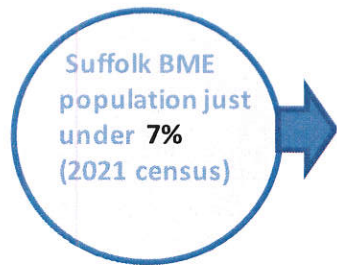
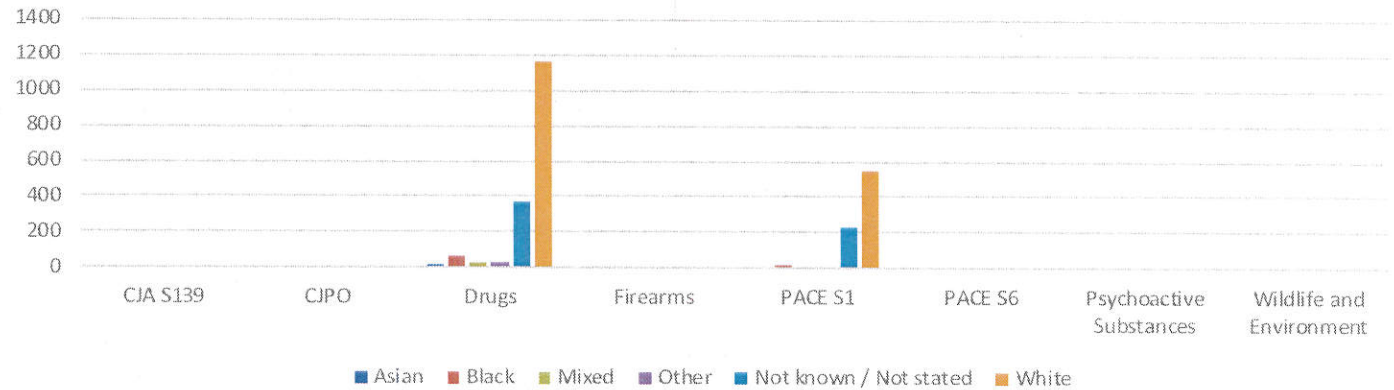


# PROPORTIONALITY OF STOP & SEARCH USE IN SUFFOLK – BME

Date Range 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024



Of all those subject to stop & search, BME accounted for 151 (9.1%)

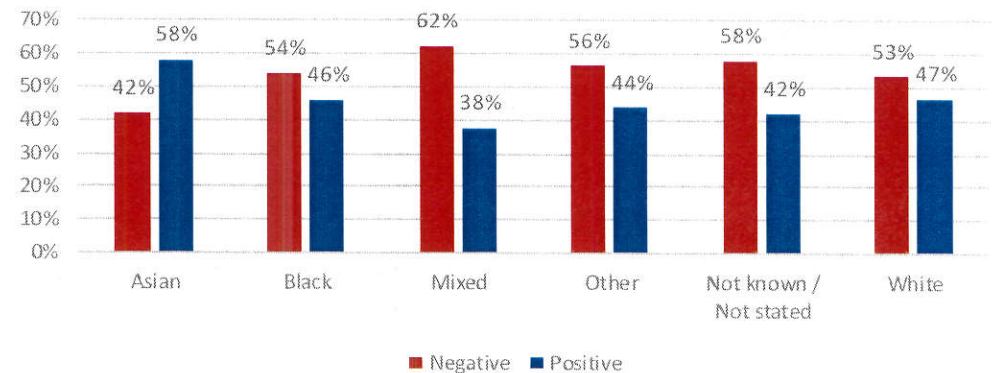


The most prevalent reason for search is Drugs (S23 Misuse of Drugs Act). This has remained stable since previous reporting periods.

