

Birmingham North Stop and Search/Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Sutton Police Station

Date and Time: Thursday 19th January 2023 6pm

In Attendance: Lydia Furnell (LF Chair), Simon Graham (WMP Inspector SG), Andy Woodroffe (AW), Larrisa Carr (LC), Maggie Jones (MJ), John Cooper (JC), Shirley Weston-Hayes (SWH), Natalie Cox (PCC Office).

Apologies: Khalid Mahmood.

Absent: Ram, Michelle, Javed.

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction Minutes of the last meeting, update on any actions taken from last meeting	<p>Minutes from the last meeting in November 2022 were discussed by attendees.</p> <p>Action updates: Action Record number 4. Panel wanted feedback to be given to the officer who stated he had used two different powers during a SS incident Update: I have sent the panels views and comments to the officer and advised them they do not need to use more than one police power during a search of this nature</p> <p>Action Record number 5. Officer conducted a SS of a male and on the e search record they stated male was part of a gang. Panel wanted feedback to the officer regarding their use of the word gang due to the negative perceptions of this word. Update: I have provided feedback to the officer regarding their use of words on e search records.</p> <p>Action: Panel wanted positive feedback to be given to officer involved in UoF record number 2. Update: I have sent the officer a recognition with the panel's comments recorded.</p> <p>Action: Panel wanted SG to look into issues raised during a UoF incident that was outside of what the panel had viewed.</p>



		<p>Update: The incident and aspects outside of the scope of the panel have been reviewed. Although the force witnessed by the panel raised questions, the force used by officers was proportionate to the continued threat posed by the nominal after he had already assaulted an officer.</p> <p>New chair elected (LF). LF thanked Linda Hines for her years of dedication to the panel, on behalf of the panel.</p>
2.	UPDATE on stop and search data from Inspector Graham	Discussed and updated on performance data for November and December including outcome rates, disproportionality data and total number of searches. The presentation was sent out prior to the meeting to allow members to review the content at their leisure and to save time during the panel meeting.
3.	<p>Dip sample of stop and search</p> <p>3-SSBE-PA-62379491. PC L subject J. 9th December 2022</p> <p>4-SSBE-FB-64468879. Sgt G subject B. 16th December 2022</p>	<p>3. Vehicle stopped due to occupants wearing balaclavas and gloves. Officers felt they could be involved in theft due to clothing. Class A drugs found in car.</p> <p>Panel view: panel felt that officer used his GOWISELY perfectly. Officer explained everything in detail to the nominals. Officer identified himself which the panel were impressed with. Action: positive feedback to officer.</p> <p>4. reports that victim had been attacked with a machete. Offender had fled scene. Victim found in possession of a screwdriver.</p> <p>Panel views: Panel felt that it was conducted well by officers. Officer showed great compassion towards an obviously frightened youth. Officers were calm and polite. Panel felt that officers did well in explaining the realities of carrying a weapon. Action: positive feedback to officers.</p>
4.	<p>Dip sample of Use of Force (UoF) records</p> <p>1. Log 694/24/12/22. PC M, subject M</p>	<p>3. reported that 2 males were using counterfeit money in a shop. Positively identified by staff as they were repeat</p>



	<p>2. Log 3959/14/11/22. PC M subject M</p> <p>3. Log 2704/29/12/22. PC C subject T</p> <p>4. Log 122/6/11/22. PC B subject P</p> <p>5. Log 2704/29/12/22. PC W subject H</p>	<p>offenders. One male ran. Didn't comply with handcuffing. Baton used.</p> <p>Panel views: panel felt that the student officer was put in a very dangerous situation by colleague, which could have been prevented if they had communicated better. Officers constant language was inappropriate.</p> <p>Action: SG to look into the circumstances of officers involved. Feedback to be given about use of language.</p> <p>5- this was the same incident as above but footage from another officers BWF.</p> <p>Panel views: Panel thought the use of PAVA was not needed. Officer started at such a hostile level towards the nominal and it made the situation worse.</p> <p>Action: Discuss situation with officers via their Sgt for their consideration to see if they feel they could have handled it better.</p> <p>Positive feedback to female officer who was clearly scared but remained calm and polite throughout.</p>
5.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	
6.	Date and location of next panel	23 rd March 2023. 6pm Sutton Coldfield Police Station.