



Weighing the Balance, Bridging the Gap

Stop-Search in Lambeth
5 April 2005

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 Robbery Stop-Searches
- **Work will carry on, reporting quarterly**

Drilling down in Robbery - April 2003 to Date

30,638 Stop & Searches on People & Vehicles in Lambeth Borough

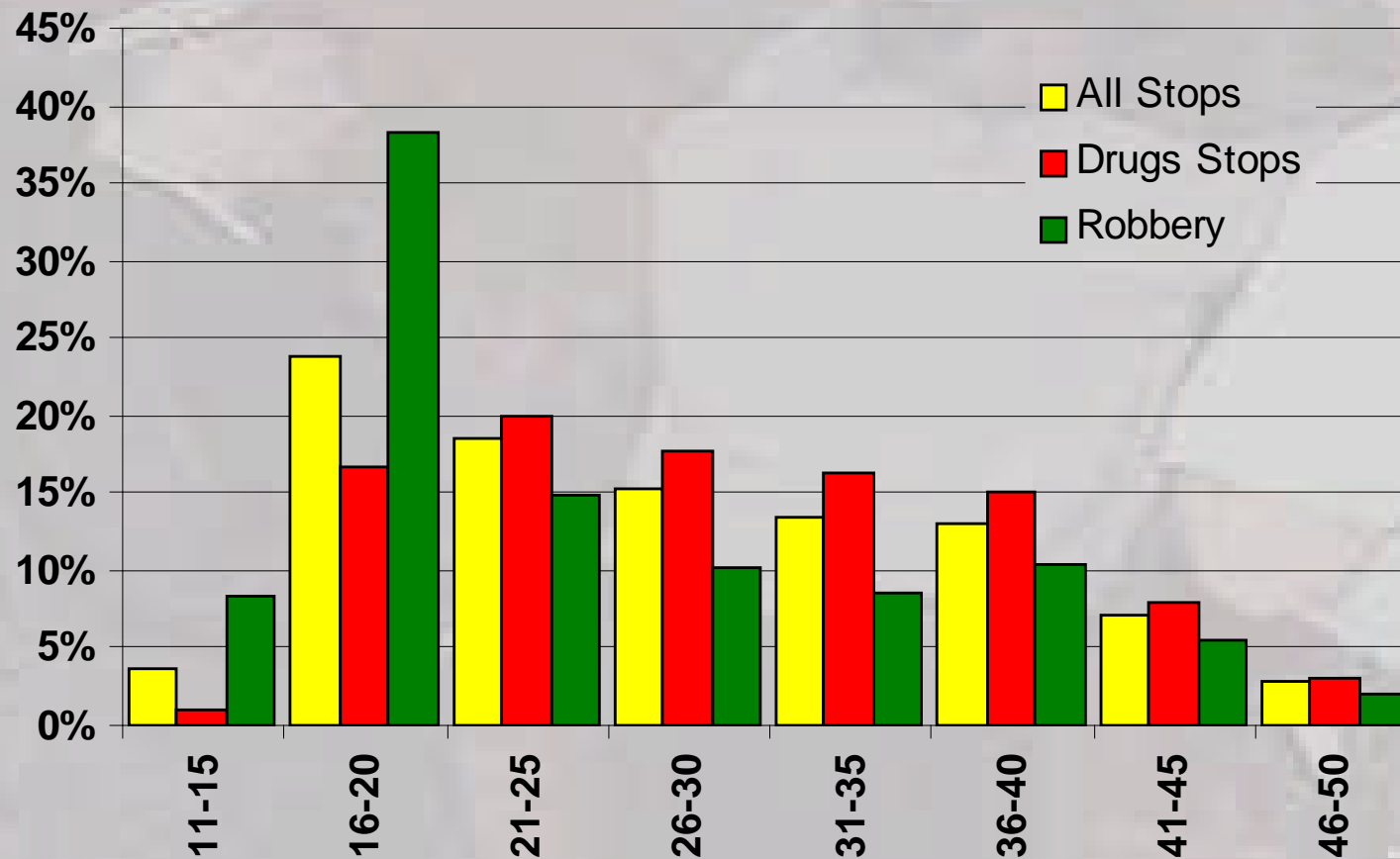
19,447 of those, or 64%, were for Drugs

5,777, or 19%, were for Robbery

How do Robbery Stop-Searches Relate?

	All Stop- Searches	Drug Stop Searches	Robbery Stop Searches
Number	30,638	19,447	5,777
Arrest Rate	8.8%	7.4%	12.1%
<i>Ethnic Disproportionality (SDE)</i>			
Asian or British Asian	0.9	0.8	0.8
Black or Black British	3.1	3.0	4.0
Chinese or other ethnic group	0.8	0.8	0.6
Mixed	1.4	1.4	1.7
White	1.0	1.0	1.0
<i>Age Disproportionality</i>			
Under 25	1.6	1.1	3.1
Over 25	1.0	1.0	1.0

