

## Cleveland Police - Corporate Policy

**Title:** Stop and Search

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### **Policy Statement**

Cleveland Police will ensure that powers to stop and search will be used fairly, responsibly, with respect for people being searched and without unlawful discrimination.

Supervisors and managers will focus on the **quality** and not the quantity of stop/searches. The number of stop and searches will not be used as a performance indicator.

The misuse of stop and search powers can lead to disciplinary or civil action.

### **Strategic Aims**

This document supports the following Strategic Aims:

- To provide a safer Cleveland Police area
- Fewer peoples lives are affected by anti-social behaviour and alcohol related disorder
- To provide a citizen focused service
- To narrow the justice gap
- To combat serious and organised crime

### **Policy aims and application**

#### **Aims:**

The overall aim of the policy is to inform Police Officers, Police Staff and the nominated member of the Police Authority of their responsibilities in relation to stop and search powers.

The policy sets out a framework for the effective management of stop and search to:

- Reduce the fear of crime.
- Promote trust and confidence in the police by providing transparency

- and accountability, for police initiated stop and search encounters.
- Increase trust and confidence within the community.

### **Application:**

This policy applies to all Police Officers and Police Staff and the nominated member of the Police Authority of Cleveland Police.

### **Procedures:**

The following are the procedures to be followed in respect of this policy:  
Stop and Search procedures.

### **Legal and Other References**

Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and associated Codes of Practice (Code A)  
Section 60 Public Order Act 1994  
Section 44 Terrorism Act 2000  
Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996  
Stop and Search Manual 2005, Home Office  
Centrex Practice Advice on Stop and Search 2006  
The National Briefing Model 2006  
Practice Oriented Package 2006  
Centrex Guidance on the Management of Police Information 2006  
Practice Advice on Stop and Search in relation to the Terrorism Act , NPIA (2007)

### **Administration**

All documentation produced in preparation of this policy, including compliance assessments and suitability certificates, will be retained by Manual of Guidance Officer, Corporate Planning and Performance.

The ACPO officer with the Crime and Operations portfolio is responsible for the accuracy and integrity of this Policy. Therefore, objections as to the content of this policy must be directed to the ACPO officer with the Crime and Operations portfolio.

This section will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis by the ACPO officer with the Crime and Operations portfolio.

### **Compliance Checking**

This document has been assessed for:

- Freedom of Information Act issues
- Human Rights compliance

- Race Equality
- Disability Discrimination Act
- Risk management issues, including health and safety
- Other identified legal, ethical or moral issues

and, is certified suitable for implementation.