

## Stop and Search Scrutiny panel

**Location:** Stechford Police Station & online via Teams

**Date and Time:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October @ 18:15

**In Attendance:** N Cox (NC), A French (AF), N Kaid (NK), A Ahmedwali (AA), Insp J Carroll (JC), D Burdett (DB), Sgt P Steward (PS)

**Apologies:** M Sharif, J Balu, A Afzal

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction, minutes of the last meeting, update on any actions taken from last meeting	<p>AA &amp; DB were welcomed to the panel as new members.</p> <p>JC confirmed that the relevant Praise &amp; Rewards had been actioned from the previous meeting.</p> <p>JC stated that it looked like there were some problems with app used to record Use of Force incidents. As a result the Use of Force data looked odd. <b>JC to follow this up with ICT support.</b></p> <p>Apologies were offered and accepted as the data presentation wasn't available before the meeting.</p>
2.	UPDATE on stop and search data from Insp J Carroll	<p>The panel noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The data for Stop &amp; Searches for BE NPU and Impact areas are in line with previous months.</li><li>• The % of Stop Searches on Body Worn Video (BWV) for BE NPU has dipped slightly. <b>Going forward the panel reiterated the need to monitor how many incidents don't have BWV attached to them. For the next panel meeting incidents will be selected that are within 30 days of the panel date.</b></li><li>• It was pleasing to see the increased % of find rates for drugs in BE NPU Impact Areas.</li><li>• The disproportionality ratio for Black Stop Searches is creeping up. <b>The panel will keep this under review.</b></li><li>• The handcuffing data appears to be wrong. <b>JC to follow this up with ICT support; is it a problem with the app?</b></li><li>• As handcuffing is now recorded as a Use of</li></ul>

		<p>Force this has increased the figures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was pleasing to see a high % of Use of Force within BE NPU being recorded on BWV.</li> </ul>
3.	Dip sample of stop and search	<p><b>Record 3 selected by DB</b> – no BWV available The Stop Search resulted in a Community Resolution Order.</p> <p><b>Record 2 selected by DB</b> – knuckle duster found. Guardian taskforce. Officer used the space of the car to deal well with the nominal who was in the passenger seat. Direct, clear communication ensured that the initial Stop Search and subsequent arrest was dealt with well. A positive Stop Search. <b>Initiate a Praise &amp; Reward for the officer involved.</b></p> <p><b>Record 5 selected by AA</b> – Class A drugs found. A car had been stopped and the driver had decanted. Four nominals were left in the car. Section 1 PACE, articles for burglary. The panel felt that the nominal was given too much time and freedom to walk around, at time some distance away from the Police Officers, to use their mobile phone. It took a while to conduct the Stop Search. A neutral Stop Search.</p>
4.	Dip sample of Use of Force records	<p><b>Record 5 chosen by NK</b> No BWV was available for this Use of Force.</p> <p><b>Record 4 chosen by NK</b> This was the non-compliant handcuffing of a juvenile who was a distressed missing person. There was some discussion over the appropriateness of the language used once by the office, but overall the panel felt that this was a proportionate and needed Use of Force.</p> <p><b>Record 2 chosen by NC</b> The incident occurred in an HMO and involved the non-compliant handcuffing, use of improvised skills and use of a baton on a nominal. There was confusion between the officers about whether the nominal had been cautioned which increased their volatility. It was felt that it took too long to get the nominal out of the room and that if the handcuffs had initially been placed behind his back the</p>

		<p>situation wouldn't have escalated in the way that it did. Had the nominal been removed from their bedroom in a more timely fashion again this might have deescalated the situation.</p> <p>The panel felt that the use of force was proportionate and needed.</p> <p><b>Record 1 chosen by AA</b></p> <p>This incident involved a car which had failed to stop and had then crashed into a police car. Officers were seen smashing the drivers side window with a baton, drawing Pava spray and handcuffing the passenger. Not all of the incident was captured on the officers BWV but the panel requested that the incident be reviewed by an appropriate Inspector. The questions that the panel had were</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was the force used on both the driver and passenger proportionate</li> <li>• Did the police cars have their lights and sirens on</li> <li>• Were the comments offered by the officer regarding the eyesight of the nominal appropriate</li> <li>• Was the nominals car hard stopped!</li> </ul>
5.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	<p>Check to see that the Use of Force app is working properly and that the data is reliable.</p> <p>To select Stop Searches that have occurred within 30 days of the date of the next panel.</p> <p>Initiate a Praise &amp; Reward for the officer involved in Stop Search incident number 2.</p> <p>To request a review of the BWV from Use of Force record 1 together with answers to the questions posed.</p>
6.	Any notes, questions, requests for the next Biannual Stop and Search commission	Why do there appear to be problems with the accuracy of Use of Force data around handcuffing?
7.	Date and location of next panel	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 at 6.15pm, Stechford Police Station.</b>