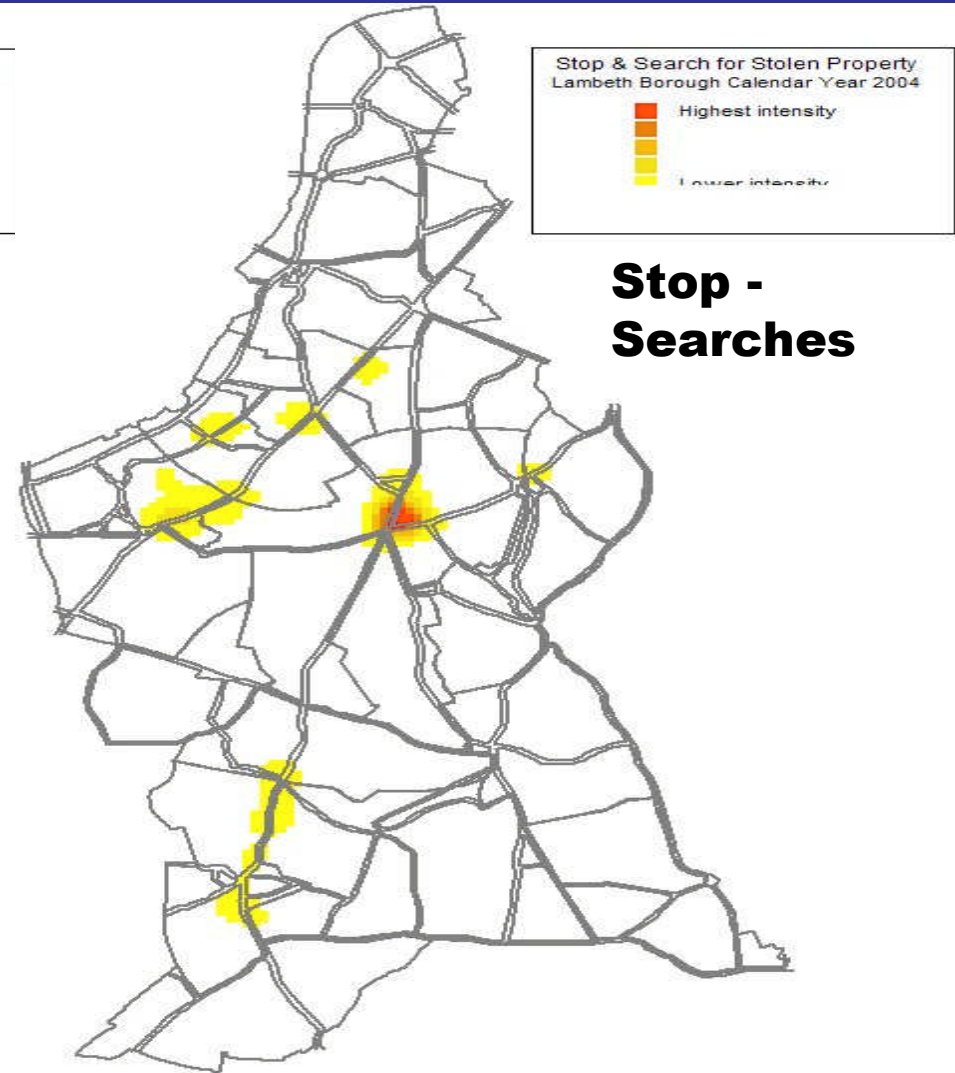
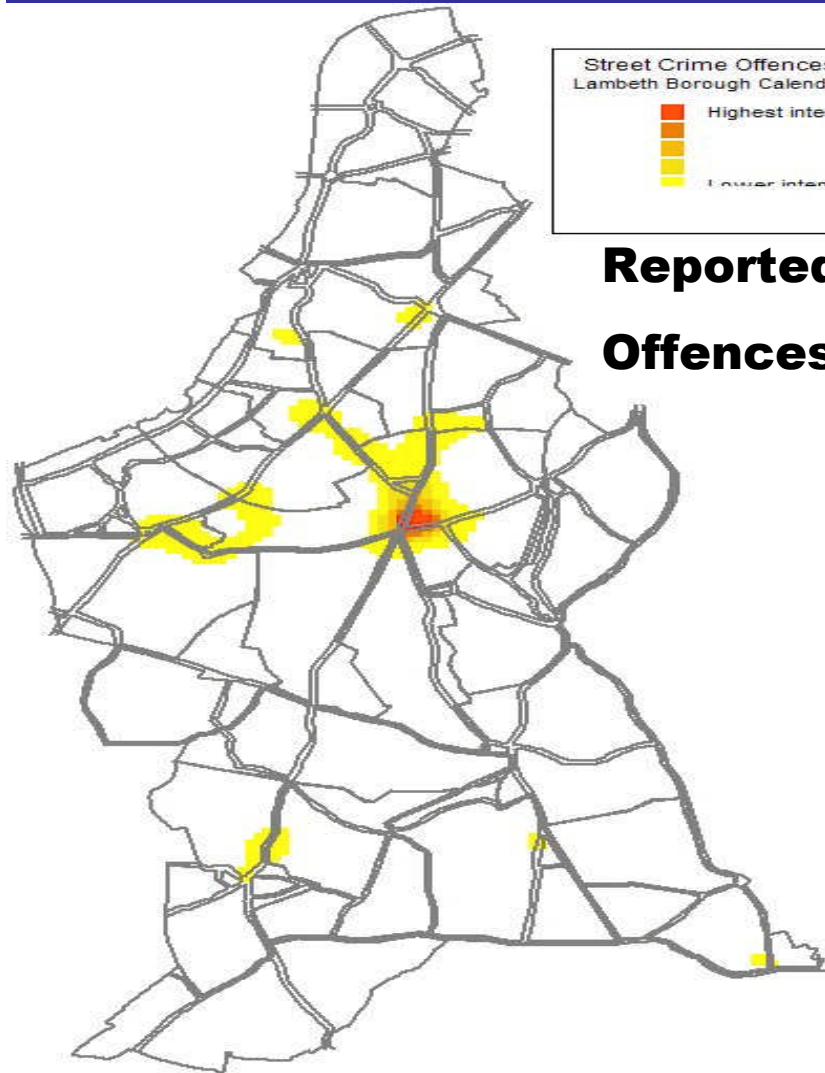
Robbery Stop-Searches are more skewed down in age than Drugs



Robbery Stop-Searches are not spread evenly

North Lambeth	642	20.3%
Brixton	837	26.5%
Clapham	850	26.9%
Streatham	592	18.7%
West Norwood	186	3.4%

