

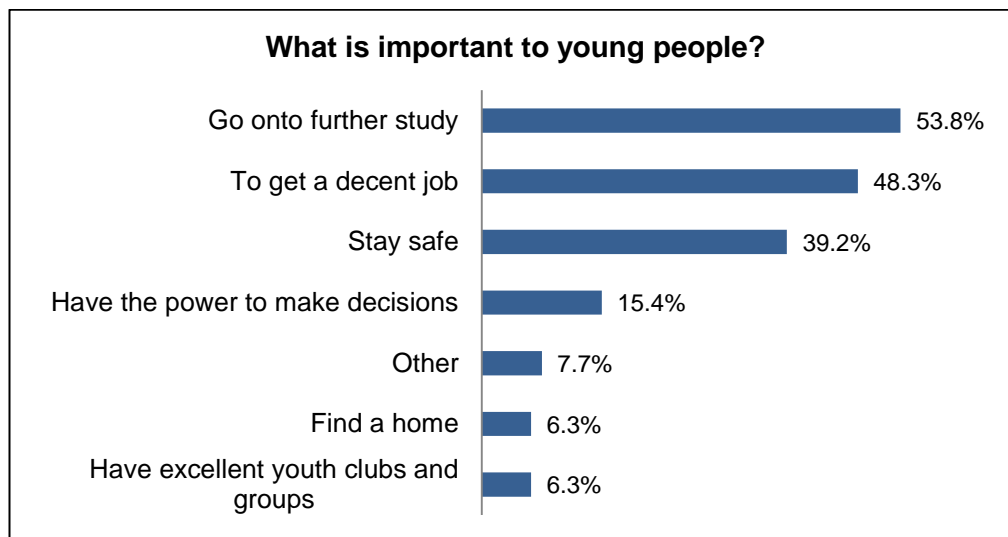
Tell us what you think! Islington Youth Council survey 2013

Results: Questions relating to crime, safety and stop and search

This note summarises the results of the Youth Council's 2013 survey of young people in the borough in relation to the questions about crime, safety and stop and search. It does not cover questions relating to other issues.

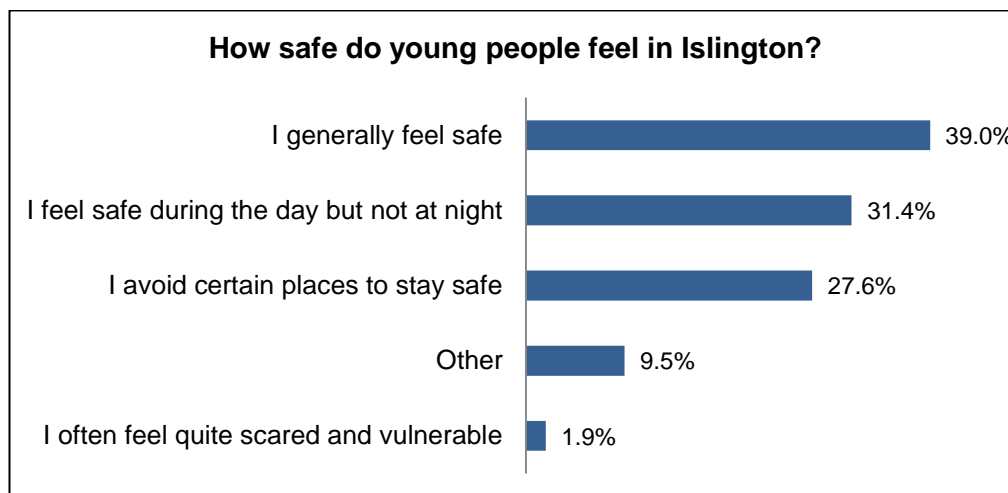
Q3. What's most important to you at this moment in time – choose up to two:

The ability to 'stay safe' was the third most important issue for young people (39.2%) after 'go onto further study' (53.8%) and 'to get a decent job' (48.3%).



Q24. Which sentence best describes how safe you feel in Islington?

