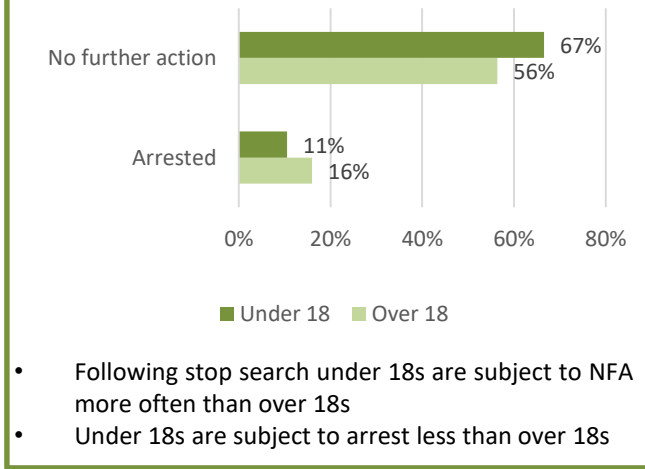


The percentage of objects searched for found has increased by 1 p.p. for U18 compared to last reporting period and remained consistent for the O18.

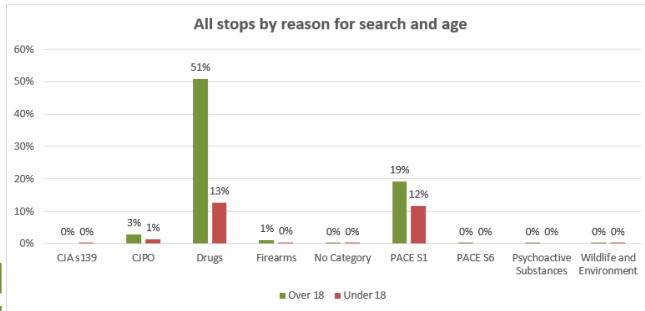
**Under 18 disproportionality amongst BME.....**

- Looking at Suffolk's BME communities, under 18s are more likely to be subject of stop and search than over 18s at a rate of **2.1**. This is a 0.2p.p. increase since the last reporting period.

## Outcomes by Age



- Following stop search under 18s are subject to NFA more often than over 18s
- Under 18s are subject to arrest less than over 18s



Drugs and Pace S1 are the most common reason for stop searches and this has remained stable since last reporting period. There is a higher percentage of stop searched related to CJPO in this reporting period, particularly in Over 18s.