**Dudley Stop and Search Scrutiny panel**

**Location:** Brierley Hill Police Station.

**Date and Time:** 13/05/24

**Apologies:**

**Shehzadi Malik OPCC (SM)**

Lewis Wastell (LW)

Leon Fletcher (LF)

**In Attendance**:

Inspector Sarah Smythe (SS)

Danny Evans (DE)

Julie Wilkinson (Chair)

Marianne Bayliss (MB)

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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.  Insp SS shared with the panel updated figures from 17/03/24 to 17/05/24 and information regarding her teams pro active work in relation to the use of force.  This meeting was set to be face to face – all members attended the station . | No matters to raise and happy with last session minutes. |
| 2. | UPDATE on stop and search data from 17/03 – 17/05 by Insp Sarah Smythe. | Discussed and updated on performance data including outcome rates, disproportionality data and total number of searches.  Insp SS explained and gave brief around the data slides to the panel Also highlighted around Impact areas.  A discussion was held around compliance handcuffing.  JW asked Q around use of cuffs and when do officers go into first aid mode. Insp SS explained around the focus of safe guarding. Dynamic risk assessments are completed every day. The panel were in agreement with this action. |
| 3. | Random selection of stop and search records  Feedback from the panel was relayed to Insp SS using the Interpersonal circle. | Stop and Search initially selected BWV footages by JW.   1. This was in relation to a vehicle that failed to stop. Officers activated lights and sirens . The occupant was evasive and obstructive. There was a strong smell of cannabis. The vehicle was searched and a drug arrest was made. The panel agreed the search was justified and completed in a confident assertive manner. 2. No BWV footage .Insp SS explained the key areas , this was a Pace 1 offensive weapon involving a female offender at a party intoxicated with threatening behaviour .Handcuffs were applied.   Insp SS gave no clear explanation as to the reason why the BWV was not available at this time.JW accepted this and the panel agreed to move on swiftly to the next video.   1. Police had the call to state that local residents had shared information regarding youths drug dealing in the park between 6:00pm and 8:00pm.The youths aged from 10 to 17 years were spotted on a park bench. The officers matched them to the description given. A section 23 search was conducted on three Asian youths. The officers were non judgmental and supportive . The panel agreed the search was fair and justified the communication of the officers was good. 2. This was a misuse of drugs act incident. Where a vehicle was seen in a high impact area .The vehicle was stopped and searched. The driver was matching a description. The suspect was cuffed and a small amount of cocaine was seized.   Insp SS explained there was no audio available for video 4 footage.  Insp SS explained to the panel in regard to U.O.F ratios and shared with the panel the data.  The panel held a discussion around the % increase regarding 3.2% black UOF ratio.  Insp SS explained to the panel regarding a new slide added the gender break down and age of subject data. The panel found the information very informative.  JW suggested this information be included going forward .  JW also confirmed the importance of prioritising taser incidents. |
| 4. | UPDATE on Use of Force data from 17/03 – 17/05 by Insp Sarah Smythe | Snapshot of UoF Force data and DY.  Taser Tactics explained and stated that red dot is main tactic used – compliance without Force being used |
| 5 | Random selection of Use of Force records | * Use of Force information a example of why a s60 would be put in place highlighting that s60 are for weapons and violence as well explaining the process and authorisation.   Video viewed:  A call for service at Dudley town centre.  A female was abusive to a security guard she was cuffed and taken to the ground after assaulting a officer.  The panel agreed the UOF was justified and appropriate. The panel did suggest to Insp SS that more communication was needed.  Insp SS explained in detail the outcome regarding the suspect .    Panel questioned the uof and taser disproportionately and a discussion was held around this. |
| 6. | Action noted from discussions for update at next panel | Also the importance of positive feedback to the officers. |
| 7. | AOB /Notes | SS agreed with JW the importance of encouraging new members to the panel. |
| 8. | Date and location of next panel | JW advised dates TBC.  Brierley Hill Police Station /St James .  Agreed Thursday 4:00pm starts are suitable. |