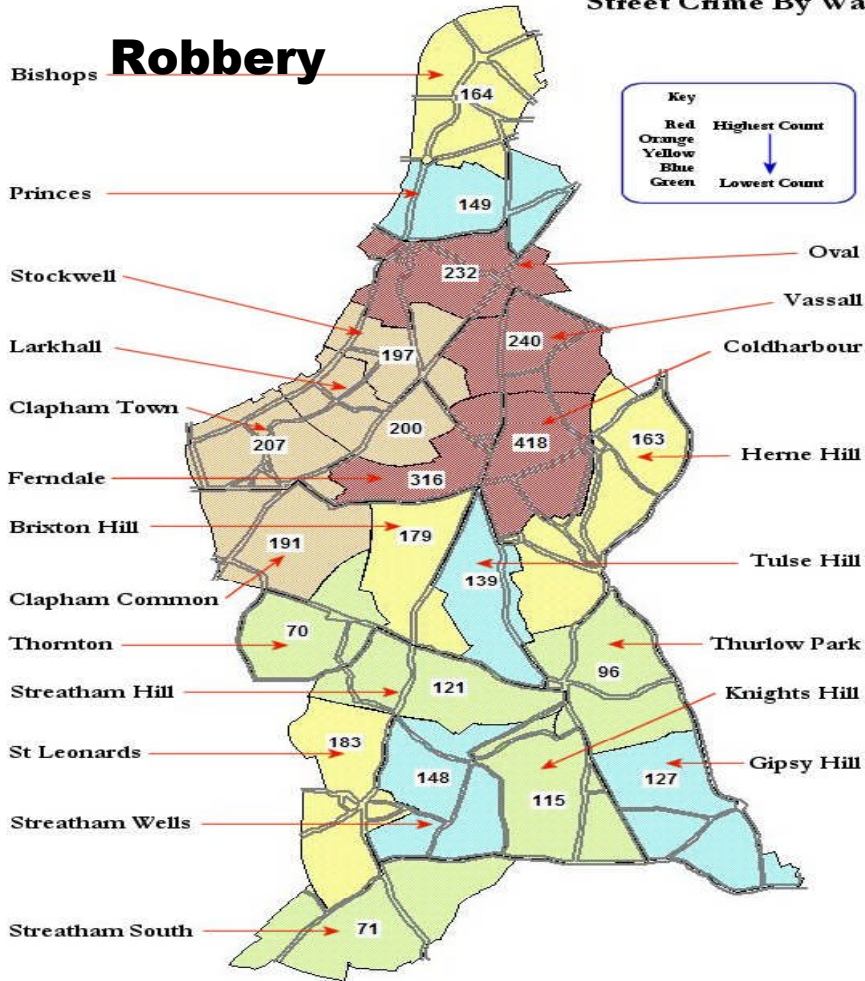
There is concentration in 'hot-spots', for calls and Stop-Searches



