

Stop and Search Scrutiny panel

Location: Stechford Police Station & online via Teams

Date and Time: Monday 3rd June @ 18:15

In Attendance: N Cox (NC), A French (AF), N Kaid (NK), M Sharif (MS) via Teams, Insp J Carroll (JC), T Bickley (TB), J Balu (JB), Callum (C), Chelsea (CH), AAfzal (AA)

Apologises: Ahmed

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction Minutes of the last meeting, update on any actions taken from last meeting	<p>AA was welcomed to the panel</p> <p>JC confirmed that the relevant Praise & Rewards had been actioned.</p> <p>JC stated that their had been problems ICT with the recording of BWV some of the data figures had been skewed by this.</p> <p>We hadn't been able to include the BWV from the firearms incident in Small Heath but this would be included in the next panel's video selection</p> <p>Include in the next meeting BWV for the firearms incident that had recently occurred in Small Heath.</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">• There had been a 25% dip in force wide S&S• Impact areas had 100% of S&S recorded on BWV• The % of NA in Positive Outcomes Rates was extremely high probably due to the ICT issues• There had been an increase in knife find rates• Disproportionality ratios were much higher than usual due to intelligence led criminality being targeted• The force are now recording every use of handcuffing as a use of force• The % of BWV when using force is low for

		<p>the force as a whole and also for BE NPU due to the ICT issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taser Tactics remained at a level that they usually were • Use of Force disproportionality ratio's were the lowest that they had been in some time <p>The panel asked to see handcuffing data broken down by the power that was used to instigate the stop & search.</p>
3.	Dip sample of stop and search	<p>Record 5 selected by TB – drugs found S1 Pace. Guardian taskforce. Plain clothes officers had directed non plain clothes officers to chase a nominal in a tasking area. No grounds were given for the search to the young male nominal. The panel felt that the nominal didn't understand due to the officers interactions with him what was happening until at least half way through the Stop & Search. Calm, relatable language was used but the formal start detailing what was happening, the nominals rights etc was missing. A neutral Stop Search</p> <p>Record 2 selected by AA – knuckle duster found S1 Pace. A nominal had been chased and grappled with by an officer before he was able to gain control. The nominal was handcuffed and the officer gave all of the information required but in a very casual manner. However the verbal interaction didn't deescalate or calm the Stop & Search. A PCSO became involved who offered the nominal reassurance in the things that he said and the way that he said them; his actions de-escalated the situation. A neutral Stop Search Initiate a Praise & Reward for the PCSO</p>
4.	Dip sample of Use of Force records	<p>Record 5 chosen by C The nominal was being arrested for recall to prison. The incident unfolded in the custody block. The nominal had been waiting in a holding area for 1 ½ hrs. to be booked in. The nominal was with two other officers. The nominal wanted to use the toilet and wasn't allowed to, he was stood up ignoring requests to sit down. An officer went through to the Sergeants desk and we didn't see how the incident escalated but 8 officers used force to restrain the nominal on the ground and place him in restraining</p>

		<p>straps. The panel felt that the officers in the holding area had provoked the situation by their constant asking for him to sit down and not allowing him to go to the toilet.</p> <p>A negative Use of Force as the situation could have been avoided.</p> <p>Check to see that each of the eight officers involved in using force submitted a U of F form.</p>
5.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	<p>Include in the next meeting BWV for the firearms incident that had recently occurred in Small Heath.</p> <p>The panel asked to see handcuffing data broken down by the power that was used to instigate the stop & search.</p> <p>Initiate a Praise & Reward for the PCSO involved in Stop Search 2.</p> <p>Check to see that each of the eight officers involved in using force submitted a U of F form.</p>
6.	Any notes, questions, requests for the next Bi annual Stop and Search commission	<p>Why were their problems with the ICT system which meant the S&S incidents weren't recorded?</p>
7.	Date and location of next panel	<p>Monday 5th August 2024 at 6.15pm Stechford Police Station</p>