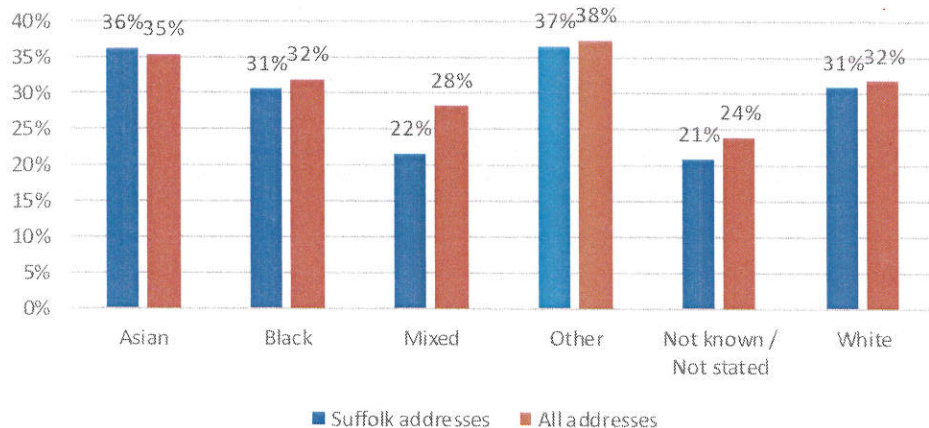
For Suffolk residents, Find rates for items that have been searched for irrespective of ethnicity have increased since the previous quarter, up 3.5p.p (from 25.6% last quarter to 29.1%). The Find rate for items searched for, for all addresses is 30.0%. Find rates have increased for all ethnicity groups since the previous quarter.

The (Suffolk residents) Find rate is higher for females (35.0%) than males (28.0%).

Positive/negative outcomes by ethnicity - all addresses, all search types



Items searched for found, by ethnicity



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

For all addresses, Positive outcome rates increased for the Black (+8%), White (+3%) and Not known (+4%) ethnicity groups. The rate remained the same for the Mixed group. The Asian group saw a decrease (-4%) but still recorded more positive than negative outcomes. The Other group also decreased (-1%).

The overall positive outcome rate has increased since the last reporting period to 45.5% (up 3.1p.p). There was very little difference between Positive outcomes rates for females (44.9%) and males (45.0%).



# PROPORTIONALITY OF STOP & SEARCH USE IN SUFFOLK - AGE

Date Range 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

Unless stated all numbers exclude subjects with addresses outside Suffolk

Under 18 refers to those aged 10 to 17. A total of 1,666 stop searches were recorded during the reporting period.

Suffolk Under 18 population 9% (2021 census, 10-17 yr olds)

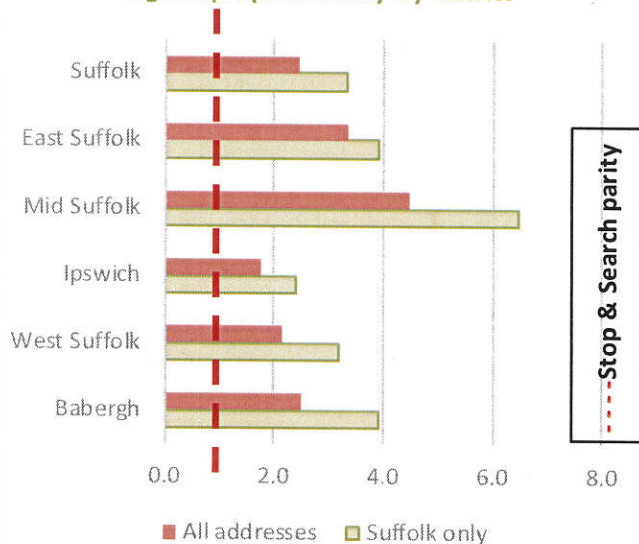
Under 18s accounted for 448 (26.9%) stop searches

## Disproportionality by ethnicity for Suffolk for Under 18s

Addresses	Asian	Black	Mixed	Other
Suffolk addresses	0.6	2.5	0.4	0.7
All addresses	0.7	3.5	0.4	0.8

Amongst under 18s, all ethnicities experience lower disproportionality than when all ages are reviewed together. Disproportionality still affects the Black ethnicity group the most. Since last quarter, the rate has increased slightly for Suffolk addresses but reduced for all addresses. The rate for the Other group has now fallen below parity.

