

Birmingham North Stop and Search/Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Sutton Police Station

Date and Time: Thursday 18th January 2024 6pm

In Attendance: Lydia Furnell (Chair), Jonathan Beech (WMP Insp), Andy Woodroffe, Steve Smith, John Cooper, Maggie Jones, Ram Battercharjee, Natalie Cox (PCC), Shirley Weston Hayes, Jav.

Apologies: Novlet Crossdale

Absent:

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction Minutes of the last meeting, update on any actions taken from last meeting	Insp Beech to chase actions from last meeting due to change over of staff. Introductions from new WMP Insp and Panel.
2.	UPDATE on stop and search data from Insp Beech.	Action: Why is there so little use of force in this area compared to other areas? Is the data accurate?
3.	Dip sample of stop and search 1. 187793219 21/12/23 2. 186128435 16/12/23 3. 183320163 6/12/23 4. 178582255 19/11/23 5. 173049791 1/11/23	4 Acting suspiciously, wearing dark clothing and with full balaclava on in a tasking area. Suspect reacted to police presence by beginning to run but then stopped when surrounded. High amount of burglaries in the local area and was acting suspiciously. Panel Views: Concerns raised over the gender of the persons searched. Unable to view grounds on footage. Officer was a bit messy. Action: Insp Beech to discuss this search with officer to conclude whether they were male or female. 1 Vehicle had an ARV stops marker - persons may have a shotgun on board. Panel unable to view footage due to footage not matching the search record.



		Action: What is the policy on someone filling in a form and someone else doing the search?
4.	<p>Dip sample of Use of Force records</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Log 319 of 02/11/2023 Non-compliant handcuffing2. Log 411 of 02/11/2023 Taser3. Log 1090 of 18/12/2023 Non-compliant handcuffing4. Log 5358 of 15/12/2023 Limb restraints/body restraints	<p>2 call from MOP due to male seen beating up a female in the street. Taser fired at suspect.</p> <p>Panel Views: UoF was proportionate and effective. Officer was single crewed and dealt with the incident extremely well. Panel were more than impressed considering the circumstances.</p> <p>Action: Positive feedback to officer.</p>
5.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	As above
6.	Date and location of next panel	Thursday 21 st March @ 6pm. Sutton Coldfield Police Station.