

Birmingham North Stop and Search/Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Sutton Police Station

Date and Time: Thursday 20th July 2023, 6pm

In Attendance: Lydia Furnell (Chair), Steve Powles (WMP Inspector), Matt Baldwin (WMP Sgt), Natalie Cox (PCC Representative), Andy Woodroffe (AW), Shirley Weston-Hayes (SWH), Ram Battercharjee (RB), Maggie Jones (MJ), Khalid Mahmood (KM), Jav (J), Sgt Vlahakis (Priority Crime Team), PC Harris (Sutton Coldfield Team).

Apologies: John Cooper (JC)

Absent: Larissa Carr

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction Minutes of the last meeting, update on any actions taken from last meeting	T/Insp Powles to verbally update the panel on last month's actions. NC gave overview of UoF figures in previous years, in relation White people compared to Black people. UoF figures are a lot higher against black people than white people.
2.	UPDATE on stop and search data from T/Insp Steve Powles and Sgt Matt Baldwin	
3.	Dip sample of stop and search 1) SSBE-PE-124670159 , PC E, subject A, 9 th June 2023 2) SSBE-GG-122021639 , PC C, subject R, 2 nd June 2023 3) SSBE-WE-121378427 , PC J, subject G, 30 th June 2023 4) SSBE-BC-116976839 , PC W, subject Z, 17 th May 2023 5) SSBE-EZ-115770291 , PC C, subject A, 17 th May 2023 6) SSBE-NB-113617843 , PC L, subject V, 8 th May 2023	5 – Cloned Vehicle, male matched description of suspect in possession of articles for going equipped. Panel Views: Officer identified himself well. Stayed calm throughout the process. Explained ground for Stop and Search clearly. Panel noted that officer was not wearing gloves to carry out the search. Action: Positive feedback to officer. 6 - Vehicle seen chasing a male with weapon in a suspected stolen car. Panel Views: Officer was cool and calm. GOWISLEY used well. Panel liked that the officer informed the male were he was next going to search on his body.



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4.	<p>Dip sample of Use of Force records</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Log 5534 of 21/06/23. PC 271782. Log 889 of 01/05/23. PC 220903. Log 1408 of 30/05/23. PC 231574. Log 1643 of 07/06/23. PC 22275	<p>3 – 2 young males throwing eggs at a property and breaking their fence.</p> <p>Panel views: Officers were fantastic. They were very patient. They did very well considering amount of racial abuse being given to them by the suspect.</p> <p>Action: Positive feedback to officer.</p> <p>1 – call to suggest there was a drunk male in the road which was stopping traffic.</p> <p>Panel Views: Situation was extremely chaotic. Officers first thought was to protect the male from harming himself. Officers did they best they could given the circumstances. Panel felt that UoF was warranted and needed to protect the male.</p> <p>Action: Positive feedback to officer.</p>
5.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	LF to amend minutes from last meeting to reflect wording precision. These will be redistributed to the panel.
6.	Date and location of next panel	Thursday 21 st September 2023 at 6pm Sutton Coldfield Police Station.