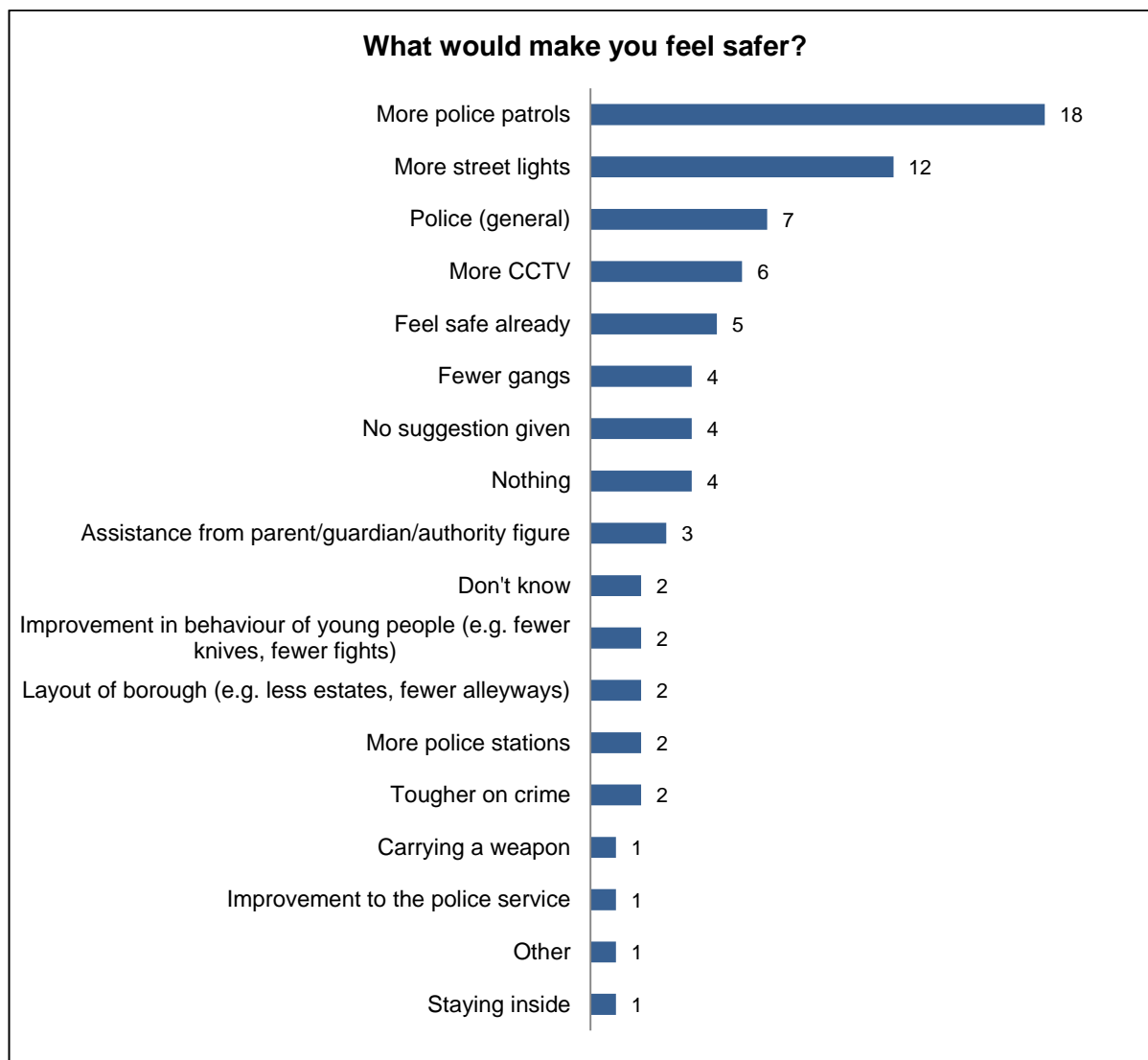
Just over a third of young people feel safe in Islington (39.0%) but just under a third of young people only feel safe in the day time (31.4%). Over a quarter of young people say that they avoid certain places in order to stay safe (27.6%).



Q25. What would make you feel safer?

Young people were given the chance to enter free text to explain what would make them feel safer. There were 67 responses with 77 suggestions.