And this is seen, to a degree, at Ward level

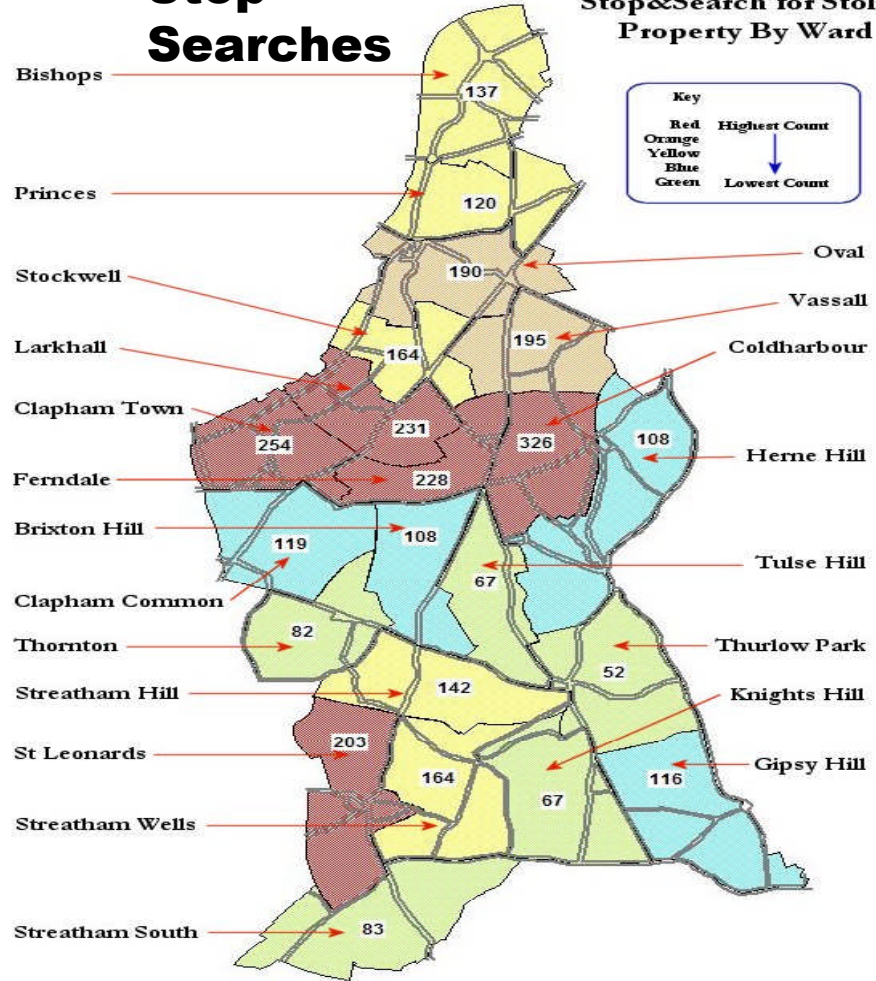
Reported Robbery

Lambeth Map Showing Street Crime By Ward

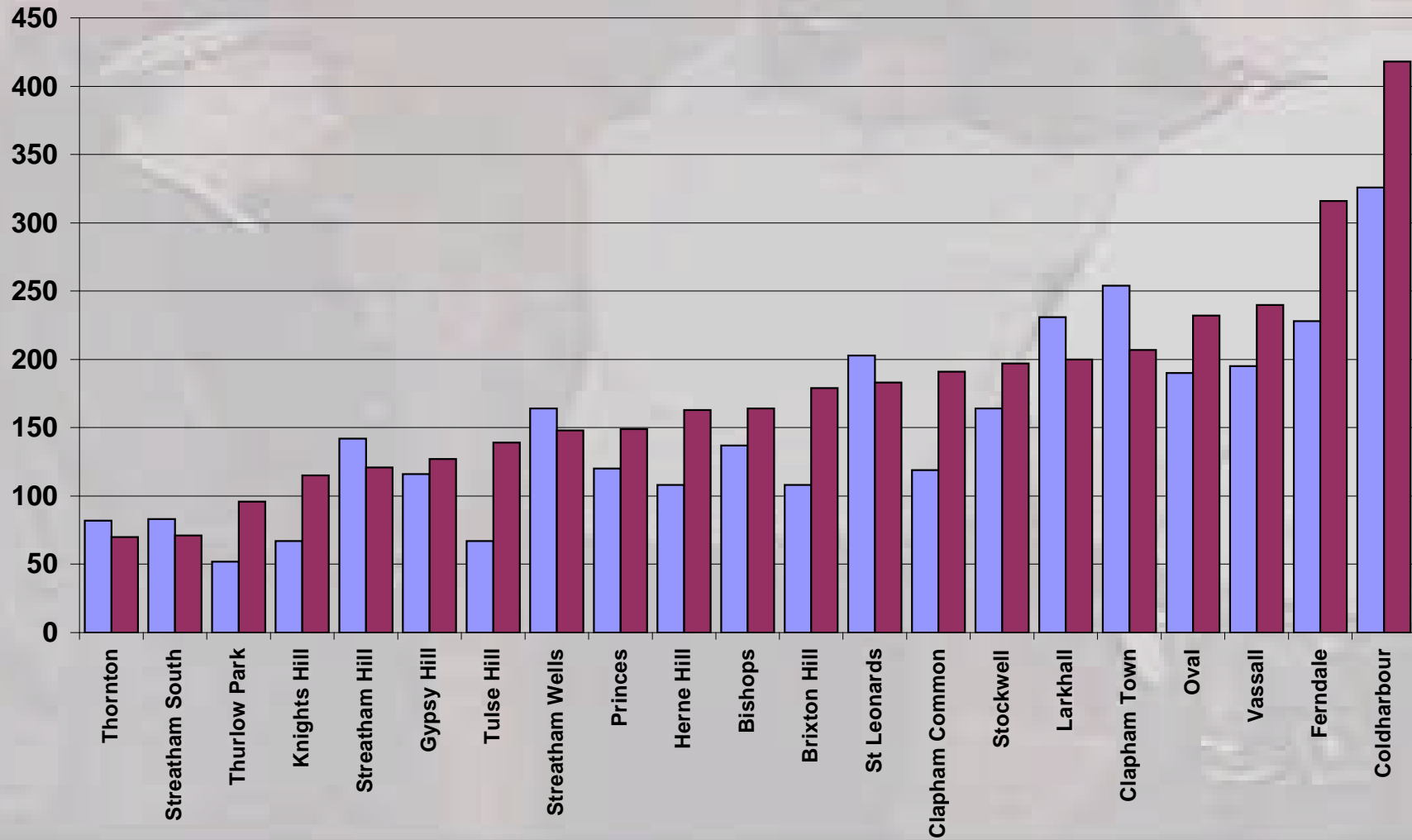


Stop - Searches

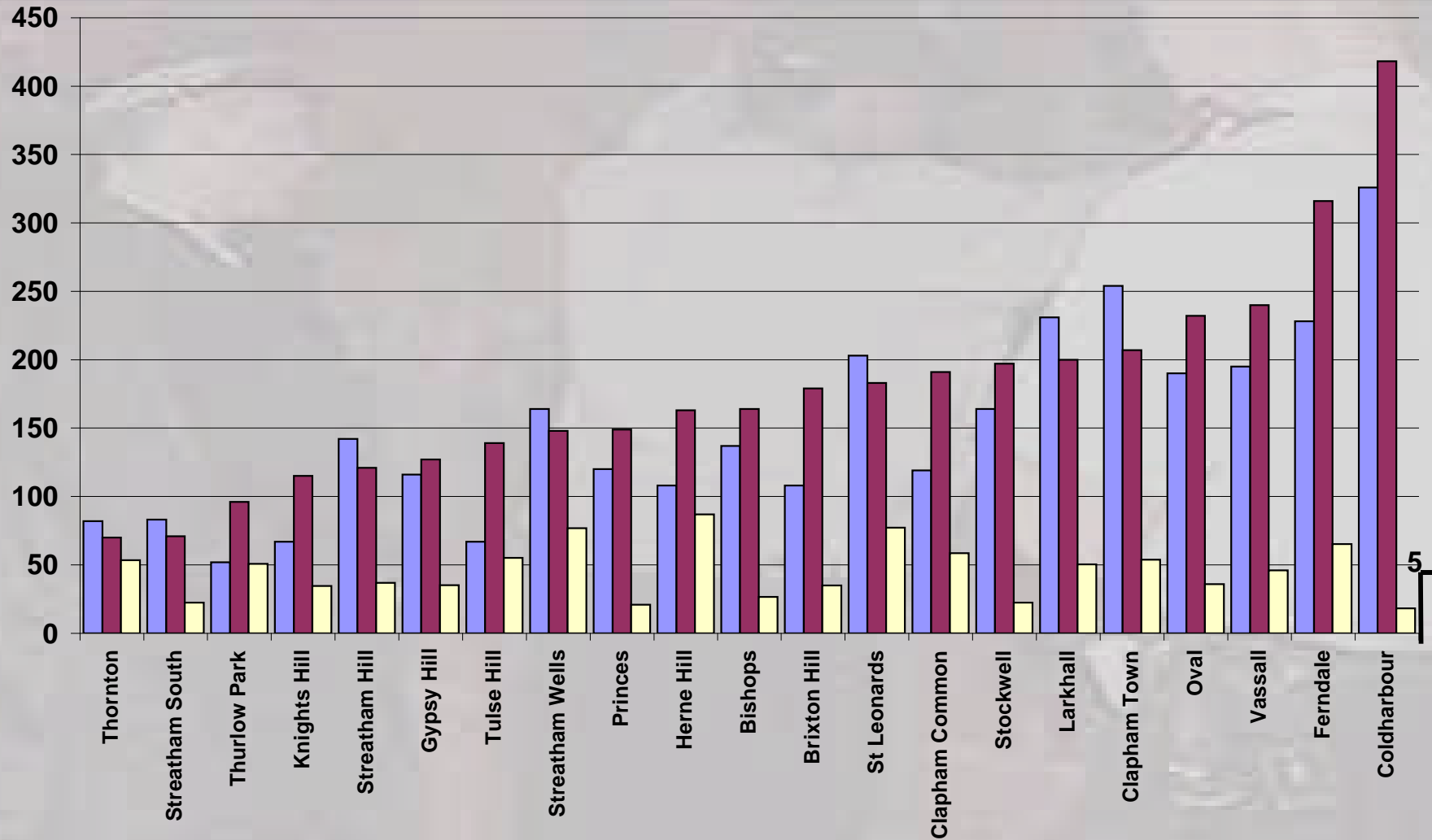
Lambeth Map Showing Stop & Search for Stolen Property By Ward



