

Birmingham North Stop and Search/Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Sutton Police Station

Date and Time: Thursday 21st March 2024 6pm

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

Apologies: Novlet, Khalid

Absent: Ram (Resigned)

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction Minutes of the last meeting, update on any actions taken from last meeting	All actions from last meeting, completed and feedback given to the panel. Panel happy that concerns raised at last meeting have been addressed and explanations given.
2.	UPDATE on stop and search data from Insp Beach.	Issues with data resolved. Tech gives officers scope to search the exact area.
3.	Dip sample of stop and search 1. 192547943 09/01/24 2. 192888467 10/01/24 3. 194973651 17/01/24 4. 196831819 22/01/24 5. 204176207 14/02/24 6. 206496815 23/02/24	No BWV saved under searching officer's collar number for three records 1. Suspects ran from uniformed officers. Known drug intel. Tried to avoid officers when they initially turned up. Panel Views: Officer was quite heavy handed from the start. Didn't use GO WISELY until after the search. Panel felt that it looked very messy and rather aggressive. Search itself was poor, seemed rushed and not through. 6. Known County Lines, bag smelt of cannabis. Suspect had admitted to smoking cannabis earlier in the day. Panel Views: Panel had different opinions of the incident. Some members felt that the officer was targeting the suspect due to previous interaction. Some Panel members had concern over attitude of officer towards male. Search was extremely thorough. Male was extremely rude to officer and clearly had past with



		the officer. Officer did come across quite patronising.
4.	<p>Dip sample of Use of Force records</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Log 4524 01/01/24 Taser (red dot) and Irritant spray2. Log 3047 13/02/24 Ground Restraint3. Log 2445 09/01/24 Non-compliant handcuffing4. Log 3993 15/02/2023 Non-compliant handcuffing	<p>1- Called to a local school due to a trespasser. Male said he was going to commit suicide. Knife believed to have been seen by Ambulance crew.</p> <p>Panel views: Officers showed great team work. Officers gave sufficient space. Panel felt use of Taser was a bit over the top but PAVA was effective and effectively controlled the situation. Brilliant communication with the Male. Panel acknowledge that it was a very difficult situation to deal with.</p> <p>Action: Positive feedback to be given to all officers involved in the incident.</p>
5.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	<p>As above</p> <p>Nat to look at new S&S policy to see if they have specifically mentioned that the search form must be filled out by a specific person, as current policy says it doesn't.</p>
6.	Date and location of next panel	Thursday 16 th May 2024 Sutton Coldfield Police Station.