

# Stop Search Policy Statement



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## 1. Policy statement

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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.

All stop and search activity conducted by Cleveland officers will be carried out in accordance with the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and associated Codes of Practice (Code A), and Home Office and Centrex stop and search guidance.

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