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



But disproportionality is lowest in the highest robbery ward



Unlike drugs, we can examine disproportionality in reported suspects

IC Code

Of Robbery
Stop and
Searches

Of Robbery
Suspects

White

34%

13%

Black

62%

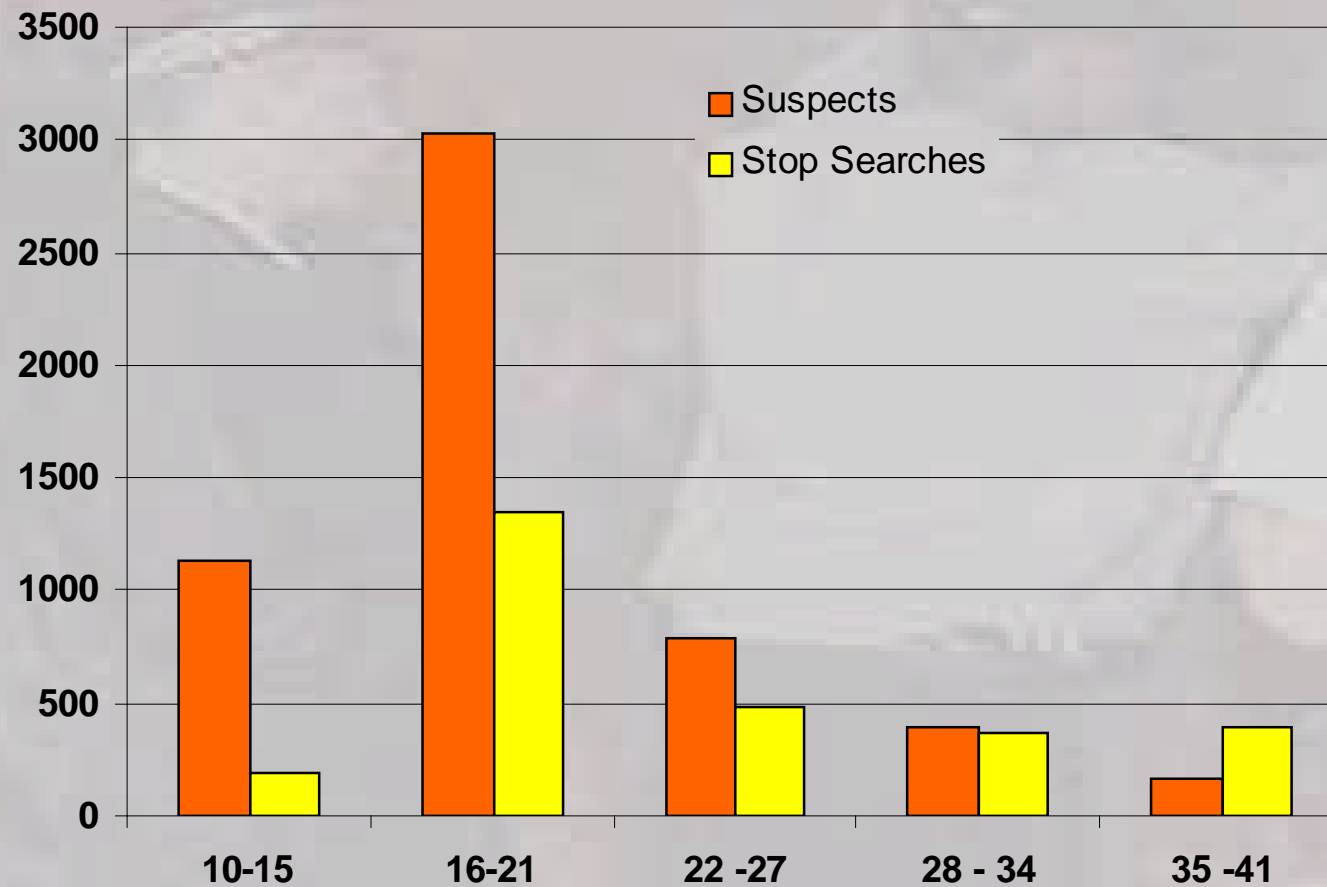
80%

Other

3%

1%

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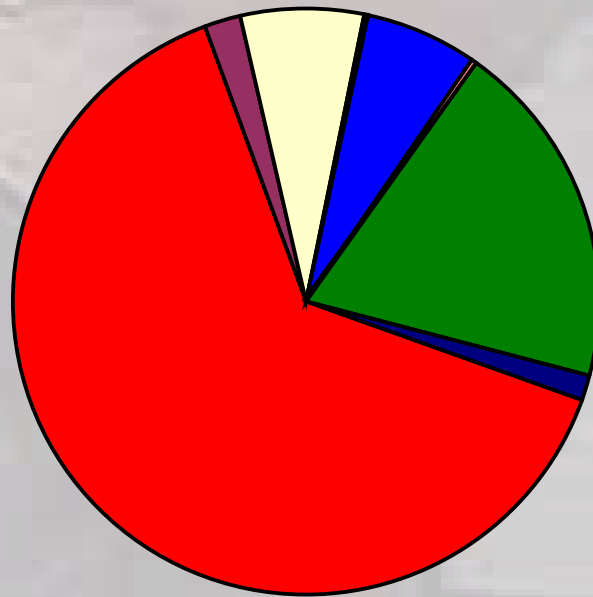


But.....

