

## Birmingham North Stop and Search/Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

**Location:** Sutton Police Station

**Date and Time:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 6pm

**In Attendance:** Lydis Furnell (Chair), Andy Woodroffe, Steve Smith, Novlet Crossdale, Shirley Weston- Hayes, Natalie Cox (PCC), Jonathan Beach (WMP Insp)

**Apologies:** Jav, Zelpheer, Leon, Maggie, Khalid

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction Minutes of the last meeting and actions not available at meeting.	<b>No Minutes available, so no actions to go through.</b>
2.	UPDATE on Stop & Search and Use of Force data from Inspector Jonathan Beach.	<b>2 videos selected in the dip sample, did not have BWF. Insp Beach has given feedback to officers, one was not saved properly and the other was a vehicle search.</b>
3.	Dip sample of stop and search <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 269111191 28/9/24 Male matching description of shoplifter in locality</li> <li>2. 277956407 24/10/24 Officers received intel from the public stating young males were smoking cannabis around their address</li> </ul>	<p>1. Shopping lifting from Greggs. Suspect matched description of suspect. Couldn't explain where the property came from.</p> <p>Panel views: No pre amble Grounds stated he couldn't explain where he got them from but he admitted it straight away? Both officers were talking to him at the same time which the person found confusing. Officer needs more training for the stop search form as info was filled out incorrectly. Officers confidence was poor.</p> <p>Action: feedback to officer</p> <p>2- Officers had a call to say that young males were smoking cannabis outside their house. On arrival the youths ran. Arrested for unrelated offences.</p>

		<p>Panel views: Officer did well to reassure the youths who stated he was scared after perceptions of dealing with the police. Officer was calm, professional, respectful.</p> <p>Action: Positive feedback to officer.</p>
4.	<p>Dip sample of Use of Force records</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2264771 13/09/24 Man walking in the road with a knife. Ground restraint, Irritant spray drawn, unarmed skills</li> <li>2243778 04/09/24 RSPCA warrant – Unarmed skills</li> <li>2249082 04/09/24 Suicidal male taken to hospital (spitting). Ground restraint, limb restraints, unarmed skills</li> <li>2241400 03/09/24 Disorderly male outside address. Ground restraint, non-compliant handcuffing, unarmed skills</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Irritant spray drawn. Ground restraint. Unarmed skills Man walking down the road with a knife. Aiming the knife at cars passing and shouting at everyone.  Panel Views: use of force was fair and proportionate. Officers did very well. Contained the incident very well! Officers were professionals.  Action: positive feedback sent to the both the officers involved.</li> <li>RSPCA WARRANT the female has previous history of being obstructive to the rspca. Officers were sent to support them.  Panel views: Panel had mixed feelings. Some felt that the officer should have used more force to contain the situation but some felt that the officer had a lot of patience and the use of force was fair and proportionate</li> <li>Suicidal call from male who was intoxicated and said he had taken an overdose. Suspect was hitting the officers and trying to bite them. Conveyed to hospital.  Panel views: fair and proportionate use of force. Team work was brilliant. Safely detained the male and got the situation under control very quickly. Remained professional and calm throughout</li> <li>Call from MOP to say there was a big fight going on outside.</li> </ol>



		<p>Panel views: officers built good relationship with suspect. Dealt with it effectively and use of force was fair and proportionate. Effective working. Brought the situation to a calmer level.</p> <p>Action: Positive feedback to officer.</p>
5.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	
6.	Date and location of next panel	Sutton Coldfield Police Station. 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024 at 6pm