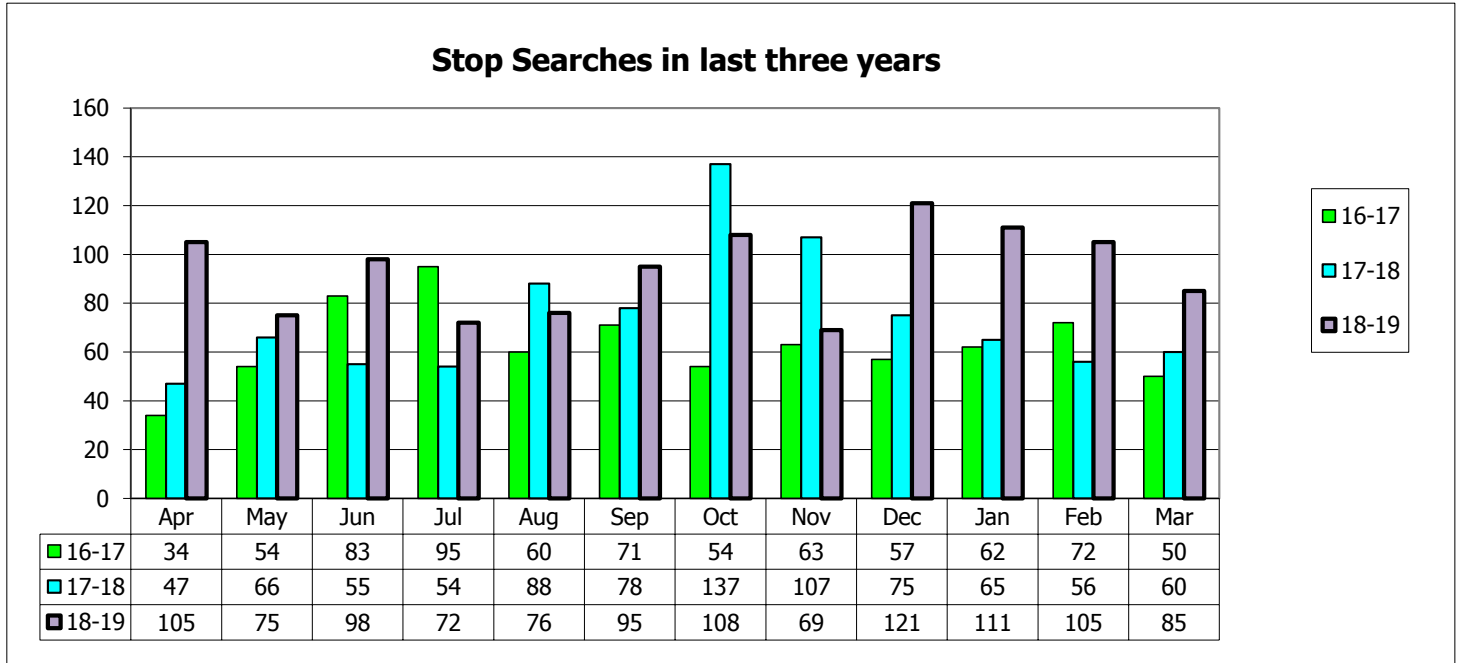


STOP SEARCHES

The chart below shows the number of Stop Searches of Persons and Vehicles that were conducted during each month over last three years, excluding Search Warrants



	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	Change with previous year
Total	472	755	888	1120	+26%

- The way that the data is presented is slightly different than in the past and this reflects a need to ensure that reports that missed year-end deadlines are properly captured.
- There was an increase of 26% in the number of stop searches carried out when compared to the total recorded in 2017-2018. In England and Wales 60% of searches in 2017-2018 were made for reason of drugs. In the Isle of Man over 80% of stop searches were for reason of drugs.

- It is possible to assess what proportion of stop searches result in a positive outcome. In this context a positive outcome is when a search results in illegal property being found, or in an arrest being made. The Manx positive outcome rate is higher than the arrest rate as a result of stops in any England and Wales force (apart from Cleveland at 28%), which overall is just over 17% for all of England and Wales in most recent statistics available (for 2017-2018)¹.

NPT Area	+ve outcome	all stops	success rate
Douglas	178	713	25.0%
Northern	35	114	30.7%
Southern	38	136	27.9%
Western	22	63	34.9%
National Command	13	94	13.8%
Total	286	1120	25.5%

- The 2018-2019 stop searches equate to just over thirteen stops being made per 1000 Manx population (13.4) which is again higher than comparable rates in England and Wales, overall in England and Wales the rate was just over 5/1000 in most recent statistics. The only force with a higher rate is the Metropolitan Police at 15/1000 (which alone accounts for over half of all stops in England).
- The data – in terms of high rates of positive outcomes – is complemented by an absence of complaints about the use of stop search powers. This all suggests that the use of the powers is ethical and appropriate.

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