

Birmingham North Stop and Search/Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Sutton Police Station

Date and Time: Thursday 23rd May 2023 6pm

In Attendance: Lydia Furnell (LF Chair), Andy Woodroffe (AW), Jav (J), Ram Battacharjee (RB), Shirley Weston-Hayes (SWH), Natalie Cox (NC- PCC Representative), Steve Powles (SP- WMP Inspector), Matt Baldwin (MB- WMP Sgt)

Apologies: Maggie Jones, Khalid Mahmood, John Cooper

Absent: Larissa Carr.

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction Minutes of the last meeting, update on any actions taken from last meeting	<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> <p>UPDATE: Matter reviewed in full with officers and statements and full BWV reviewed. Officers were aware that the subject had MH issues and were concerned that due to self harm, the subject may attempt to jump from the window. Handcuffed early to prevent him from escaping or causing serious harm to himself</p> <p>Panel are happy and now understand why the officers responded to the individual how they did.</p>
2.	UPDATE on stop and search data from T/Insp Steve Powles and Sgt Matt Baldwin	
3.	Dip sample of stop and search	



	<p>1) SSBE-DL-108913567. PC R subject (vehicle). 24th April 2023 REVIEWED</p> <p>2) SSBE-8H-107177315. PC R subject C. 19th April 2023</p> <p>3) SSBE-DL-105617631. PC G subject B. 14th April 2023 REVIEWED</p> <p>4) SSBE-6L-100846091. PC H subject L. 28th March 2023</p> <p>5) SSBE-6L-99387303. PC S subject R. 23rd March 2023</p>	<p>3. SSBE-8H-107177315. PC R subject C. 19th April 2023 – Officer on their own dealing with a subject for a possible burglary in the dark. Panel felt that the officer as cool, calm and composed. Panel view that positive feedback to be initiated by T/Insp Powles.</p> <p>1- Vehicle failed to stop. Admission of drugs use. BB gun found in car after search.</p> <p>Panel views: Panel felt the officer should have put gloves on before searching the car. Didn't see officer use all of his GOWISELY. Grounds were met but could have been explained to the nominal more clearly.</p>
4.	<p>Dip sample of Use of Force records</p> <p>1. Log 4666 of 16/04/23 PC 21094</p> <p>2. Log 531 29/04/23. PC 21973 REVIEWED</p> <p>3. Log 1108 of 27/04/23. PC 24225</p> <p>4. Log 157 of 01/04/23. PC 22271</p> <p>5. Log 3925 of 17/04/23 PC 22596</p> <p>6. Log 4081 of 02/03/23. PS 23082 REVIEWED</p>	<p>6- Member of the public called police for a disorder. Male was PAVA'd due to escalation.</p> <p>Panel views: Panel felt that officers did well to contain incident once it had escalated. Disorder was brought to a calmer pace quickly and effectively. Panel also felt that the situation was made worse by members of the public and should have been contained from the start.</p> <p>2- Officers were called to 3 males suspected of carrying drugs. Males ran from scene. Male matched description of suspect. Nothing found. E-Scooter Siezed.</p> <p>Panel Views: Log 531 29/04/23. PC 21973 – The panel have raised significant points with this footage and the escalation with force used against a 16 year old boy. Panel have questioned the perceived lack of communication prior to primary control skills leading to escalation. Panel has</p>



		raised a query regarding the fact that the officer holding subject's neck. Panel has questioned the plain clothes sergeant not identifying himself. Action set by panel for feedback to the officers to review this footage again with a supervisor to reflect on this as a learning opportunity (action for T/Insp Powles)
5.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- T/Insp Powles and Sgt Baldwin to organise PCs from various departments to attend panels in future to provide a different/balanced operational perspective to the panel- T/Insp Powles and Sgt Baldwin to add additional chart to data presentation showing breakdown of force type used during the reporting period- Lydia Furnell to review UoF disproportionality ratios over the last 12 months (Natalie Cox to provide the data?)
6.	Date and location of next panel	Thursday 20 th July 2023 @ 6pm. Sutton Coldfield Police Station.