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Statistical News Release: Police Powers and Procedures England and Wales 2010/11

Figures were published today on a range of police powers and procedures. The National Statistics release contains figures on Arrests and Detentions, Stops and Searches, Fixed Penalty Notices and Breath Tests.

These statistics show that:

- There were 1,360,451 persons **arrested** by the police for recorded crimes in 2010/11, down two per cent on 2009/10. The number of recorded crimes decreased by four per cent over the same period.
- The police **stopped and searched** 1,222,378 persons and/or vehicles under section 1 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) in 2010/11, four per cent more than in 2009/10. Resultant arrests rose by six per cent. Stops and searches on suspicion of drugs accounted for 50 per cent of the overall total.
- They also made 60,963 stops and searches in anticipation of violence (under section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994), down 49 per cent on 2009/10. The police also made 11,792 stops and searches in order to prevent acts of terrorism (under section 44 of the Terrorism Act 2000), down 89 per cent on 2009/10. This decrease coincides with the repeal of section 44 and the introduction of its replacement, section 47A.
- The police (and traffic wardens) issued 1.8 million **fixed penalty notices** for motoring offences in 2010, down ten per cent on 2009. Speed limit offences accounted for over half of them.
- The police carried out 733,088 screening **breath tests** during 2010, ten per cent fewer than in 2009. The number of positive or refused tests also fell by ten per cent, accounting for 11 per cent of the total.

The statistical release, 'Police Powers and Procedures England and Wales 2010/11' contains statistics at police force area level, with analyses by age and gender. There is also a limited analysis of arrests and stops and searches by ethnicity of those arrested or stopped. A more comprehensive analysis is published by the Ministry of Justice, in 'Statistics on Race and the Criminal Justice System'.

Notes to editors

'Police Powers and Procedures England and Wales 2010/11' is available online via the UK Statistics Authority website as well as the Home Office website at the following link:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/police-research/police-powers-procedures-201011/>