

Weighing the Balance, Bridging the Gap

Stop-Search in Lambeth
5 October 2004

Stop-Search Sub-Group

- **Initially formed 2002**
- **First report to CPCG at March meeting**
- **Tonight's presentation**
 - gives a quarterly update (handout)
 - 'drills down' into Drugs Stop-Searches
- **Work will carry on, reporting quarterly**
- **Report with proposals for March 2005**

Recap.....and..... Update

- **Around 1,500 Stop-Searches per month**

- **Major categories remain:**

Drugs	64%
Stolen Property	19%
Going Equipped	7%
Offensive Weapons	6%

- **Arrest rate varies around 9% to 10%**
- **Disproportionality towards Black people stays around 3x**

Drilling down in Drugs - 2003/4

18,325 Stop & Searches on People & Vehicles in Lambeth Borough

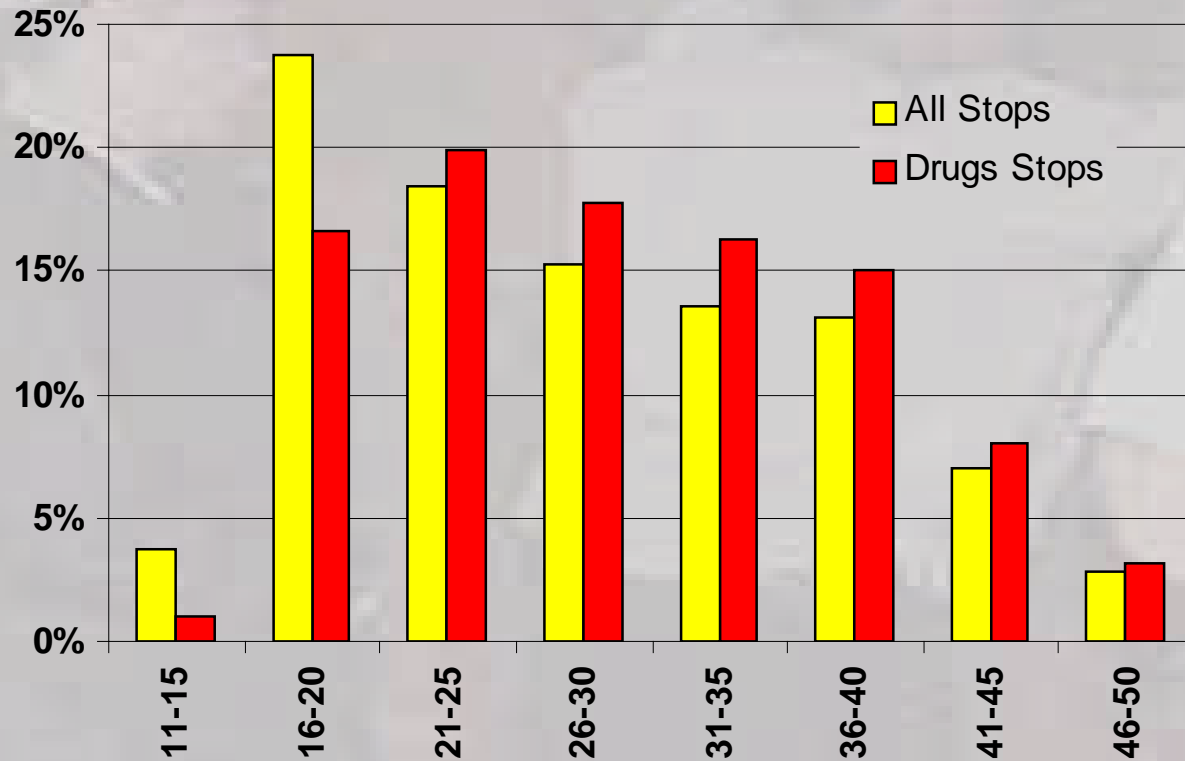
11,604 of those or 63% were for Drugs

87% of all Drugs Stop & Search is carried out in the North or Centre of the Borough

How do Drugs Stop-Searches Relate?

