**Dudley Stop and Search Scrutiny panel**

**Location:** Brierley Hill Police Station

**Date and Time:** 17/05/23

**Apologises:**

Michael Bryan (MB)

Shaz Saleem (SS)

Mariann Bayliss (MB)

**In Attendance**:

Inspector Navdip Sandhu (NS)

Shezè Malik – OPCC(SM)

Danny Evans (DE)

Julie Wilkinson (Chair)

Lewis Wastell (LW)

Dean Stephens (DS)

Eric Mills (EM)

Charlie Whitehead (CW)

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| S | **Item Discussed** | **Actions** |
| 1. | Welcome and introduction done by JW and asked panel if there were any matters they would like to raise in regards to the previous meeting/ minutes or anything else.  New panel members Charlie and Daniel was welcomed by all.  Insp NS shared with the panel the last U.O.F video was not available.  IT issues were a concern.  All other videos selected randomly were available.  Insp NS shared with us a over view of the actions from the panels previous meeting.  This meeting was set to be face to face/hybrid – all members attended the station apart from SS, MB and MB. | Insp NS informed the panel a traffic officer had been asked as a result of a Taser incident to complete the training and qualification.  Chair agreed this was the right action and highlighted the importance of Insp NS giving direct feedback to his team. |
| 2. | UPDATE on stop and search data from 15/03 – 09/05 by Insp Navdip Sandhu | Discussed and updated on performance data including outcome rates and also disproportionately data and total number of searches across the West midlands and Dudley Borough.  A great use of BWV 96.9%.  A discussion was held by the panel regarding the significance of BWV enhancing operations and increasing safety of the officers.  30.1% positive outcome rates.  93.3% of searches met the required standard.  Insp NS explained and gave a brief to the panel and also highlighted targeted patrols.  30.6%knife find rates v 18.9 %.  The chair also highlighted the new policing structure.  Sharing how the service will improve and is less centralised.  Insp NS discussed the ethnicity disproportionately breakdown figures.  0.7 %Asian.  0.9 %Black.  DS commented 70%more likely to be stopped if you are black and 1.3 % more likely v the white population.  The panel reviewed the figures regarding 10-17 years. Knife find rates 18.8 % within this youth group.  The panel agreed the figures are improving in the right direction. |
| 3. | Random selection of U.O.F and Stop and Search record.  UPDATE on Stop and Search data  15/03 to 09/05 by Insp NS.  87.4 % recorded on BWV.  0 Taser incidents in the Dudley Borough.  Insp NS shared performance updates and progress made by his officers  Insp NS confirmed UOF Asian 0.9%  Black 1.9%. | Stop and Search initially selected BWV footage by JW.   1. This was in relation to SG Miles Patterson a ASB incident involving a group of youths. A youth was cuffed using section 1 pace. The youth was detained.   The youths removed their balaclavas and had been acting suspiciously in a high crime area. The youths were 12 to 17 years old.  The officer searched for weapons nothing was found.  During the search the panel agreed the officer had good engagement and the search was justified. A copy of the search record was also offered to the youth.  DS asked if the officer searched the two other youths? Insp NS confirmed the two other youths had not been searched. The panel discussed the next steps and Insp NS informed the panel referrals would be the next step.  and Taser may not have been deployed.  The panel agreed the conversation from the officers involved asking the suspect. Do you want your stop and search reference number? is a direct result of the panel and the clarity expected from officers.   1. The panel scrutinised an incident regarding a pursuit of a vehicle the driver made off on foot. Police officer Jamie Fellows attended. The vehicle was thoroughly searched including checks of the chassis number.   White gloves plus two bags of cannabis and new BMW badges were found.  The officers were certain this vehicle was used for criminality. The panel agreed this was a legitimate search of the vehicle. Positive feedback was given to Insp NS regarding his team.    Video 1 – involved a new officer. A man with a history of mental health issues was holding his mother in a room. The suspect had a broken bottle in his hand. Two officers attended with the Ambulance to follow. A taser was drawn and the suspect restrained and cuffed. The incident was volatile and tense as the suspect was very confused. The officers completed a pat down whilst reassuring the suspect that help would be available to him.  The suspect had serious mental health issues.  The panel agreed the U.O.F was fair, necessary and justified.  The panel discussed the rise of mental health issues within the community.  Insp NS confirmed with the panel this would be a referral his G.P out reach workers.  The chair also highlighted the importance of social workers follow up with families within the community.  Video 2 - involved a UOF incident outside of a coop.The suspect was seen to act suspiciously he was cuffed and detained.  The location is a hot spot and the young suspects smelt of drugs whilst trying to conceal a grinder.The officer searched under the misuse of drugs act section 23.  The officer confirmed the type of search.  The officers cuffed him then called for a van .Whilst the suspect was in the van he proceeded to cut his face.Insp NS confirmed a small knife had not been re moved from him as a consequence a spitting mask was put in place and 8 officers were supporting once in custody.  DS commented the search was not thorough and the result was the pocket knife was not found.  The panel agreed the UOF was justified initially however questions were raised regarding the lack of thorough search including the suspects back pack.  Insp NS shared details of the equipment used...its a spit guard and the panel agreed this was appropriate at the time.  The panel agreed the officers need to reflect and learn from this incident.  Insp NS has some clear actions and feedback for his officers regarding this UOF incident.  Insp NS confirmed the officers were careful not to cause injury in terms of liability. |
|  |  | Panel thanked Insp NS for his clarity and step by step feedback on his teams work.  It was agreed that UOF Taser would be automatically scrutinised by the panel. |
| 6. | Action noted from discussions for update at next panel | Also the importance of positive feedback to officers from this meetings slides.  Insp NS to feedback to his team.  Insp NS and the panel agreed this was a productive meeting and the next meeting dates have been confirmed.  Minutes and reminders will be shared in a timely manner. |
| 7. | AOB /Notes | JW thanked the panel and new members for their contribution .  It was agreed that face to face meetings going forward are of the highest importance |
| 8. | Date and location of next panel | Dates for 2023 have been confirmed to the panel .The next meeting is scheduled for 20/09/23 .  At Brierley Hill Police Station . |