- Whilst youth and ethnicity clearly feature in victims' reports, the low arrest rate says *in themselves* they are not telling intelligence

Ongoing position

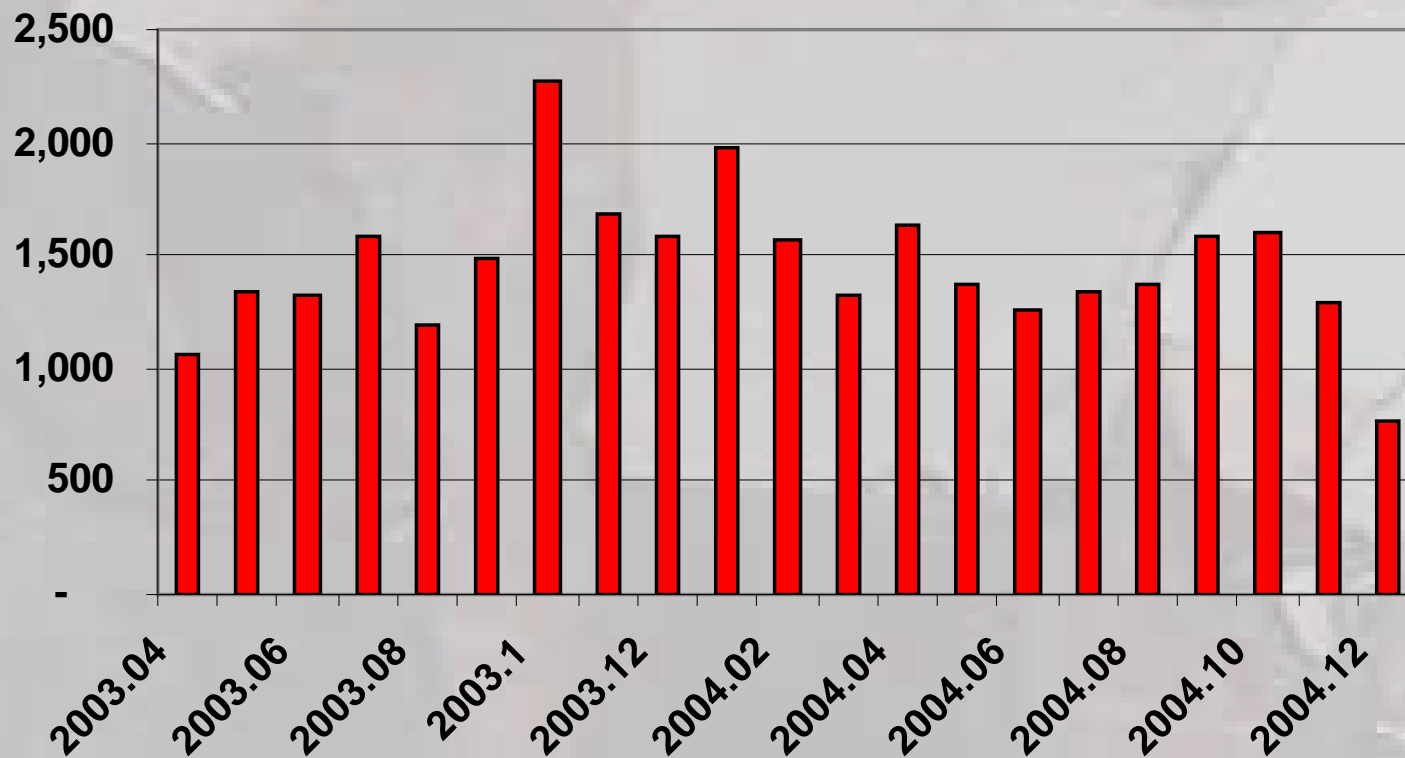
Mix of Stops and Searches remains little changed



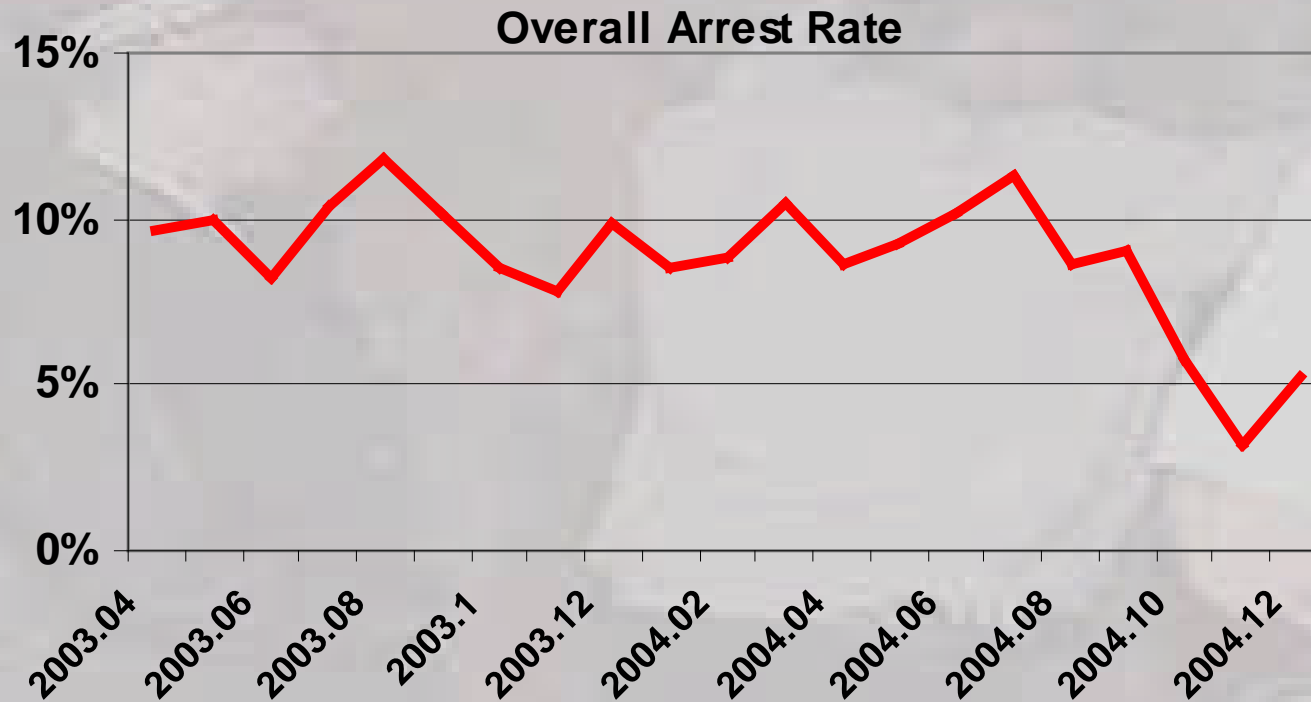
- Drugs
- Firearms
- Going Equipped
- Off Weaps (Schools)
- Offensive Weapons
- Other Power
- RTA
- Stolen Property
- Terrorism