	All Stop- Searches	Drug Stop Searches	
Number	18,325	11,604	63%
Arrest Rate	9.4%	7.9%	
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<i>Ethnic Disproportionality (SDE)</i>			
Asian or British Asian	0.9	0.8	
Black or Black British	3.1	3.0	
Chinese or other ethnic group	0.8	0.8	
Mixed	1.4	1.4	
White	1.0	1.0	
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<i>Age Disproportionality</i>			
Under 25	1.6	1.1	
Over 25	1.0	1.0	

Biggest Difference is in Age



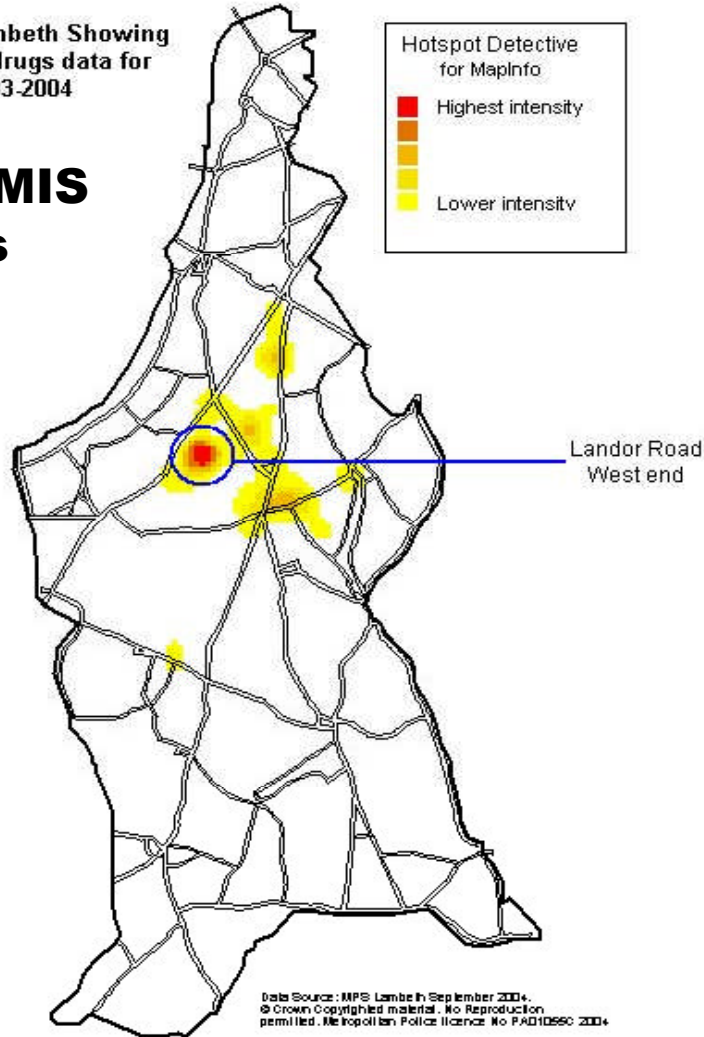
Drugs Stop-Searches are not spread evenly

North Lambeth	1,466	16.4%
Brixton	4,367	49.0%
Clapham	1,916	21.5%
Streatham	771	8.6%
West Norwood	304	3.4%

There is concentration in 'hot-spots', for calls and Stop-Searches

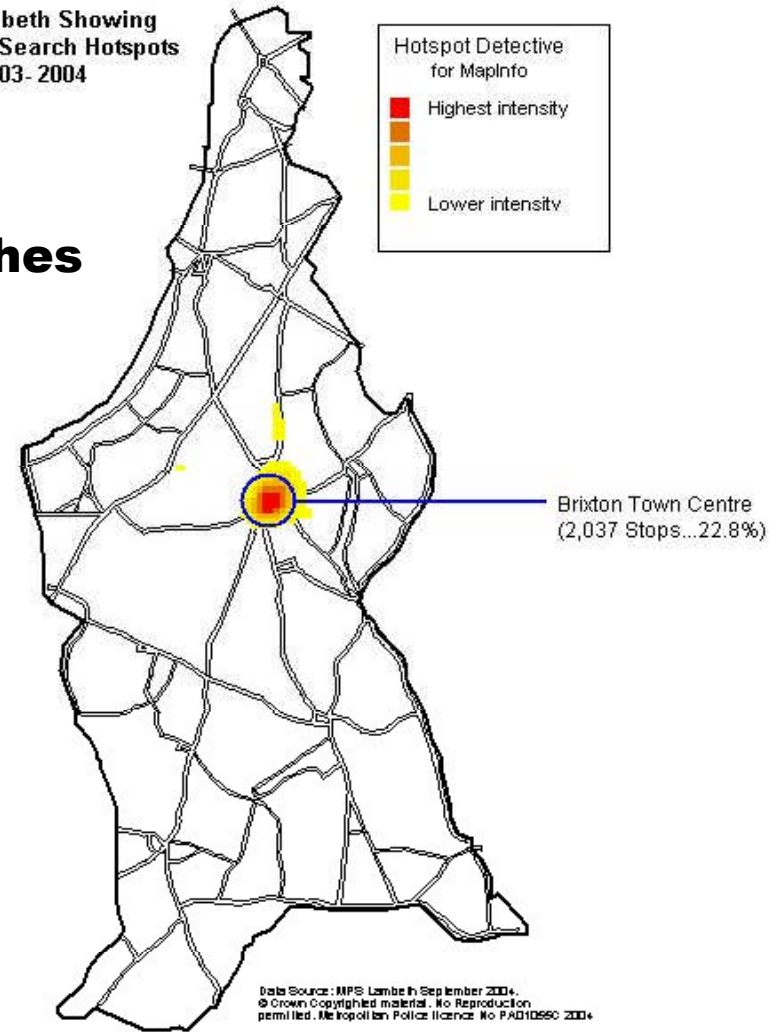
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CADMIS Calls



