

Stop and Search

Annual Report 2018-19



6,014

Total number of stop and searches

Object found



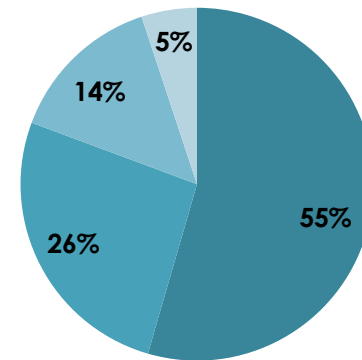
Yes
1,768
29.4%



No
4,241
70.6%

Purpose of search

- Drugs (3,277)
- Offensive weapon (1,574)
- Stolen items (857)
- Other (306)



Outcome of search

No further action (NFA) including advice	4,240	70.5%
Arrests	726	12.1%
Advice – no longer recorded as an outcome	692	11.5%
Postal Charge/Summons	477	7.9%
Cannabis Warning	429	7.1%
Other	142	2.4%



Highlights

- Stop and search has increased by 107.5% from 2,898 in 2017-18 to 6,014 in 2018-19. Part of this rise is due to an increase in stop and searches under Section 60 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994
- There were 775 searches conducted under Section 60 in 2018-19 due to Notting Hill Carnival and pre-planned operations to deal with the increase in knife crime
- Out of the 6,014 searches, an object was found 29% of the time
- In 2018-19, the majority of searches were conducted around suspicion of drugs (55%) under Section 23 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1973. However, our find rate for drugs is at 37.5%
- 29.5% of all searches resulted in a meaningful outcome
- Under section 1 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, most of the searches were for stolen items (44%) and offensive weapons(41%), with objects being found just over a quarter of the time at 26.2%



0 - 19

20 - 29

30 - 39

40 - 49

50 - 59

60+

Not stated

1,956

1,776

967

447

127

27

714



Female

430



Male

5,562



Indeterminate

2

Not stated

20

White

3,550

Black

1,816

Asian

447

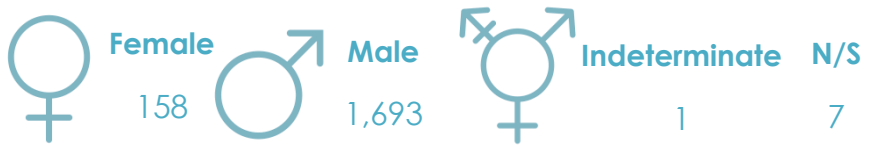
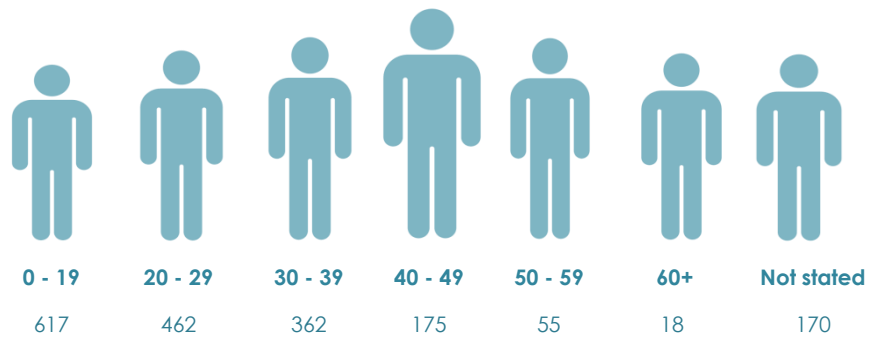
Other

107

Not stated

94

Section 1 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984



Purpose of search

Stolen items	824	44.3%
Offensive weapon	771	41.5%
Going equipped	136	7.3%
Other	118	6.3%
Drugs	10	0.5%

Object found



Yes
487
26.2%



No
1,372
73.8%



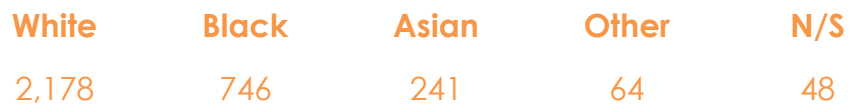
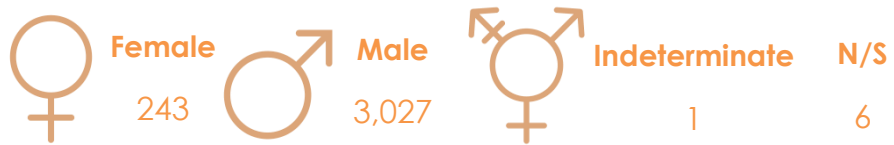
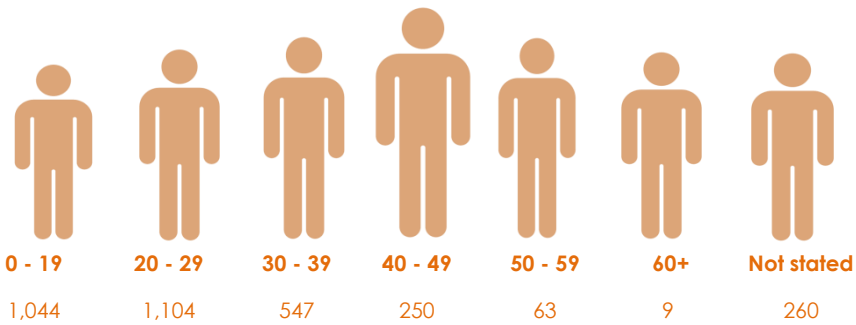
Top Locations

