**Sandwell Stop and Search Scrutiny panel**

**Location:** Bloxwich Police Station and Microsoft Teams

**Date and Time:** 03/07/2024

**Apologises:**

Linda Clarke

Amie Wilson

Neevah Wilson

Craig Nkomo

**In Attendance**:

WMP Force Rep

Insp Saqib Butt (SB)

OPCC Rep

Shezè Malik (SM)

Panel Members

Paul Macy **Chair**(PM)

Maxine Douglas **Vice-Chair**(MD)

Mkuu Amani – Peace (MA)

Nazia Rehman (NR)

Mandy Sagoo (MS)

Balbir Seimar (BS)

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|  | **Item Discussed**  | **Actions**  |
| 1.  | Welcome and introduction done by Chair PM  | PM carried out introductions and welcomed new panels NR and MS.PM asked panel if there were any matters they would like to raise in regards to the previous meeting or anything else.No matters raised |
|  | **Stop and Search Data update by Insp SB**Snapshot 24th March – 26th June 2024 | Discussed and updated on performance data including outcome rates, disproportionately data and total number of searches across the West midlands and Wolverhampton.Panel discussed the search mapping hotspots areas and enquired about when most searches by police can take place. |
| 2. | **Stop and Search** Body Worn Video review – randomly selected by Chair PMSSWS-XL-221278079 | Panel agreed that the stop and search record aligned with the viewed BWV footage.The footage showed officers called to an incident reported of Asian males breaking into a car. Asian males located in vehicle matching description with smell of cannabis and drugs been seen in vehicle. Males had the key of the vehicle. Substance seized and males not arrested.Panel felt the search was well conducted and the police relationship with the males detained was good. |
| 3. | **Use of Force Data** | **No Data of UoF shown due to Force IT issues** |
| 4. | **Use of Force** Body Worn Video review – randomly selected by Chair PM0544 | Police pursuit when a male was reported of armed robbery, displaying an axe and stole a vehicle to escape scene. Officer began to chase the male asking to stop but the male continued to run. Officer shouted Taser Taser implying that taser will be used and fired when male failed to stop. Taser failed in operation so Pava spray and baton was used and took the male to the ground who continued to resist. Officer (1) and Officer (2) struggled but kept the male on the ground attempting applying handcuffs. Firearms Unit arrived.Panel felt the Force was justified and commended the officer for the continuous attempt in containing the situation. |
| 6.  | AOB | Chair PM opened up the floor for any other business MD and BS gave a brief feedback into their Ride Along with the WS Response Team. |
| 7. | Actions for next meeting | * Insp SB to bring back further information regarding disproportionality/ratio value clarity
* Insp SB to bring back data around Repeat Searches
* SM to send ethnic makeup of WS
* SM to send panel information re Serious Violence Reduction Orders (SVRO’s)
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| 8. | Date and location of next panel | The next panel will be on Wednesday 9th October (rescheduled from 25/09/2024) at Bloxwich Police Station and Microsoft Teams. |