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## Statistical News Release

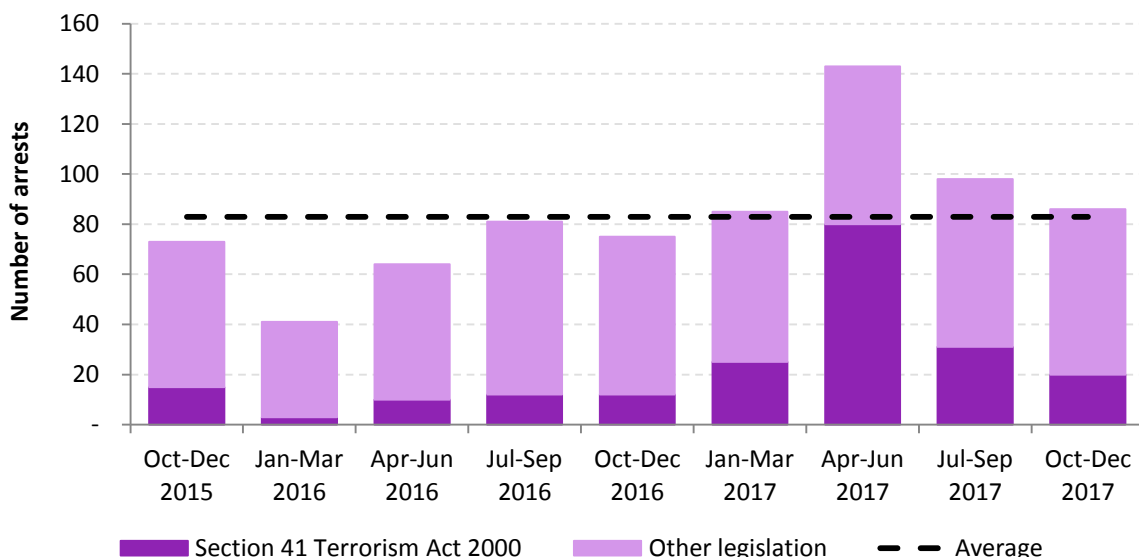
### Operation of police powers under the Terrorism Act 2000 and subsequent legislation: Arrests, outcomes, and stop and search, Great Britain, quarterly update to 31 December 2017

This statistical release brings together information on terrorism arrests and outcomes, court proceedings, prison populations, stop and search, and port examinations.

#### Terrorism arrests and outcomes<sup>1</sup>

There has been a 58% increase in the number of arrests for terrorism-related offences in the year ending December 2017 compared with the previous year (from 261 to 412 arrests). This is the highest number of arrests in a year since the data collection began. The increase in the latest year is partly due to a large number of arrests being made following terrorist attacks in London and Manchester. In the year to December 2017, 12 arrests were made in connection with the terrorist attack on Westminster Bridge and Westminster Palace (22 March), 23 arrests were made in connection with the terrorist attack in Manchester (22 May 2017), 21 arrests in connection with the London Bridge attack (3 June 2017), 1 arrest in connection with the Finsbury Park Mosque attack (19 June 2017) and 7 arrests in connection with the Parsons Green attack (15 September 2017).

**Figure 1: Arrests for terrorism-related offences, by legislation, 9 quarters to December 2017, Great Britain<sup>1,2</sup>**



Source: NCTPOC (see data tables [QA.01](#))

#### Notes:

1. 'Other legislation' includes arrests under non-terrorism legislation, such as the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984.
2. Includes arrests that are considered by the NCTPOC to be terrorism-related, either at the time of arrest, or at a subsequent point in the investigation. In some cases, a link to terrorism may not be substantiated, but the arrests will be recorded in these statistics.

<sup>1</sup> Arrests and outcomes data are correct as at 15 January 2017, the date of data provision to the Home Office.

## **Court proceedings**

In the year ending December 2017, 86 trials were completed by the Crown Prosecution Service Counter Terrorism Division (CPS CTD) for terrorism-related offences, an increase of 39% from the 62 trials completed in the previous year. Of the 86 persons proceeded against in the year ending December 2017, 77 (90%) were convicted.

## **Terrorist prisoners**

The number of persons in custody for terrorism-related offences has been rising. As at 31 December 2017, there were 224 persons in custody in Great Britain for terrorism-related offences, an increase of 24% on the 181 persons in custody as at 31 December 2016. Of those in custody for terrorism-related offences, 166 (74%) were convicted. 192 (86%) of those in custody held Islamic extremist views, whilst 21 (9%) held far right-wing ideologies.

## **Other police powers under the Terrorism Act 2000**

In the year ending December 2017, the Metropolitan Police Service carried out 767 stops and searches under section 43 of the Terrorism Act 2000, an increase of 59% compared with the 483 stop and searches conducted in the previous year. These resulted in 61 arrests, leading to a decrease in the arrest rate to 8%, down from 9% in the previous year. This was the highest number of s.43 arrests in a calendar year since the data collection began.

Following the attack on Parsons Green, on 15 September 2017, stop and search powers under section 47a of the Terrorism Act 2000 were authorised for the first time in Great Britain since the threshold was raised in 2011. Four forces authorised the use of s47a stop and searches; British Transport Police, North Yorkshire Police, West Yorkshire Police and City of London Police. There were a total of 128 s47a stops, 126 of which were conducted by British Transport Police. These resulted in 4 arrests.

There were 16,349 examinations carried out under Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000 in the year ending December 2017; a fall of 16% compared with the previous year. This continues the recent downward trend in the use of the power. The number of detentions following an examination increased by 10%, from 1,539 in the year ending December 2016, to 1,700 in the latest year.

## **Notes to editors**

The report is available online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/operation-of-police-powers-under-the-terrorism-act-2000-quarterly-update-to-december-2017>

The next quarterly release is due to be published in June 2018. The information published in these statistics is kept under review, taking into account the needs of users, and burdens on suppliers and producers. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact the team at: [CrimeAndPoliceStats@homeoffice.qsi.gov.uk](mailto:CrimeAndPoliceStats@homeoffice.qsi.gov.uk).

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