There was a marked decline in numbers stopped in the last quarter of 2004

Stop-Searches By Month

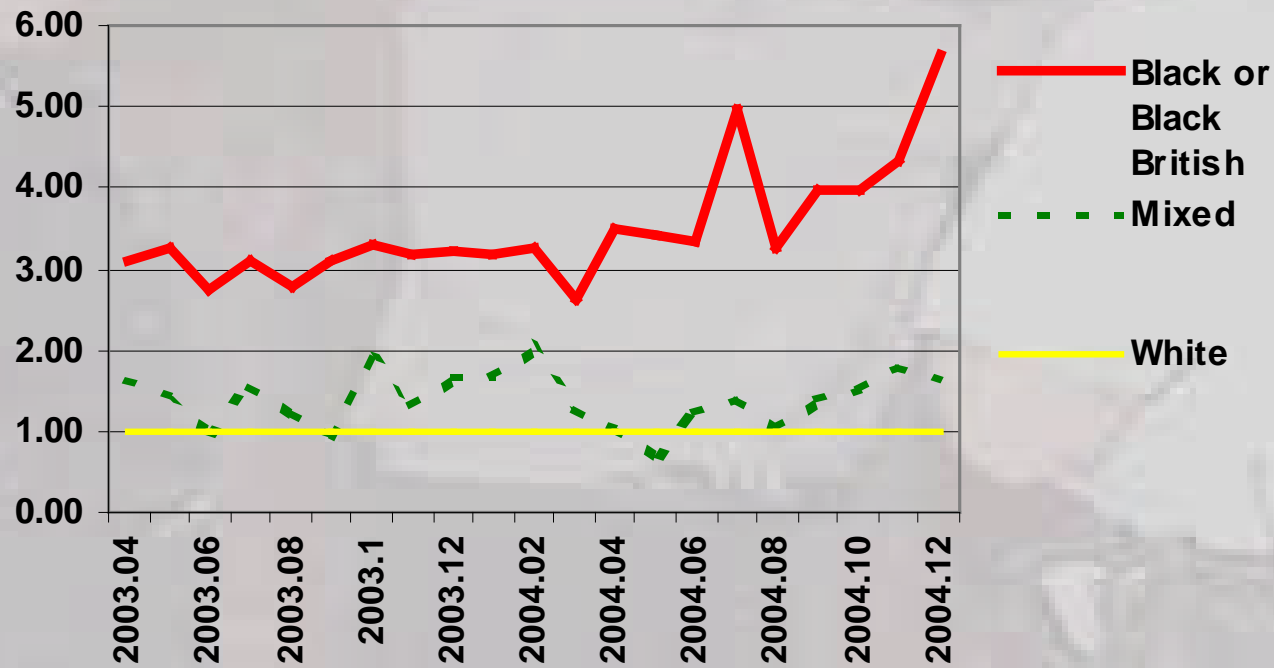


With a sharp, and yet to be explained, fall in arrest rate



Disproportionality rose

Relative Likelihood of Being Stopped



Causes?

- This effect was replicated across London
- It may be an effect associated with the introduction of 'Stop and Account'
- The lower numbers stopped meant that the numbers stopped, but not arrested, remained broadly stable
- Investigations are underway.

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?



