

Stop and Search Scrutiny panel

Location: Stechford Police Station & online via Teams

Date and Time: 6th April 2024 @ 18:15

In Attendance: N Cox (NC), A French (AF), N Kaid (NK), M Sharif (MS) via Teams, Insp J Carroll (JC)

Apologises: T Bickley, H Din

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction Minutes of the last meeting, update on any actions taken from last meeting	JC confirmed that the relevant Praise & Rewards had been actioned. JC stated that the reason why we didnt have any body worn footage (BWV) for the Stop & Searches selected for teh last meeting was due to no videos existing. AF questioned the high number of BWV that werent available with the selection of incidents for tonights meeting. The % BWV available will continue to be monitored by the panel.
2.	UPDATE on stop and search data from Insp J Carroll	Discussed and updated on performance data including outcome rates, disproportionality data and total number of searches. Comments were noted by the panel concerning * the dip in % BWV compared to the force as a whole * The positive outcome % for black stop & searches was reassuring as was the increased positive outcome rate as a whole. * Knife finds rates has fallen * No knives were found in the impact areas * Disproportionality ratios for stop & searches were steady compared to previous data presentations * The % BWV when force is being used was around 10% lower than for stop & searches. Incidents are more dynamic but the panel felt that they would have expected to see a% that were more aligned.

		<p>* The trend with regards to disproportionality and being black was noted once more.</p> <p>Include in the next meeting BWV for the firearms incident that had recently occurred in Small Heath.</p>
3.	Dip sample of stop and search	<p>Record 3 selected by MS S1 Pace. A nominal (a youth) was being searched for a stolen item - a mobile telephone. The officer checked whether it was needed to be live streamed with his Sargeant. The intereaction was calm and professional. However teh officer aksed questions and didnt wait for an answer to be given. He collected personal details in a way in which teh nominal wouldnt have known that this information was not mandatory. The panel felt it was a neutral SS.</p> <p>Record 5 selected by NK S1 Pace. A baseball bat and drugs were found in a parked car. Car was searched and seized as it had no tax. The officers didnt use gloves as they were searching the car. The panel felt that it was a neutral SS.</p> <p>Record 1 selected by NC S1 Pace. A 13 year old nominal was searched amd found with a knuckle duster. The officer moved two young males into a quieter area of teh shopping centre to conduct teh search. Clear communication was used. The panel felt that the officer respected teh honesty of the nominal. The panel felt that this was a positive SS. Initiate a Praise & Reward for the officer.</p>
4.	<p>Dip sample of Use of Force records</p> <p>The panel focused on incidents where Tasers had been deployed.</p>	<p>Record 2 chosen by MS The nominal was being arrested for breah of an electronic tag. Th enominal was in bed with four officers around him. There was lots of chatter which would have been confusing for the nominal. Different officers spoke overeach other all with different demands. The panel felt that the nominal was given too many instructions and that it wouldnt have escalated if a more direct verbal approach had been used at the start and that he hadnt been allowed to use hi sphone whilst in bed. The bedroom was a small space which contained a dog barking and four officers. Eventually Tasers were drawn as teh nominal stood up on his bed. The use of</p>

		<p>force was appropriate and proportional although the situation could have beenb executed better.</p> <p>Record 4 chosen by NC The incident revolved an arrest of a nominal who was a mental health patient. The house search was in the early hours and the front door was forced in. The officer when he found teh nominal was reassuring in his language and approach despite having drawn a Taser. The language started in a very assertive manner but once teh nominal was compliant it changed very quickly to being kind and compassionate. Use of force seemed appropriate and proportionate.</p> <p>Record 1 chosen by NK Officers had been called to a male who had been threatening people with a large stick. He was found at the top of a flight of stairs. The officer used very aggressive language which included profanity which on balance teh panel felt she probably didnt need to do. It was noted that as she was going up teh stairs she was at a lower position than the nominal. The panel felt that it was a proprotionate and appropriate use of force.</p>
5.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	<p>The % BWV available will continue to be monitored by the panel.</p> <p>Include in the next meeting BWV for the firearms incident that had recently occured in Small Heath.</p> <p>Initiate a Praise & Reward for the officer.</p>
6.	Any notes, questions, requests for the next Bi annual Stop and Search commission	Why are there a lareg number of Stop & Searches that dont have BWV available when the e search record says that it is available?
7.	Date and location of next panel	Monday 3rd June 2024 at 6.15pm Stechford Police Station