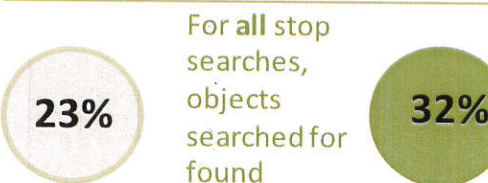
## Age disproportionality by district



- The Suffolk U18 community is **3.4** times more likely to be subject of stop/search than over 18 counterparts, decreasing to **2.5** times when including all subjects indicating that the majority of external subjects are aged over 18.
- This age disproportionality reduced for females (2.2) but was consistent for males (3.5).
- This is a slight reduction in disproportionality since the levels seen last reporting period.
- The rate was highest in Mid Suffolk but this has also reduced since last quarter.

## Items Searched for by reason for search

Drugs were the most common items searched for overall; 65% of stops gave Drugs as the reason for search. Find rates for drugs have increased for both age groups since the last reporting period.

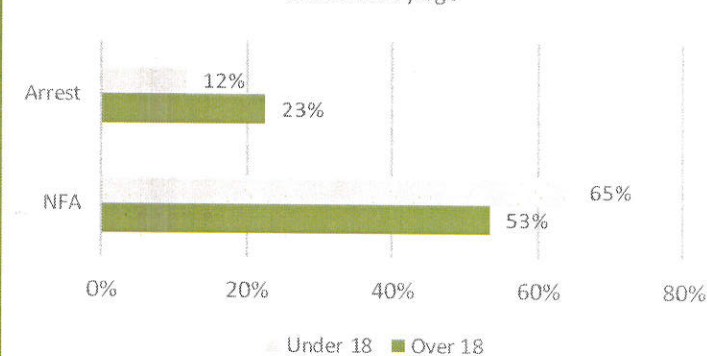


The percentage of objects searched for found has increased for under 18s and remained stable for over 18s since the last reporting period.

## Under 18 Disproportionality within Suffolk's BME communities:

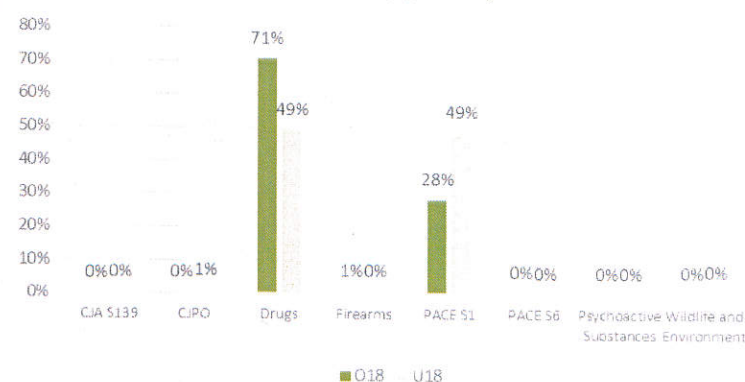
Looking only at Suffolk's BME communities, under 18s are **1.3** times more likely to be subject of stop and search than over 18s. This is lower than the overall Age Disproportionality value.

## Outcome by age



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

## Stop search by type and age



Drugs and PACE S1 are the most common reason for stop searches. Both age groups saw an increase in the proportion of Drug searches compared with the last reporting period. The proportion of PACE S1 searches remained consistent.



# PROPORTIONALITY OF HANDCUFF USE IN SUFFOLK STOP SEARCHES

Date Range 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

The below figures refer to a subset of Stop & Search data, as only Optik records have been linked with handcuffing data.  
A stop search record with no linked handcuff record is assumed to have not used handcuffs.

