

Birmingham North Stop and Search/Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Sutton Police Station

Date and Time: Thursday 23rd January 2025 6pm

In Attendance: Lydia Furnell (Chair), Andy Woodroffe, Steve Smith, Maggie Jones, Shirley Weston-Hayles, Zelfher Ferguson, Natalie Cox (PCC), Sgt Neal Marsh.

Apologies: John Cooper, Khalid Mahmood, Novlet Crossdale, Jav Singh

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction Minutes of the last meeting and actions not available at meeting.	Insp. Beech unable to attend meeting due to force commitments.
2.	UPDATE on Stop & Search and Use of Force data from Sergeant Neal Marsh	Panel highlighted presentation had not been produced by force prior to meeting. Sgt Marsh will feed this back to Insp. Beech. Info given by Zelfher to panel regarding book. 'AKIP: The little Black Book- The handbook for the BEAM community when interacting with the police' Authors: Ruth South & Adrian Roberts.
3.	Dip sample of stop and search <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSBE-QM-290728159 SSBE-QT-284867783 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suspect seen matching the description of a shop thief by plain clothes officers. Searched and nothing found. <p>Panel Views: unable to view any of the footage due to BVF being covered by jacket. Action: Feedback to be given</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Car seen speeding. Current intel on car leads it to drug dealing. <p>Panel Views: We felt the second officer was slightly interfering and hindered the officer trying to conduct the search. Discussions about use of handcuffs in the first instance as some of the panel felt it was unnecessary. Suspect was very calm and compliant. The officer was respectful throughout the interaction.</p>



4.	Dip sample of Use of Force records Log 3324-031124	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Unarmed skills and no compliant handcuffing. Wanted males van was outside of a property. Officers tried to enter the property to find the male. Home owner was not happy. <p>Panel Views: Situation was chaos. None of the officers took control of the situation which allowed the incident to escalate drastically. It was the home owner that actually de-escalated the incident. Panel liked that the officer did good after care with the male once the incident had been calmed down.</p>
5.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	
6.	Date and location of next panel	Thursday 8 th May 2025. Teams 6pm. Due to Sutton Coldfield Police Station relocating buildings