



Stop and Search, Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Solihull Police Station

Date and Time: 24 April 2025 at 1830

In Attendance: Chris Warne Vice Chair, David Glanfield, Jim Harte, Norwood Jones, Natalie Cox, Sgt Mark Heard

Apologies: Jatinder, Kate, Anna, Poonam.

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction	Due to a personal emergency Jatinder asked Chris to Chair this evening's meetings.
2.	Update on stop and search data from Sgt Mark Heard	No concerns or comments raised by panel but Sgt Heard explained the level of live record and ethnic classifications when person refuses to state their ethnicity.
3.	Section 60	None to report
4.	Dip sample of stop and search SS6H 8U 330493795 SSSH RZ 331456511	Tracking of a stolen Camper Van: Officers clear on reason for search and rights for record of search. Would have benefitted by trying to build more rapport. Long silences built unnecessary tension. Car stopped and search for drugs: Too many reasons given for search were given and some questionable. Based on intelligence? High crime area? Tasking area? Grounds for Stop and Search not clear and not strong enough. Smell of cannabis on a windy day in aa car? Officers polite and respectful but a long delay without any conversation or interaction. No questions about the significant amount of cash found.
5.	Dip sample of Use of Force records MF/03 JG/01	Mental Health Crisis, officers called to young man's home: Panel acknowledged that this was a very difficult incident to deal with. Although spat at, racially abused and significant resistance shown, the officers remained calm, patient and controlled using the minimum of force. Female officer tried hard to calm the young man. Very professionally handled by all officers. Domestic at address where partner had phoned police re domestic violence: Person who was arrested resisted and was very uncooperative. Officers remained calm and tried patiently



		to build rapport with little success. Minimum force used and good after care given. Officer in background successful and tactfully kept the complainant for joining the fray.
6.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	The panel raised the issue of membership and non attendance. JM was asked to contact panel members to ascertain membership.
6.	Any notes, questions, requests for the next Bi annual Stop and Search, Use of Force Commission	
7.	Date and location of next panel	26 June at 1830 Solihull Police Station