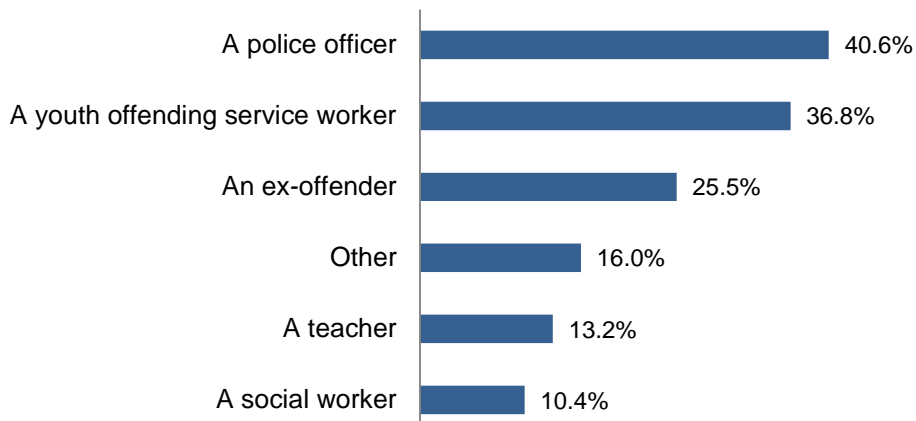
The most common answer was 'more police on patrol' (23.4%), followed by 'more street lights' (15.6%) and 'police' in general (9.1%). Answers relating to the police making young people feel safer accounted for over a third of all suggestions given (36.4%).



Q26. Who do you think are the best people to talk to young people about crime and safety?

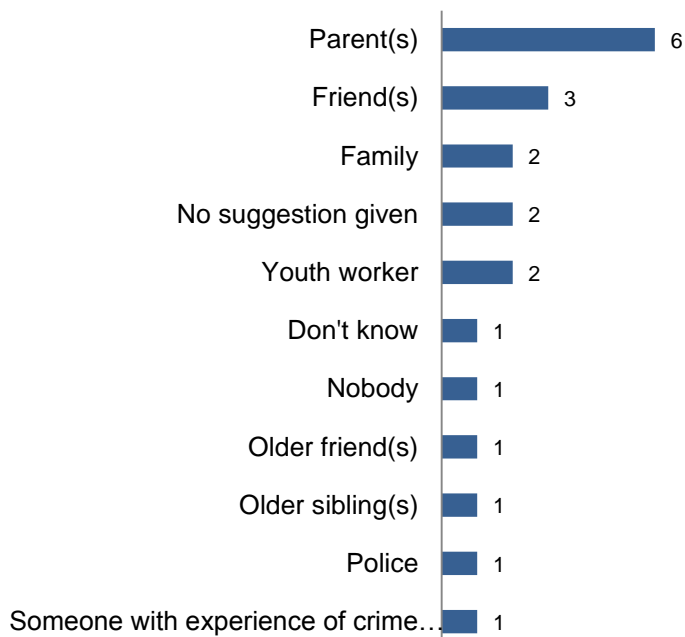
The top preference for who should engage with young people about crime and safety was 'a police officer' (40.6%). This was followed by 'a YOS worker' in second place (36.8%) and 'an ex-offender' in third place (25.5%).

Who is best to talk to young people about crime and safety?



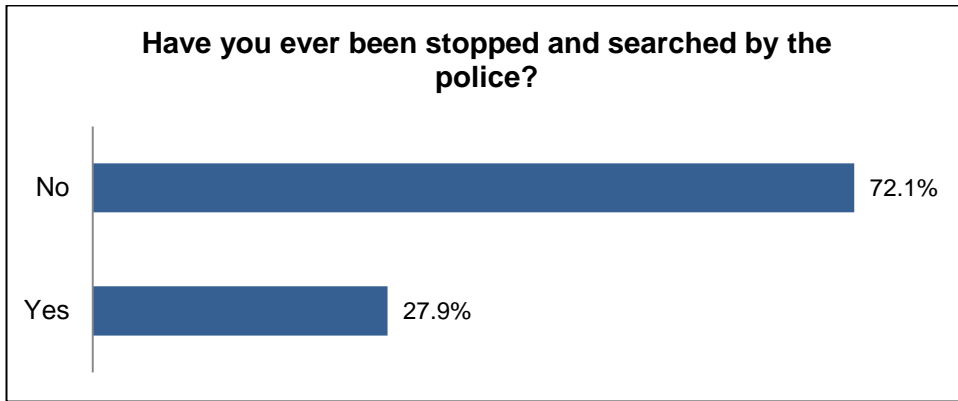
Of those young people that selected the 'other category', there were 17 responses with 21 suggestions. The most popular suggestion was 'parents' (28.6%).

