**Sandwell Stop and Search Scrutiny panel**

**Location:** West Bromwich Police Station

**Date and Time:** 10/07/2024

**Apologises:**

Darnish Amraz

Sarabjit Gakhal

Nico Singh-Bailey

Lisa Hill

**In Attendance**:

WMP Force Rep

Sgt Jennifer Griffin (JG)

PC Leon Mittoo (LM)

OPCC Rep

Natalie Cox (NC)

Panel Members

Deep Sandhu **Chair**(DS)

Peter Hoare **Vice-Chair**(PH)

Harjinder Rai

Louise Johnson

Tariq Karim

Brinda Chana

Simranjeet Batra

Sofia Kaur

Jas Ubhi

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|  | **Item Discussed**  | **Actions**  |
| 1.  | Welcome and introduction done by Chair DS   | DS asked panel if there were any matters they would like to raise in regards to the previous meeting/ minutes or anything else.No matters raised |
| 2. | **Stop and Search** Body Worn Video review – randomly selected by Vice-Chair PH | SSSW-4B-240477747 was selected but no BWV was available on the systemsSSSW-TP-240065755 was viewed and the panel agreed that there were very clear reasons given and the search was well conductedSSSW-TQ-239182915 was viewed and the panel agreed that there was a long delay before GOWISELY was given . The resasons given were clear and the search was thourough but the officer seemed to be very unsure of himself throughout the searchSSSW-YH-238556519 was viewed and the panel noted that the WPC involved was a little abrupt in attitude while the male officer showed empathy & calmed the situation well. A well conducted search  |
| 3. | **Use of Force** Body Worn Video review – randomly selected by Vice-Chair PH | 1981069 was viewed and the panel agreed that there was little or no explanation as to why the officers were at the door wanting to enter the property. The officer with drawn taser seemed excessively aggressive and some of the taser use was unnecessary. Sgt JG to feed back comments to officers concerned and then feed back to panel .1925985 was viewed and agreed to be a very clear and justified use of force. Officers acted appropriately and controlled the situation well. Sgt JG to pass on feedback. |
|  4.  | Review of data | Chair DS asked if the stats could be circulated to the panel prior to the meeting in future.The ethnicity of searched figures are showing a little high at 3.5 compared to the force average of 2.4 |
| 5. | Dip sample of Stop Search records | SSSW-ZM-244244531, SSSW-3R-244395875, SSSW-TV-243904007, SSSW-PR-243399527, SSSW-AH-243042187, SSSW-AR-242882435, SSSW-QM-242415791 were all agreed as good records.SSSW-2B-244660727 &SSSW-ZA-243248183 were both seen to have very sparse information/details.Sgt JG to feed back to officer concerned |
| 6.  | AOB | Chair DS opened up the floor for any other business * Question was asked DS if panel members will be OK to have their details shared with OPCC and no objections were raised.
* Question was asked by DS As OPCC want to standardise meeting frequency , panels will now be every 2 months. No objections were raised.
* DS stated his intention to resign from the Chair and the Panel with immediate effect.
* NC asked that if anyone was interested in becoming panel chair they should contact Sheze Malik.
* The Vice-Chair PH will assume the position of acting Chair in the interim
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| 7. | Actions for next meeting | * Feedback from Sgt JG to panel regarding feedback to officers from this panel.
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| 8. | Date and location of next panel | As previously agreed the next panel will be on Wednesday 16th Oct 2024 @17:30.West Bromwich Police Station  |