Map of Lambeth Showing Drugs Stop & Search Hotspots for 2003-2004

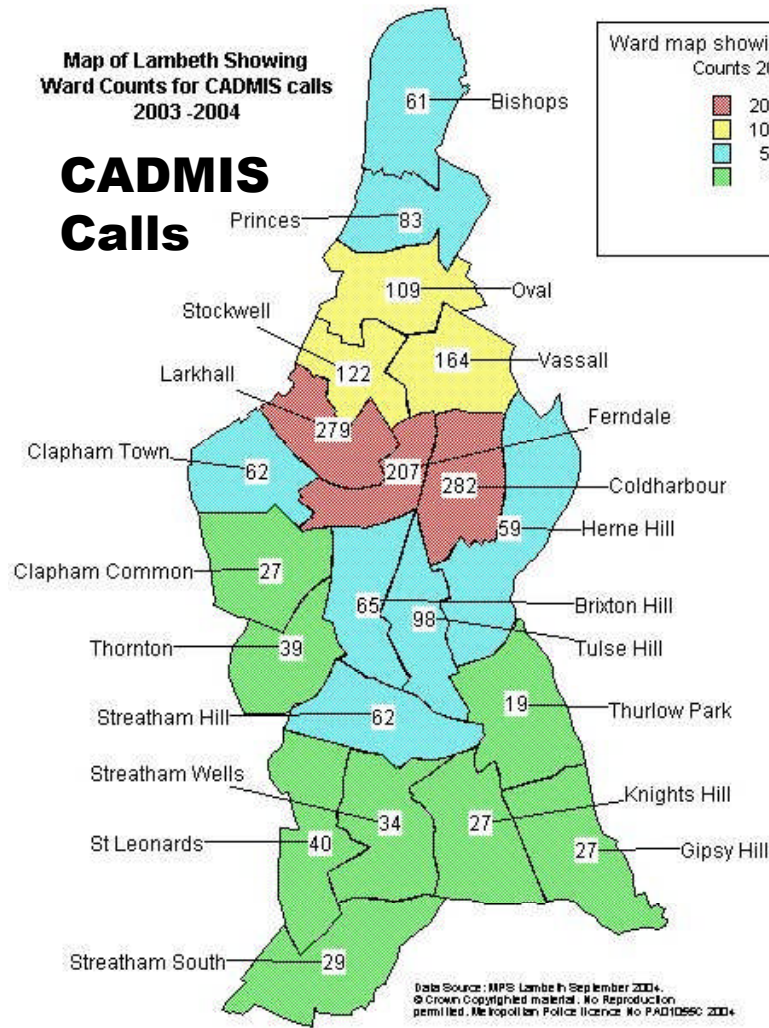
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And this is seen at Ward level