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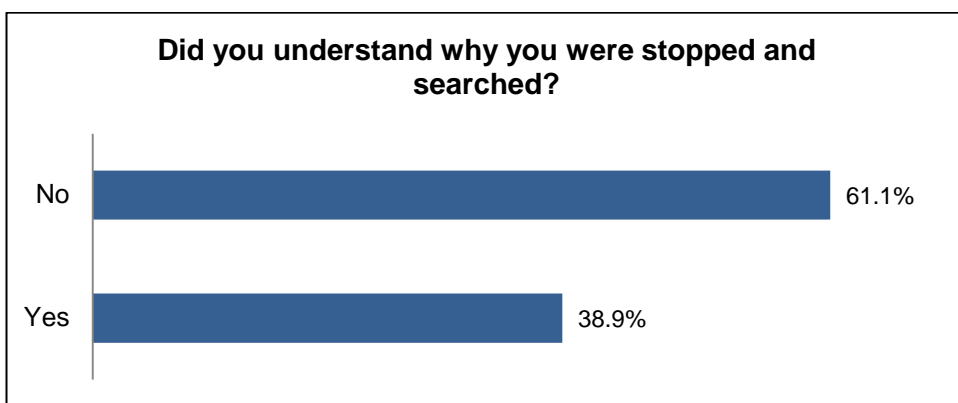


Q27. Have you ever been stopped and searched?

Nearly three quarters of young people said that they had not been stopped and searched before (72.1%).

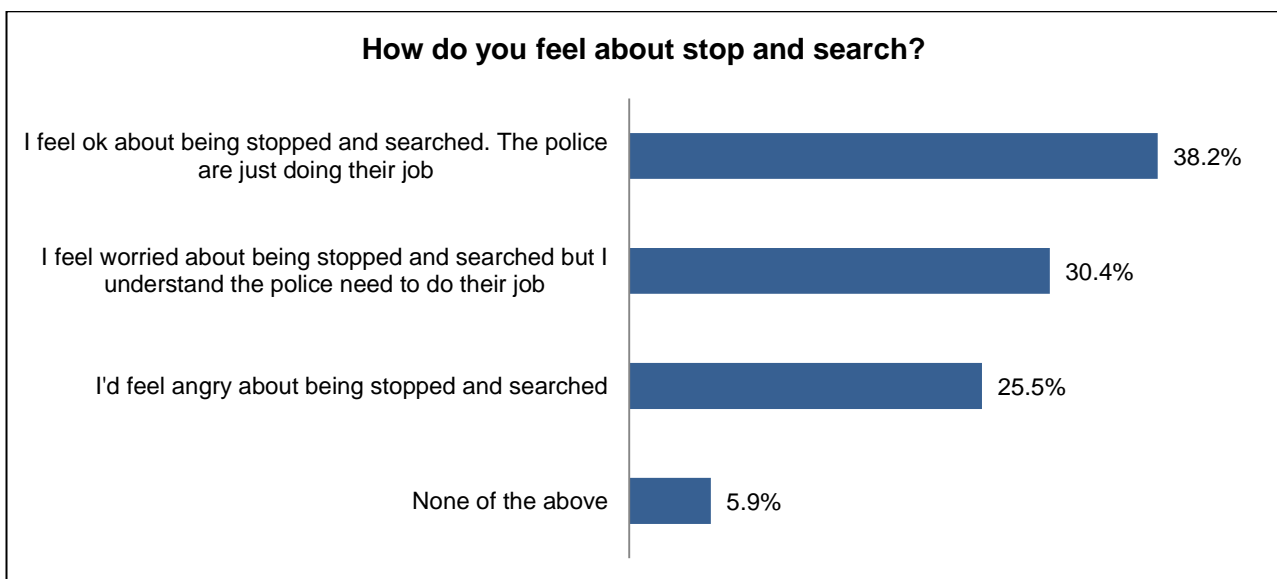


Of the young people that stated that they **had** been stopped and searched, only just over a third said that they understood **why** that stop and search had happened (38.9%).



