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**Activity: Research
Crime in your area**

Learning objective

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- analyse the distribution of recorded crimes and stop and search in your local areas.

A. Working with a partner, use the link below to search for crime in each of your local postcode areas.

<https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/>

What crimes, and how many of each, have been committed in your two areas in the last month?

Compare the two areas and note down similarities and differences.

Click on the crimes and find out the status of the investigation. For example, have the offenders been caught? Are there any differences between the two areas?

Now look at stop and search in your two areas. Find five stop and searches for each area and note the following:

- a. Object of search
- b. Age
- c. Gender
- d. Ethnicity

Compare the data for the two areas. Are there any similarities?

B. From the data you have gathered on the two areas, write a brief summary of the findings. How successful are the police in your two areas? What crimes are the police looking for with stop and search and are they successful?