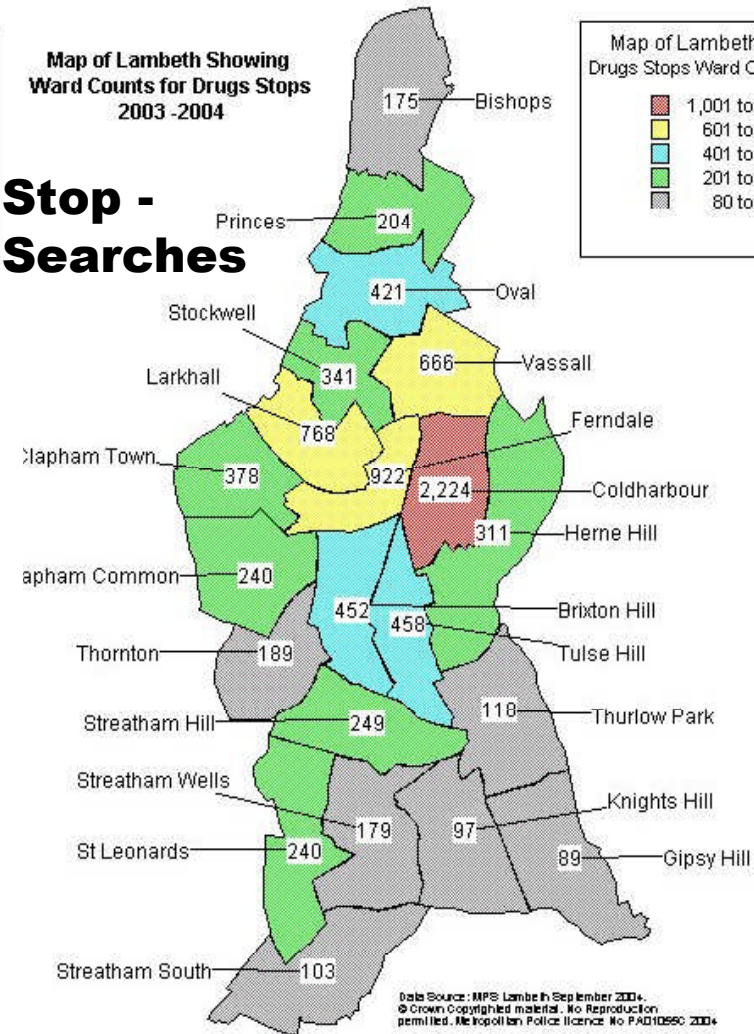
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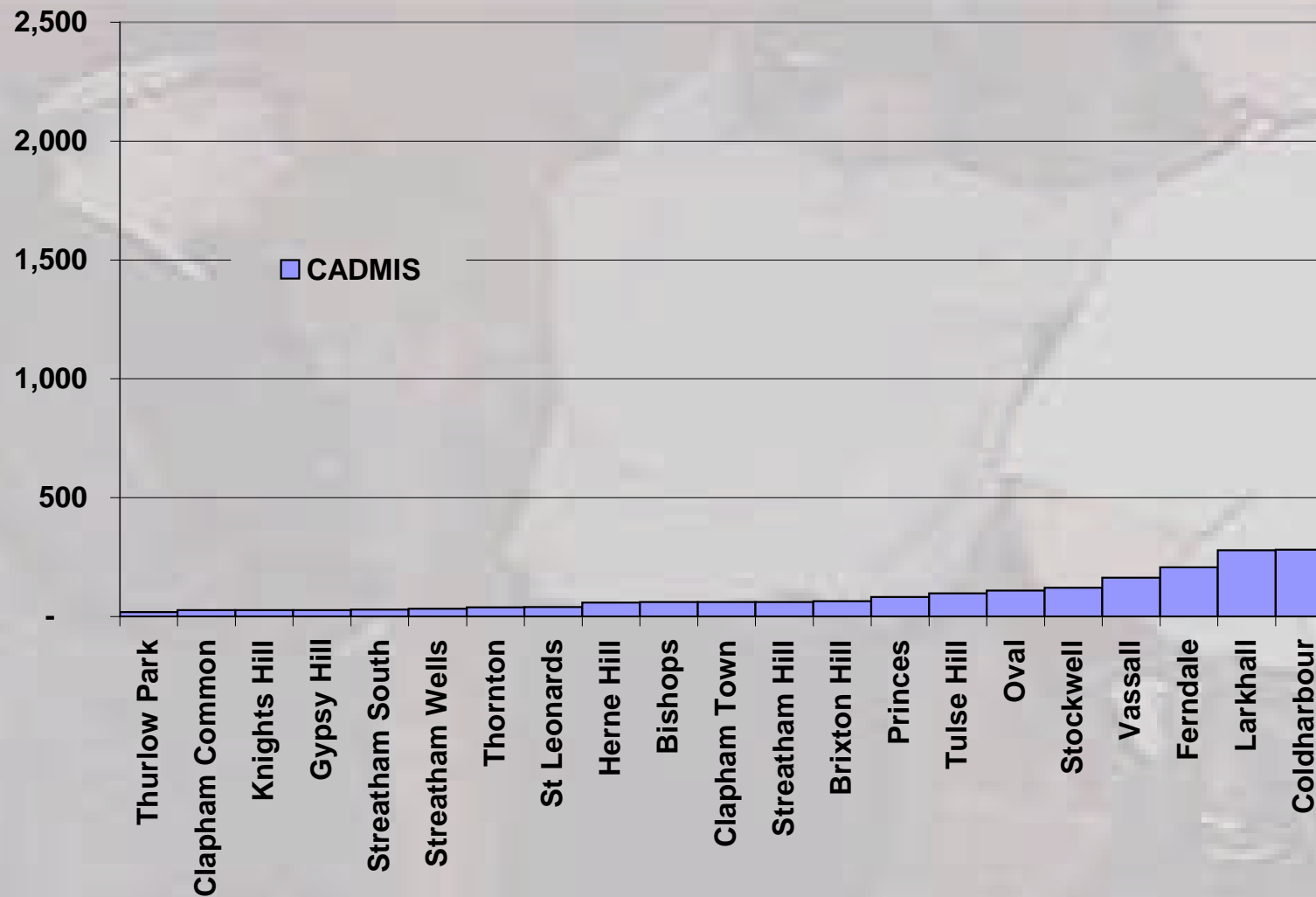


