**Stop & Search/ Use of Force Meeting**

**Notes of meeting held on Tuesday 19th July 2022**

**Chairperson:**

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| Chester Morrison (CM) |

**Present:**

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| Sergeant Sarah Smyth (SS) |
| Kal Khan (KK) |
| Georgie Hancock (GH) |
| Neil Hubbins (NH) |
| Liana Dacres (LD) |
| Gloria Smith (GS) |
| Shahzadi Malik (SM) |

**Apologies:**

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| Natalia Lipiec (NL) |
| Michael Hough (MH) |

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| **1)** | **Opening Remarks | Overview of Crime:**   * CM opens meeting and collects apologies for members not able to attend. Group gave their introductions. GS apologised for missing the previous meeting due to a funeral. * SS queries CM on how actions are to be updated in future. CM would like these included in the report. * SS raises Item 3 updates regarding youth stabbings and a suspicious death on Sunday. Updates are given about how police demand increases in the summer and knife point robberies have been hugely reduced, though this may have been displaced to other areas. * SS speaks about 1,500 police officers being used in the Common Wealth Games and that catalytic converter theft has increased. * SS presents the overview of crime presentation; explaining graphs and categories and explains how we’re victim lead on our crime recording. * CM found this helpful, queries victim lead recording. SS explains proportionate responses / investigation. * GS queries high amounts of stalking listed on the presentation, SS explains this is because it categorises stalking and harassment together so the figure appears higher culminative. |
| **2)**  **SS – A**  **SS – A** | **Stop and Search Overview:**   * Selections are made from the list of stop and search documents, group is happy with what they’re shown. * Regarding Pg. 3 No. 3 KK and SS discuss Code G, Divert being used for drug related offenses. GS queried whether this will result in a criminal record. SS explains that yes, given the amount which comes to (possession with intent to supply) PWITS means that Divert isn’t sometimes suitable and should be resolved in a different way. * SS explains Servitor tactics and how they can result in searches. * CM queries retrospective. SS explains it may not be practicable due to device issues, situations etc. But it is best practice to do the search copy there and then. * Inspector James Tandy is working on mixed/age groups. But needs to wait until after the Common Wealth Games demand has concluded. * SS explains the taser tactic metrics and how taser force is quantified. * N/A doesn’t populate ethnicity statistics and Not Recorded is if there is conflict and data can’t be recorded. * SS concluded the slides. |
| **3)**  **SS – A**  **SS – A** | **Use of Force Overview:**   * SS introduces the PowerPoint. * SS Action to compare reasons that Dudley, Solihull, Walsall are all identical. * Query around Not Stated/ Not Recorded – Dynamic / Not Compliant. |
| **5)** | **Actions coming from meeting:**   * SS (A) Checking officers that complete retroactive S&S reports to see whether they have a history of retroactive search records. * SS (A) to look into black search rate vs positive find amounts * Group (A) to provide contact numbers |
| **6)** | **Any other business:**   * SS discussed whether the may be the opportunity to change date of meeting as the scheduled dates are always rest days for SS. This also means there are no members of her team to help her administrate meetings. There was no persons in support of changing dates of meeting. Advised I would be unable to do minutes moving forward, no volunteers within group to take minutes so advised there would be limited written record of meetings other than by exception. |
| **7)** | **Closing remarks**   * Closing thanks from Sergeant Smyth and the Chair. Actions for the next meeting were discussed and all members thanked for the continued support and participation within the group. |