

Birmingham North Stop and Search/Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Sutton Police Station

Date and Time: Thursday 23rd March 2023 6pm

In Attendance: Lydia Furnell (LF Chair), Matt Baldwin (WMP A/Insp), Shirley Weston-Hayes (SWH), John Cooper (JC), Jav (J), Maggie Jones (MJ), Andy Woodroffe (AW), Natalie Cox (PCC Representative).

Apologies: Khalid Mahmood (KM), Larissa Carr (LC)

Absent: Ram (R)

	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 January 2023 were discussed by attendees.</p> <p>Action updates: 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 update: Positive feedback provided 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. 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 update: Positive feedback provided to officers.</p> <p>Reported that 2 males were using counterfeit money in a shop. Positively identified by staff as they were repeat 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 update: The officer's supervisors are in agreement that although under pressure in a volatile situation, this was not appropriate language and appropriate advice and learning completed with the officer.</p> <p>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 update: This has been reviewed in full by two sergeants supervising the officer and the officers spoken to. Full review has come to the conclusion that the use of PAVA was justified but the officer has been given advice and learning over the language and use of tactical communication. This will be kept under review by the supervisors.</p>
2.	UPDATE on stop and search data from Inspector Baldwin	Discussed and updated on performance data for January and February 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.	Dip sample of stop and search 1) <u>SSBE-7G-74104447</u> . PC B subject NK. 15th January 2023 2) <u>SSBE-6T-76727743</u> . PC M subject L. 15 th January 2023	<p>5.) Footage unavailable</p> <p>8.) Stopped in a high crime area. Male driving car which was recognised by officers. Car was stopped and seized due to being believed to be stolen.</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3) <u>SSBE-TE-81226023</u>. PC B subject R. 3rd February 20234) <u>SSBE-7Y-82735259</u>. PC S subject (vehicle). 7th February 20235) <u>SSBE-VY-84833055</u>. PC R subject D. 11th February 20236) <u>SSBE-NP-84908727</u>. PC B subject K. 11th February 20237) <u>SSBE-XW-87695979</u>. PC J subject W 19th February 20238) <u>SSBE-FQ-88532575</u>. PC R subject H. 21st February 2023	<p>Panel view: Panel felt officer gave nominal plenty of time to comply with instructions. Officer was at a good level regarding communication. He was calm and explained everything in detail. GOWISELY used well. Didn't view vehicle search due to IT issues</p> <p>Action: positive feedback to officer.</p>
4.	<p>Dip sample of Use of Force records</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Log 2721 of 27th February 2023. PC W2. Log 0960 of 27th February 2023. PC E3. Log 3334 of 25th February 2023. PC M-H4. Log 2755 of 15th February 2023. PC M-H5. Log 4205 of 7th February 2023 PC A6. Log 4028 of 6th February 2023. PC L	<p>1.) male with mental health issues. Barricaded himself into property. Threatening residents. Individual had a sword. panel views: Well controlled. Proportionate use of force used to bring situation to a close as soon as possible.</p> <p>Action: positive feedback to officers.</p> <p>5.) son was having a mental health crisis. Mother was unable to cope and wanted him removed from the property. Panel did not watch the conversation officers had with the mother before going to remove the son.</p> <p>Panel views: panel understood that officers tried to do the right thing by the mother, but could have spent more time speaking to him to try and get a calmer outcome. Panel recognised that the environment and situation was difficult but they did escalate the situation. Officers should have communicated</p>



		<p>with the individual to explain the process.</p> <p>Action: MB to have conversation with officers to discuss the thought process. MB to view footage of the conversation with the mother to understand if there was a reason officers used the force they did. MB to update panel at next meeting</p>
5.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	As above
6.	Date and location of next panel	25 th May 2023. 6pm Sutton Coldfield Police Station.