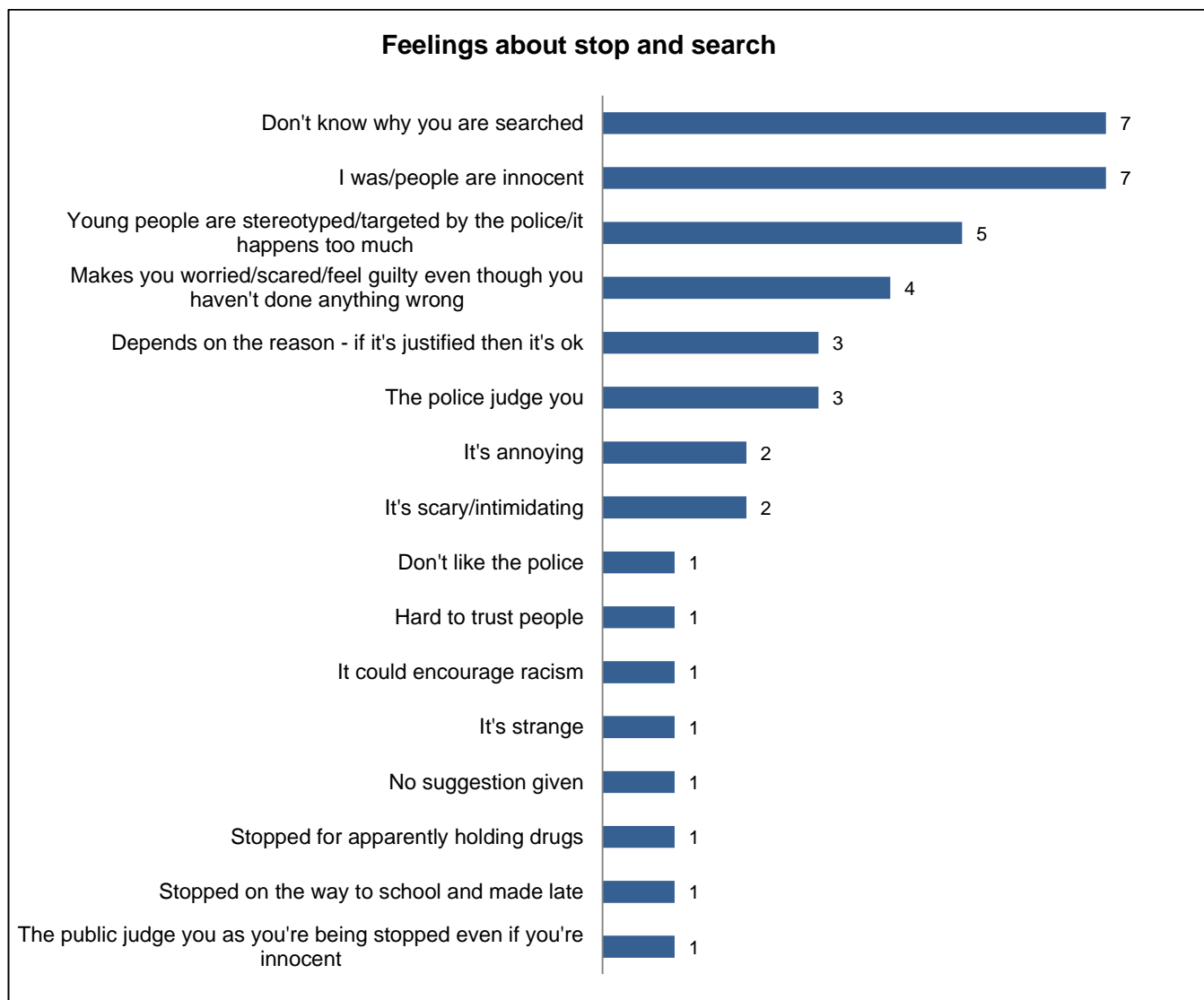
Q29. How do you feel about stop and search: which statement do you most agree with?

A quarter of young people said that they would feel angry about being stopped and searched (25.5%) but over half of the respondents said that they understood that the police had to do their job (68.6%).



Young people who said that they would feel angry about being stopped and searched or who chose the 'none of the above' category were then given the chance to enter free text to explain their answers. There were 34 responses with 41 stated feelings about stop and search.

Of the 15 categories of opinion given about stop and search, 13 were negative. The most common feelings towards stop and search was that young people didn't know why they were stopped and searched (17.1%) and that the individual or young people in general are innocent when they are stopped and searched (17.1%).