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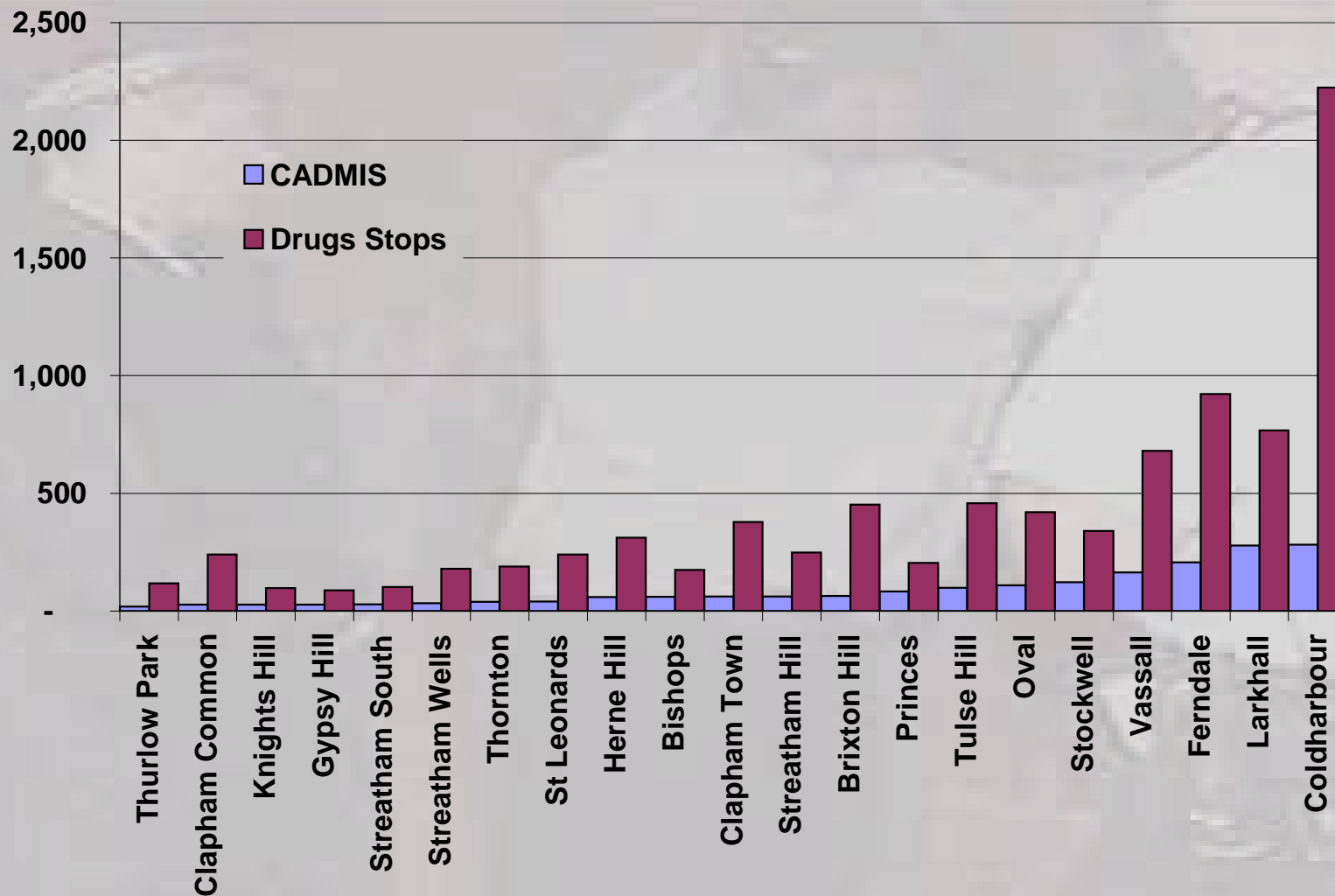
