

Birmingham North Stop and Search/Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Sutton Police Station

Date and Time: Thursday 23rd November 2023 6pm

In Attendance: Lydia Furnell (Chair, LF), Insp S Powles (WMP), PC P O'Sullivan (WMP), Andy Woodroffe, Steve Smith, Novlet Drake, Jav Akhtar, John Cooper, Khalid Mamood, Maggie Jones, Ram Battercharjee, Natalie Cox (PCC)

Apologies: Shirley

Absent: Larrisa Carr.

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction Minutes of the last meeting, update on any actions taken from last meeting	Disproportionality dip sample has been completed by 2 WMP inspectors. All searches' samples were deemed appropriate and proportionate. Conducted in response to increase in crime in the area Massive thanks from the panel to Insp. Powles, Sgt Baldwin and the WMP Dogs team for allowing members to visit HQ. Panel found it extremely educational and eye opening. Email sent by LF to all teams involved.
2.	UPDATE on stop and search data from T/Insp. Powles.	
3.	Dip sample of stop and search 1) SSBE-8F-155397195 PC M subject C. 07/09/2023 2) SSBE-9R-160257019. PC Y subject P. 22/09/2023 3) SSBE-ND-162098371. PC F subject B. 27/09/2023 4) SSBE-6F-164301267. PC G subject P. 04/10/2023 5) SSBE-HW-168265639. PC K subject R. 17/10/2023 6) SSBE-7W-170052339. PC M subject B. 22/10/2023	3 Male stopped as matched description for someone robbing people of phones. Panel Views: Officer could have been a bit more confident in explanation. Should have also explained to the suspect what he was doing as he was doing it. Action: discussion with officer. 5 male was reported for brandishing firearm at a member of the public. Panel Views: officer built up a good relationship with the suspect. Perfect



		explanation of the search given to suspect. Action: Positive feedback to be given to officer.
4.	Dip sample of Use of Force records 1. Log 4195 of 24/09/2023. PC B 2. Log 4135 of 21/10/2023. PC H 3. Log 586 of 05/09/2023. PC K 4. Log 315 of 10/09/2023. PC S	<p>3 male sent picture to ex of self harm. Detained by officers due to being in a mental health crisis. Limb restraints used to prevent further injury.</p> <p>Panel Views: very difficult situation for officers to deal with. The man was clearly unwell and wouldn't calm down. Showed extraordinary aggression to officers. Officers did very well considering the amount of abuse they had to put up with.</p> <p>Action: Positive feedback to officers</p> <p>1 Officers responded to a reported stolen car. Ground restraint used. Panel Views: UoF was proportionate. Officers gave the suspect plenty of chances to cooperate. Officers acted more than fairly to get the situation under control.</p> <p>Action: Positive feedback to officers.</p>
5.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	As above
6.	Date and location of next panel	Thursday 18 th January 6pm Sutton Coldfield Police Station.