2,564 Optik records showing whether or not handcuffs were used during the Stop Search (all addresses):

Handcuffs used	All addresses	%	Suffolk only	%
Yes	1,357	53%	832	50%
No	1,207	47%	825	50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,564</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,657</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Overall Disproportionality by ethnicity for Suffolk (Optik records only)**

Addresses	Asian	Black	Mixed	Other
Suffolk addresses	0.7	3.5	1.2	2.5
All addresses	0.7	4.0	1.2	2.8

## Disproportionality where handcuffs were used:

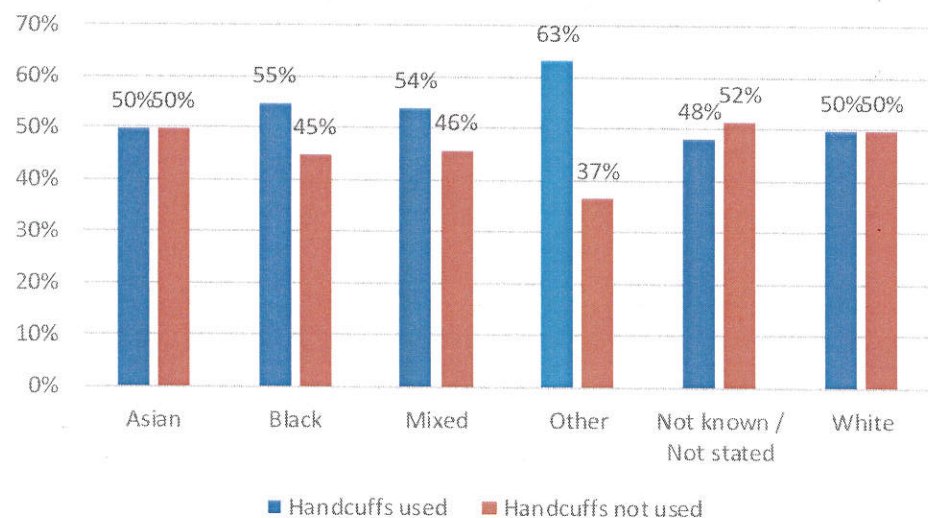
Addresses	Asian	Black	Mixed	Other
Suffolk addresses	0.7	3.8	1.3	3.2
All addresses	0.7	4.6	1.4	3.4

## Disproportionality where handcuffs were not used:

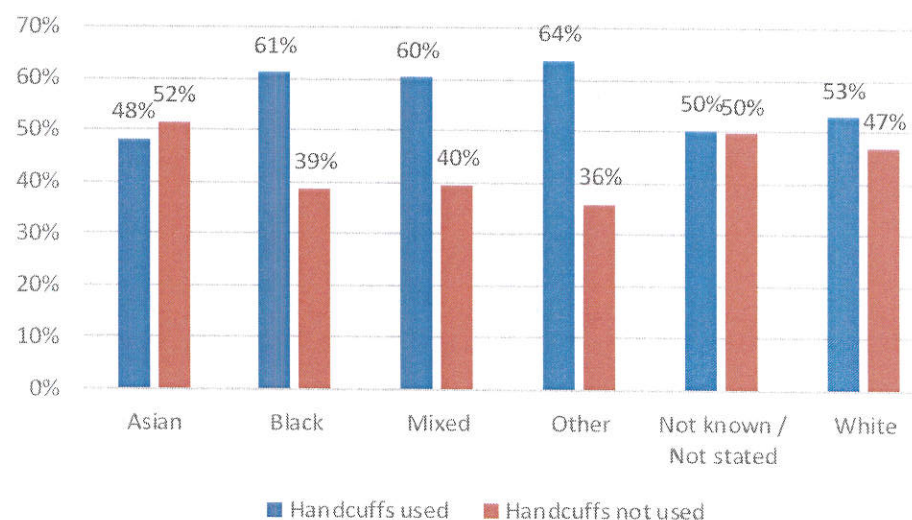
Addresses	Asian	Black	Mixed	Other
Suffolk addresses	0.7	3.1	1.1	1.9
All addresses	0.8	3.3	1.0	2.1

Comparing the disproportionality values shows higher disproportionality for persons from the Black, Mixed and Other ethnicity groups when handcuffs were used than when handcuffs were not used. This value increases for persons not local to Suffolk. As with overall disproportionality rates, the handcuffing rates for Black subjects have reduced this quarter compared with those from the previous reporting period. However, Other and Mixed have risen slightly.