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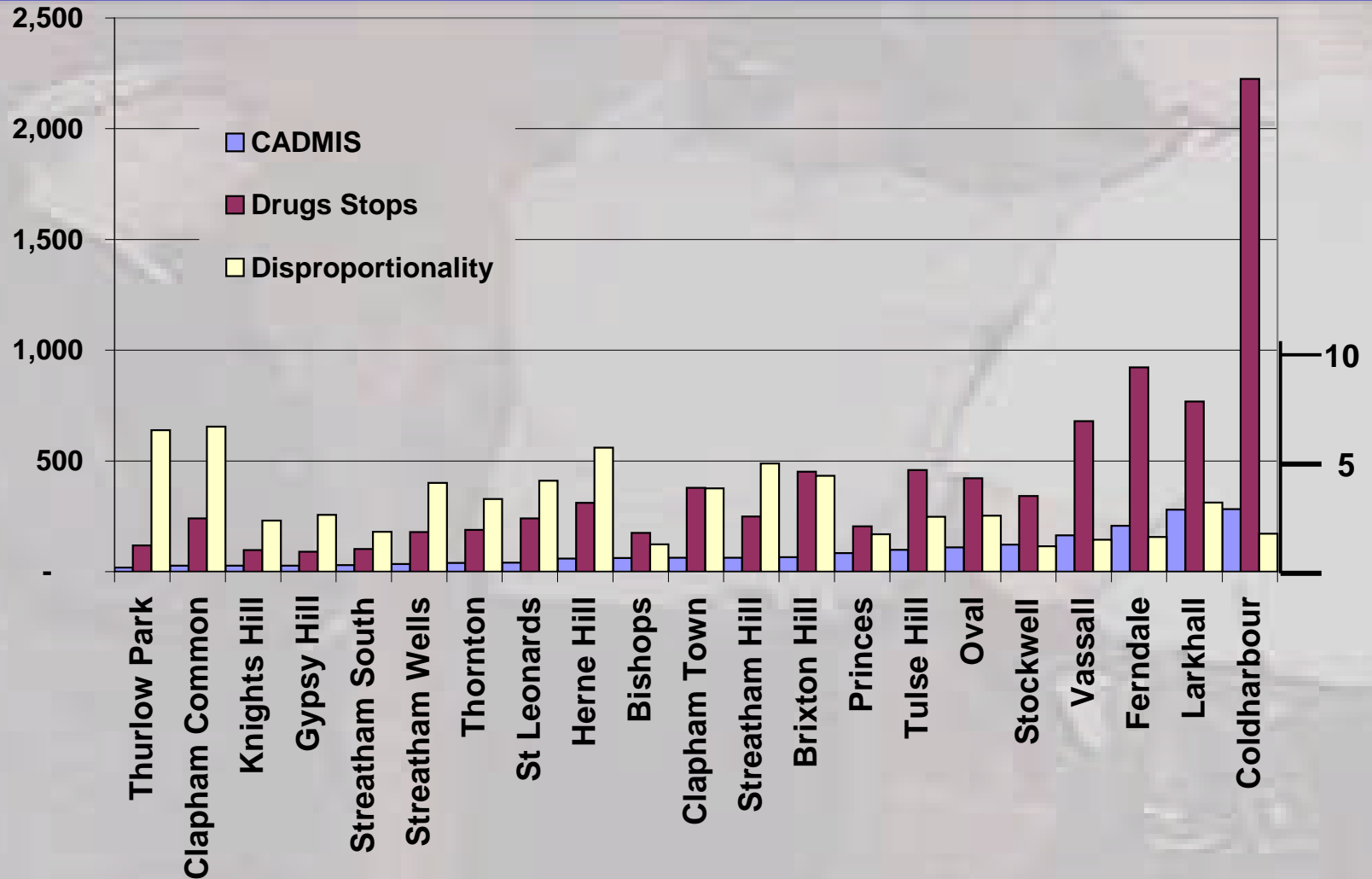
But is it the cause of disproportionality?