Stratford Station	136
Barking Station	64
Manchester Piccadilly Railway Station	58
Leeds Rail Station	58
Reading Station	48



1,859

Section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act 1971



Purpose of search

Drugs	3,264	99.6%
Other	13	0.4%

Object found

Object Found	Count	Percentage
Yes	1,226	37.5%
No	2,047	62.5%



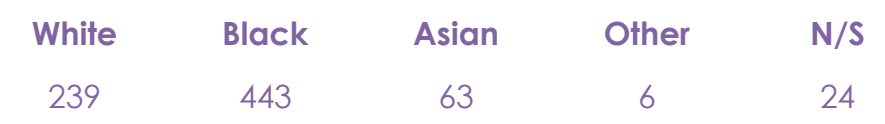
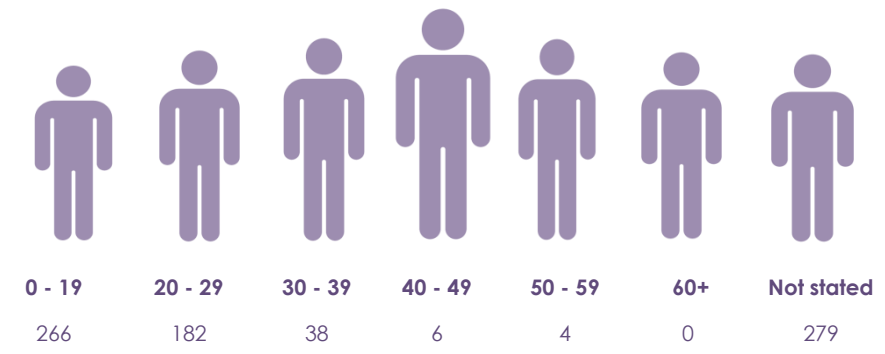
Top Locations

Manchester Piccadilly Station	134
Reading Station	97
Dartford Railway Station	14
Stratford Station	14
Leeds Rail Station	11



3,277

Section 60 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994



Purpose of search

Offensive weapon	761	98.2%
Other	14	1.8%

Object found



Top Locations

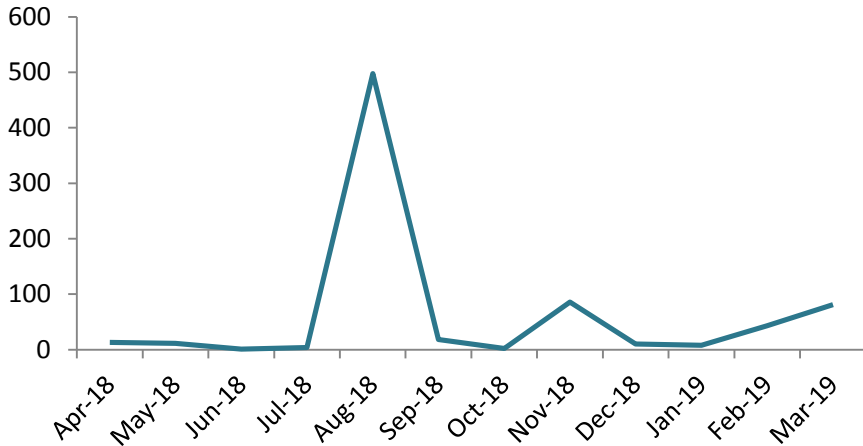
Notting Hill Gate Underground Station	235
Stratford Station	121
Westbourne Park Station	87
Kensal Green Station	53
Birmingham New Street Station	34



775

Section 60 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994

S60 Searches 2018-19



- Section 60 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 searches are used in a controlled way at places that have been identified as having an evolving problem.
- British Transport Police authorised these types of searches during the Notting Hill Carnival in August 2018
- Operations such as Op Engulf/Viking (Targeting gang activity around Stratford including the Westfield Shopping Centre and Pan-London) were also reasons for S60 authorisation in November 2018.
- S60 was authorised in March 2019 by a BTP Inspector, covering Preston in Lancashire using substantive legislation in response to an urgent situation.
- In all other instances, BTP have collaborated with other forces such as the Metropolitan Police and used other force's authorities to conduct S60 search.
- Please note: the advice facility is no longer available and will result in 'No Further Action' as an outcome of the search.

	No. Searches under S60	Purpose of Search: Offensive Weapons	Outcome: No Further Action	Outcome: Advice
August 2018	489	494	438	20
November 2018	86	81	73	3
March 2019	81	78	66	13