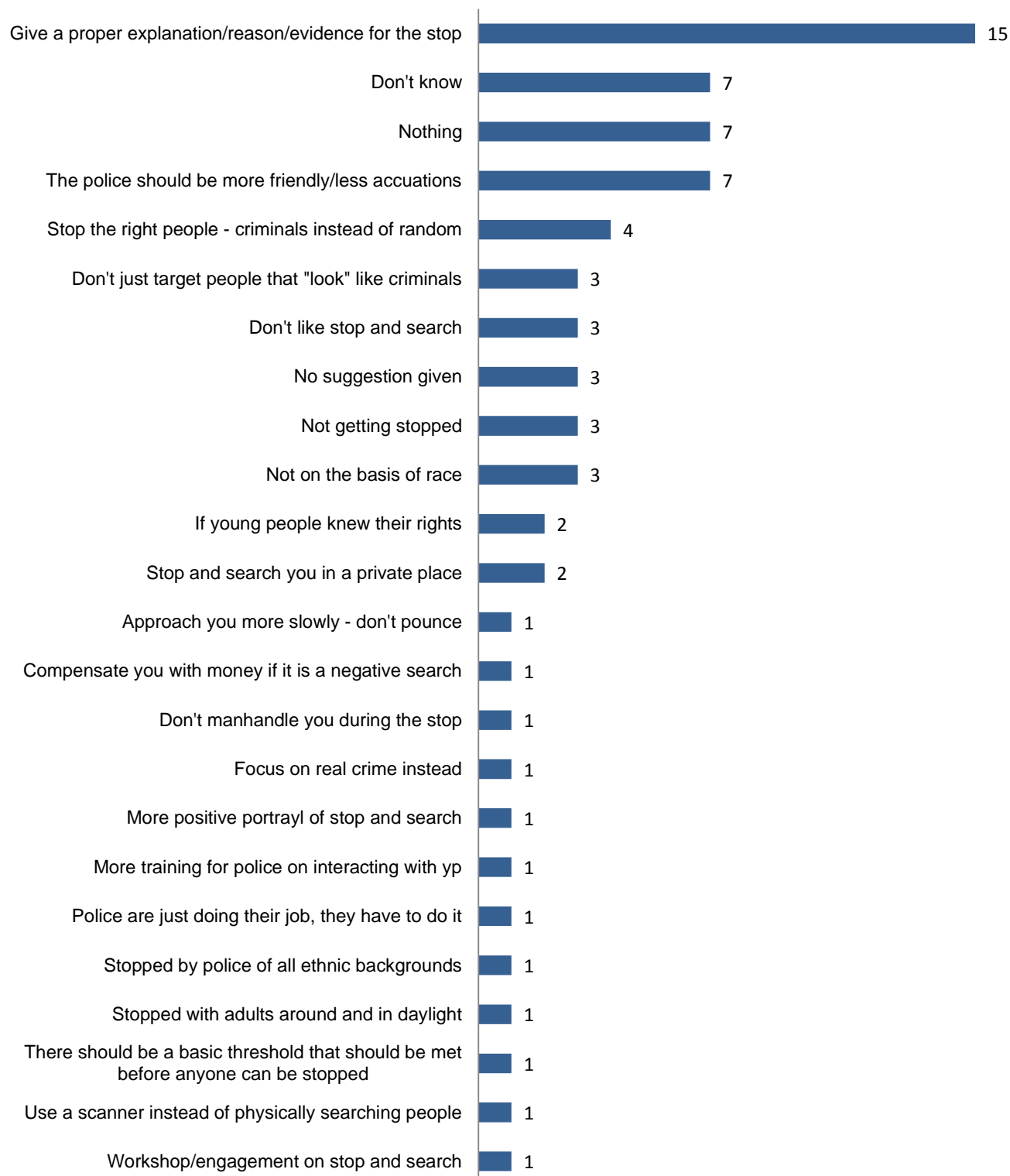


Q30. What would make you feel better about the idea of stop and search?

Young people were given the opportunity to enter free text with suggestions about what would make them feel better about the stop and search. There were 66 responses with 71 suggestions.

The most popular suggestion was to make sure that the police gave proper reasons and explanations for the stop and search (21.4%). A further 9.9% said that the police should be more friendly and less accusatory.

What would make you feel better about stop and search?



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