Higher CADMIS Wards also have higher levels of Stop-Searches.....



.....but lower Disproportionality!



Taking out the high volume Wards makes no difference

Ethnicity (SDE)	Borough	Minus Coldharbour, Ferndale and Larkhall
Asian or British Asian	0.8	1.0
Black or Black British	3.0	2.9
Chinese or other ethnic group	0.8	1.0
Mixed	1.4	1.5
White	1.0	1.0

Variations

- Across Lambeth, the higher volume wards have lower disproportionality
- Across London, the higher volume boroughs have lower disproportionality
 - London overall 5x
 - Lambeth 3x

So what are the causes disproportionality?

Racism?

Lack of intelligence/information?

Response to intelligence/information?

Quality of diversity training/training?

Stereotyping?

Residents v non-residents?

Poor communication/consultation?

Next Steps - Actions

- Training responses
- Management responses

Next Steps - Community Questions

- Why has cannabis reclassification not had a bigger impact (MPA scrutiny)
- Why is arrest rate below 10% - should 'reasonable grounds equate to 'odds -on' or 51%?
- Work in Hackney suggests experienced officers are *much* more accurate. Can this not be exploited?

- **Next presentation - January 2005**



Recommendation 61
Stephen Lawrence Inquiry Report
'Stop & Account'

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As of 1st October 2004, when an officer requests a person in a public place to account for,

- Their actions.
- Their behaviour.
- Their presence in a particular area, or.
- Their possession of anything.

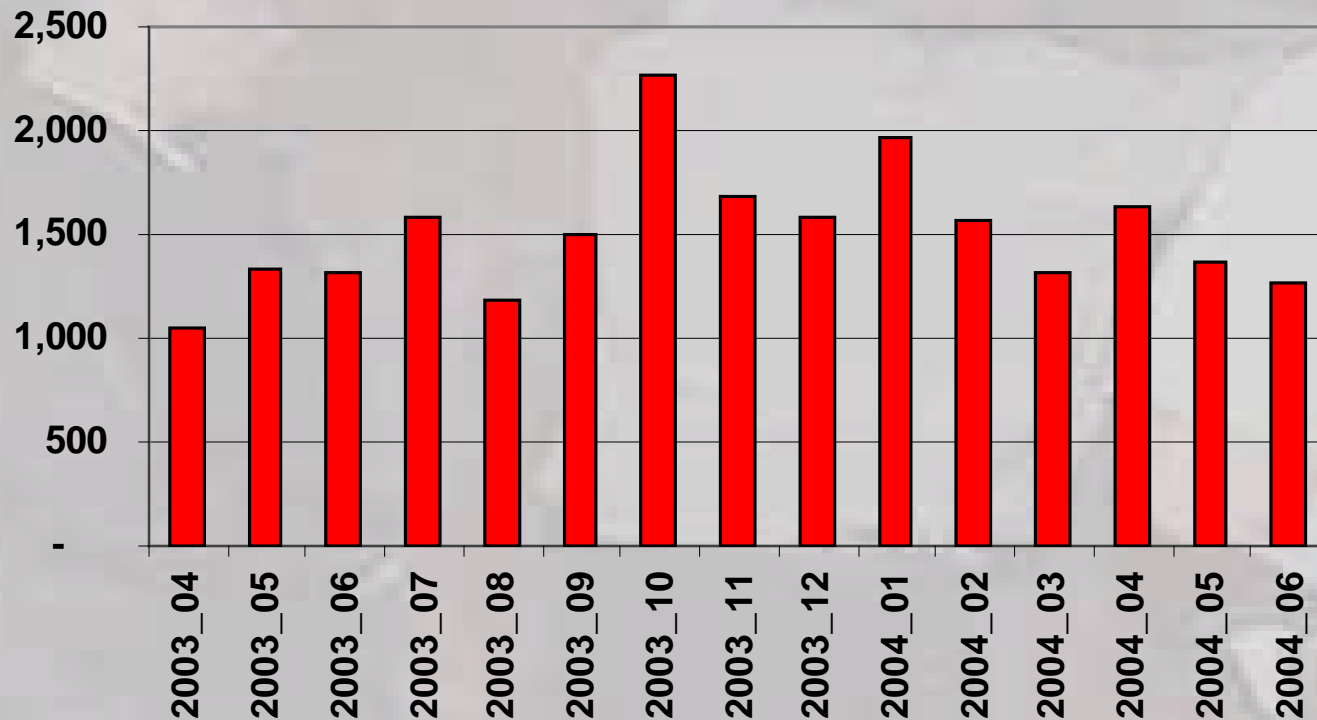
A record of the encounter must be completed at the time and a copy given to the person who has been questioned.

The main objective of R61 is to increase public trust and confidence in the police by providing those stopped with on the spot, documented and credible reasons for being stopped. Its introduction makes police more accountable with the aim of increasing community confidence

