

Birmingham North Stop and Search/Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Stechford Police Station

Date and Time: Monday 25th September 2023, 6pm

In Attendance: N Cox (NC), T Bickley (TB), N Khalid (NK), Insp S Powles (SP), Youth members - N, H, S, Ch, J, C

Apologies: M Sharif

Absent: N Fletcher

| | Item Discussed | Actions |
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| 1. | Welcome and introduction Minutes of the last meeting, update on any actions taken from last meeting | T/Insp Powles to verbally update the panel on last month's actions. |
| 2. | UPDATE on stop and search data from T/ Insp Steve Powles | Initiate a praise and reward. |



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| 3. | <p>Dip sample of stop and search</p> <p>1) <u>S S B E - MT-132186911.</u> PC J, subject U, 03/07/2023</p> <p>2) <u>S S B E - JA-133872715.</u> PC S, subject J, 07/07/2023</p> <p>3) <u>S S B E - NG-150415455.</u> PC W, subject J, 23/08/2023</p> <p>4) <u>S S B E - AR-152946263.</u> PC G, subject J, 31/08/2023</p> | <p>Record 4 - chosen by C</p> <p>A member of the public had detained someone acting suspiciously in the early hours of the morning around cars. The nominal was a 13 yrs old male. The officer handcuffed him and explained clearly the Go Wisely framework. The panel felt that the officer had demonstrated a very professional search. In particular his calmness and concern for the well being of the nominal shone through.</p> <p>Initiate a praise and reward.</p> <p>Record 3 - chosen by H</p> <p>Officers responded to a youth following reports that he was part of a group seen with a knife. The nominal turned out to be a 10 year old who was handcuffed because the officer thought he had knife. The nominal was frightened and members of the public tried to intervene by speaking in a questioning way to the officers during the incident. Unfortunately the officers camera was turned on too late to catch the initial stages of the interaction which the panel felt were crucial to understanding the whole picture. The panel raised questions about the lack of understanding that 10 year olds have of the language used and explanations given to them. A neutral Stop and Search.</p> <p>Record 2 - chosen by Ch</p> <p>A nominal had run off from police late at night and was located in some bushes with numerous tools. She was handcuffed. The panel felt that the officers dealt well with the lady who was in a dressing gown. They were respectful, courteous and professional. A female officer conducted the search who was concerned with maintaining the dignity of the nominal.</p> <p>Initiate a praise and reward.</p> <p>Panel members asked to see videos of over 50's being searched at November's meeting.</p> |
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| 4. | <p>Dip sample of Use of Force records</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Log 5556 of 10/07/23. PC 22663 2. Log 2176 of 17/07/23. PC 25908 3. Log 2176 of 17/07/23. PC 2609 4. Log 524 of 19/08/23. PC 23410 5. Log 212 of 23/07/23. PC 24108 6. Log 1146 of 02/07/23. PC 24885 | <p>Record 3 chosen by TB Officers were called to secondary school where a pupil was threatening staff with a brick. Ground tactics used by the officer to gain control of the nominal as he walked across a field. Before the use of force the officers made sure that they had their Body Worn Video switched on. The nominal claimed that he was elbowed in the face but this wasn't caught on video. He was handcuffed once he had been taken back to the police car. The panel felt that it was a neutral Use of Force.</p> <p>Record 5 chosen by NK Officers were called to a lady in hospital who they restrained in a patient cubicle. The video was stopped as lady was in a hospital gown, thrashing around and we were concerned with protecting her dignity.</p> <p>Record 6 chosen by N Officers were called to a family home where a young man was suffering a mental health episode, an ambulance was already in attendance. There was a long interaction with the nominal who seemed to be autistic which eventually led to the use of limb restraints. The panel felt that the incident was rushed by the officers which in part contributed to the distress that the nominal appeared to be feeling. His father was allowed to offer reassurance which the panel felt was positive. The panel felt that the manner of the interaction with the nominal hadn't taken account of his potential autism and as a result had escalated the force that was used. What training do officers receive about effectively engaging with autism people.</p> |
| 5. | Action noted from discussions for update at next panel | <p>Stop and Search records 2 & 4 initiate a praise and reward.</p> <p>Brief the panel on the training that officers receive with respect to autism.</p> <p>Chose videos at the next panel for over 50's for Stop & Search</p> |
| 6. | Date and location of next panel | Monday 27th November 6.15pm Stetchford Police Station |