Proportion of handcuffs used by ethnicity - Suffolk addresses only



Proportion of handcuffs used by ethnicity - All addresses



# PROPORTIONALITY OF HANDCUFF USE IN SUFFOLK STOP SEARCHES

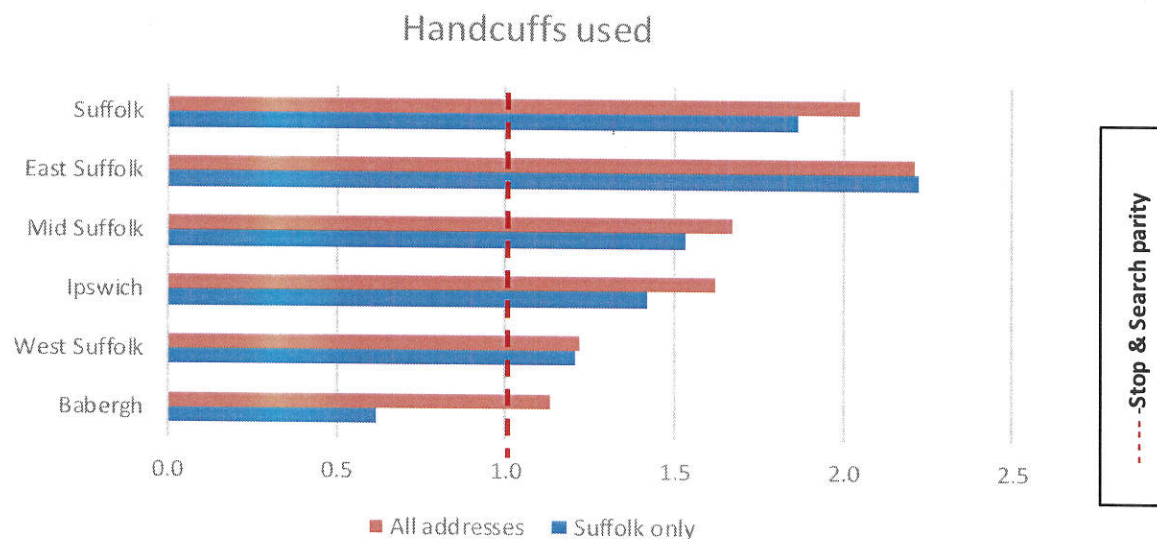
Date Range 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

The below figures refer to a subset of Stop & Search data, as only Optik records have been linked with handcuffing data.

District	Suffolk addresses						All addresses					
	Total stop-searches	Using handcuffs	(%)	Total BME stop-searches	BME stop-searches using handcuffs	(%)	Total stop-searches	Using handcuffs	(%)	Total BME stop-searches	BME stop-searches using handcuffs	(%)
Babergh	103	52	50%	4	1	25%	175	98	56%	7	3	43%
West Suffolk	380	228	60%	26	18	69%	639	393	62%	43	30	70%
Ipswich	606	288	48%	89	47	53%	936	472	50%	142	80	56%
Mid Suffolk	105	48	46%	4	2	50%	149	74	50%	5	3	60%
East Suffolk	462	215	47%	26	15	58%	644	302	47%	31	20	65%
All*	1,656	831	50%	149	83	56%	2,543	1,339	53%	228	136	60%

## Handcuffing Disproportionality by District

- Excluding subjects with addresses outside Suffolk, the **local BME** community was **1.9** times more likely to be subject of a stop search where handcuffs are used. This is a small increase from the previous reporting period (1.8).
- When including **all subjects** regardless of their address, BME subjects were **2.0** times more likely to be subject of a stop search with use of handcuffs, a reduction (from 2.1 previously).
- Having previously had the highest disproportionality rate for handcuffing, **Babergh** now has the lowest rate and is below parity for local subjects.



\* Where District is shown as Out Of Force, these records have been excluded