



Stop and Search Scrutiny panel

Location: Homer Road, Solihull

Date and Time: 10/10/23 at 18:30

Apologies: Linda Fox, Natalie Cox, Kate Flack, Jatinder Matharu (Chair), Natalie (PCC), Linda Wilson

Attendance: Insp Mark Heard, Chris Warne (Vice Chair), Malcolm Mellows, Jim Harte, Norwood Jones, David Glanfield, Anna Evans

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction Minutes of the last meeting, update on any actions taken from last meeting	Agreed. Chris Warne pointed out that his apologies at the last meeting had not been recorded and asked that be amended.
2.	Data Discussion Before Mark presented data, the panel expressed the view that at the last meeting too much time was taken up with data at the expense of viewing incident footage. Chair asked Mark to give a brief overview and answer any questions. The panel understanding the main headings would be more equipped to interpret the data at the next meeting. Mark pointed out the way to identify Force data and Solihull specific data, gun data included Taser. Mark said he was more than willing to produce any data that the panel requested.	Group to agree frequency and data to be shared
3.	Stop & Search Incident 1	2 black males stopped and searched by plain clothes police in Touchwood after being seen smoking cannabis. Both males compliant. Panel Outcome: Search procedure was exemplary with excellent inter personal skills used by officer.



		Search carried out with dignity and courtesy.
4.	Stop and Search Incident 2	<p>2 female juveniles aged approx. 13 stopped and searched by a plain clothes female officer in Touchwood. Both girls are compliant but unhelpful in responding to questions about their parents/guardians. This incident proved more difficult and time consuming due to there being only one officer, girls being unwilling to give contact details of parents, it emerged that one of the girls may be “home alone” overnight and then one of the girls having a panic attack.</p> <p>Panel Outcome:</p> <p>Panel agreed that the officer was trying to deal with the matter in the best interests of the children and avoid taking them into custody. It was noted that frustration was creeping into the officer’s manner.</p> <p>Search carried out with dignity and courtesy.</p>
5.	Use Of Force Incident	<p>Part of a planned operation in Chelmsley Wood during the evening in a pub car park. 3 female officers in plain clothes detained a white male who tried to run off when asked to stop when the officers identified themselves.</p> <p>The officers tried to handcuff him but he resisted after one cuff was applied. Consequently, a prolonged scuffle ensued before uniformed officers arrived.</p> <p>Panel Outcomes:</p> <p>Panel thought that officers did their best but one officer telling the man “To grow up” was not appropriate and probably inflamed him more. Panel also thought clearer instructions to the man might have been helpful.</p>
	AOB Camcorder footage delay	<p>All members of the panel expressed frustration at the 30 second delay on footage. In incidents, especially in Use of</p>



	<p>Report Forms</p> <p>Name of Attendee and Apologies</p> <p>Panel Membership</p>	<p>Force the first 30 seconds are essential in judging the incident. This delay is reducing the accuracy of panel judgements. It was agreed to ask Natalie to give an explanation for this delay and whether it can be changed.</p> <p>David noted that several formats had been used for report forms since the panel started. All agreed that the one that Mark produces with headings of Footage, Panel Feedback, Officer Feedback was the best and Mark said that he would continue using that format.</p> <p>It was requested that names are used rather than initials, all agreed that would be better.</p> <p>The panel expressed disappointment with poor attendance of some panel members and some not sending apologies. Some panel members said that they had never seen some individuals who were invited to attend.</p> <p>The vice chair said he had discussed this with the chair Jatinder. We are now over six months past the unusual arrangements put in place for Covid.</p> <p>All agreed that this poor attendance by some people was reducing the effectiveness of the panel. It was suggested and agreed that the following process be put in place and a polite letter sent to all members:</p> <p><i>If any member does not send apologies for not attending two panel meetings they are removed from the panel.</i></p> <p>Linda Wilson has left the panel</p>
6	Date and location of next panel	18:30 at Homer Road, December 6th
7.	2024 Panel Dates	Future dates identified:



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