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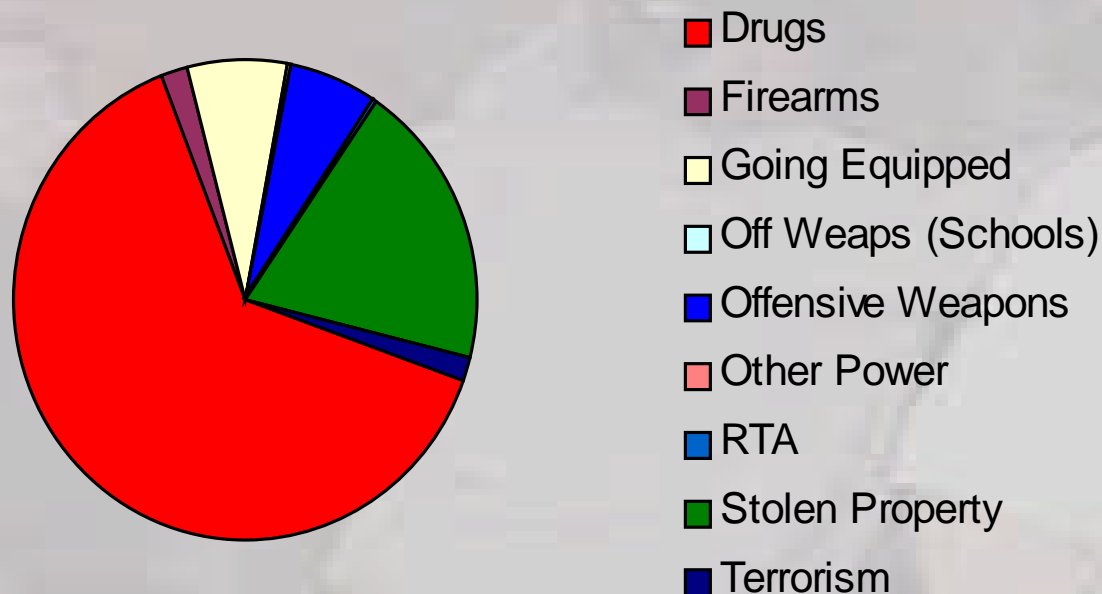
Recap and Quarterly Update

Stop-Searches By Month



Averaging around 1,500 per month -up from 1,400

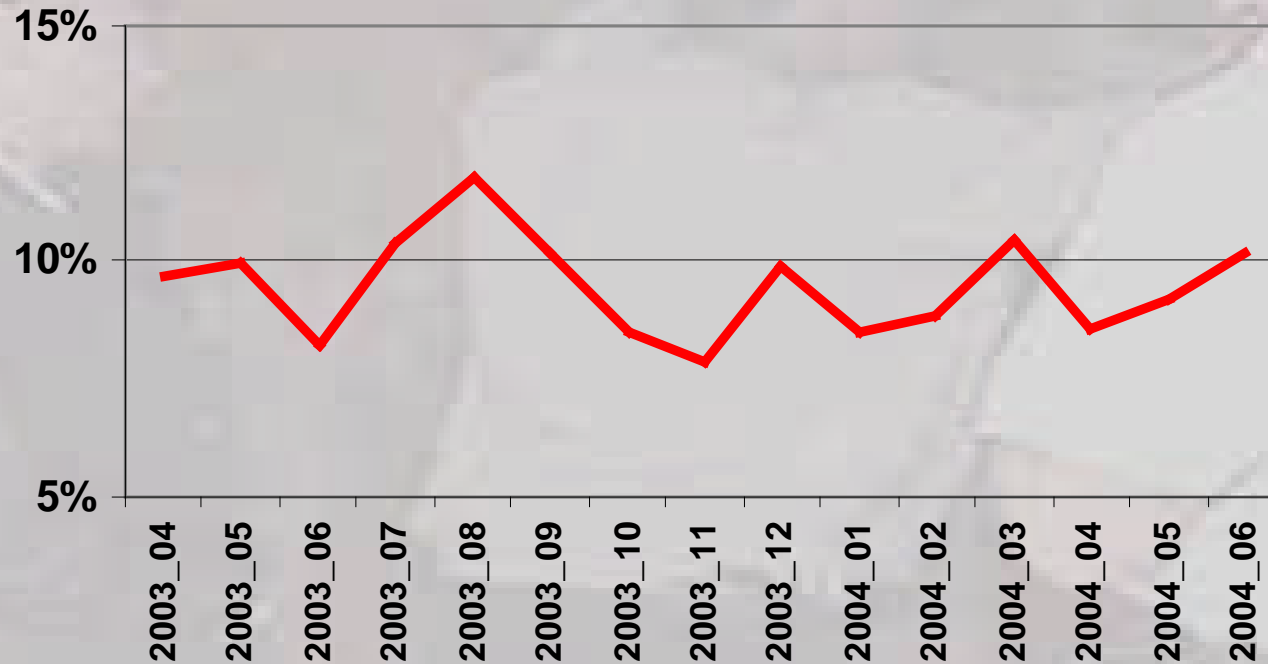
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Major categories still Drugs, Stolen Property, Offensive Weapons and Going Equipped

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Overall Arrest Rate



- Arrest rate around 9% (excluding cannabis warnings)

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Relative Likelihood of Being Stopped