Organisational response

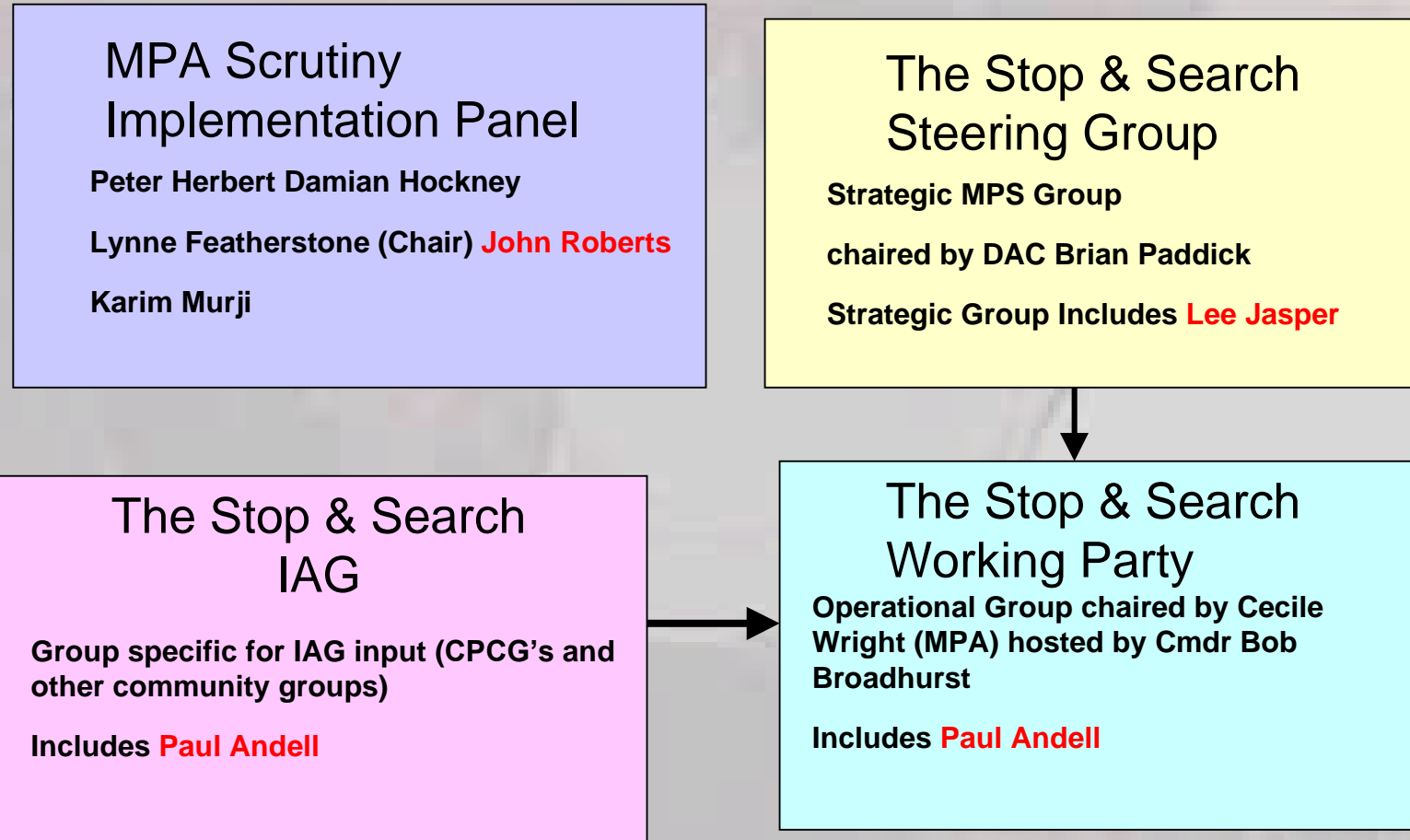
3 New Local training initiatives

- **Probationer training with Lambeth Youth Council when joining division**
- **Stop & Search video locally produced by the Lambeth youth council (Met wide version to follow soon)**
- **Local training package detailing the work this group has done and giving feedback on performance and community concerns**

Stop & Search Third Party Feedback

- neutral locations across the borough where people who have been stopped and searched can
 - feedback their views,
 - discuss their experiences, and
 - take part in mediation.
- This will not replace or preclude making a formal complaint but will be an avenue for expression and an opportunity to monitor the quality of stop and search practice.
- Organisations are being recruited currently
- Cf Westminster's questionnaires or Richmond's SMS texts

London wide groups



National Home Office Action Team

- **Includes Lambeth Youth Council**
- **Have produced a draft Stop and Search manual**
- **Lambeth CPCG sub-Group have input comments**

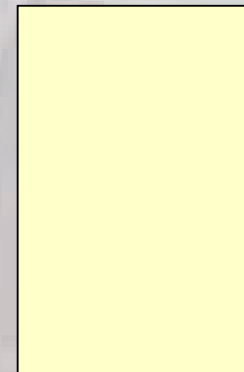
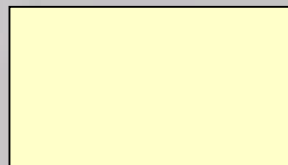
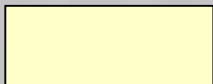
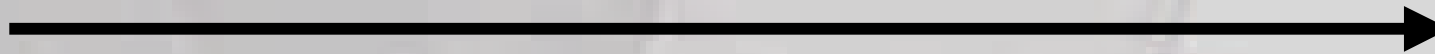
Rec 61: Stop and Account

Stop and ?: A continuum of options

Stop
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Chat

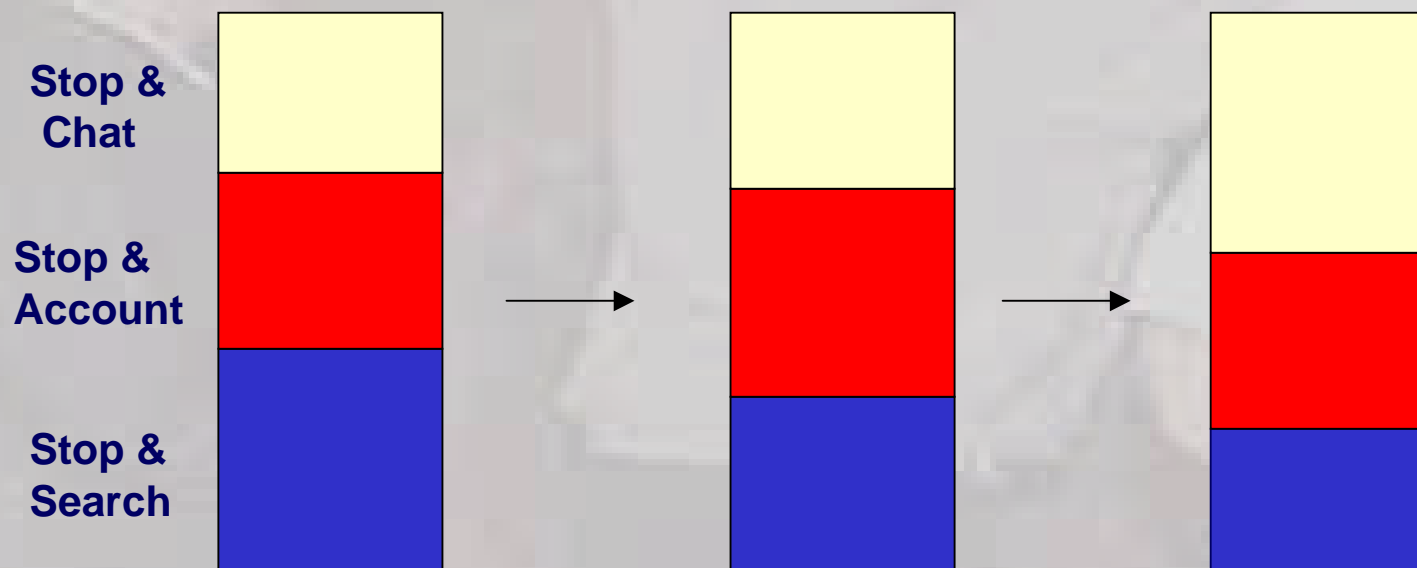
Stop
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Potential
to damage
community
trust

Changing the mix of interactions



CPCG Monitoring Group:Next Steps

- Write up report in next quarter
- Fully implement third party feedback trial
- Ongoing quarterly reporting