

Sandwell Stop and Search, Use of Force Scrutiny panel

Location: West Bromwich Police Station

Date and Time: 4/2/2025

In Attendance:

WMP Force Rep

Insp Damian Morsy (DM)

Sgt Leigh Harrison (LH)

OPCC Rep

Sheze Malik (SM)

Apologises:

Sarabjit Gakhal

Harjinder Rai

Nico Bailey

Louise Johnson

Aneshah Gordon

Panel Members

Peter Hoare **Chair**(PH)

Lisa Hill (LH)

Jaz Ubi (JU)

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction done by Chair PH	Introductions from DM and LH for the panel members that were absent last session. Also panel members LH and JU introduced themselves .
2.	Feedback from last panel	Feedback to officers from S/S BWV ref: 5103, 1471, 2851, 0627, 0223 and UOF ref:0740 documented by Jen Griffin was fed back to the panel. Positive feedback and notes from S/S BWV ref:4607 & 9419 viewed at the last panel was fed back and discussed .
3.	Review of Data	Ethnic search percentage was noted as still being very high for this period. This was attributed to a high level of transient population in West Bromwich and surrounding areas. A high percentage of NFA from search was commented on, DM mainly attributed this to searches on groups of people only usually resulting in 1 positive outcome. The find rate for drugs was seen by the panel as good. Use of Force percentage has dropped for this period but DM noted that some teams within Sandwell are not submitting reports



		<p>in every instance. Feedback to officers about when to report should help to correct this.</p> <p>The high level of negative outcomes for searches on 10-17 year olds was noted and agreed as still concerning.</p>
4.	Stop and Search Body Worn Video review – randomly selected by Chair PH	<p>299859247 was seen and agreed as being a good controlled search that was very professionally executed.</p> <p>-301658559 Although the search itself was well executed the panel expressed concern that the individual showed signs of illness which may have been better dealt with by calling medical care in to ensure all was well.</p> <p>Pre selected BWV files: 301507215 303621827 307207839 Were not viewed due to time constraints</p>
5.	Use of Force Body Worn Video review – randomly selected by Chair PH	<p>-25987510 was seen and the panel commented that the situation was dealt with excellently by the officers, keeping the individual as calm as possible whilst only using the force necessary. Positive feedback should be sent to the officers concerned.</p> <p>Pre selected BWV files: 2546144 2574959 Were not viewed due to time constraints.</p>
6.	AOB	<p>With reference to selected files that have been referred to Professional Standards Office it was agreed that future BWV would not be viewed by the panel until any investigation has been concluded. These files to be tracked by Chair and viewed by the panel when appropriate.</p>
7.	Actions for next meeting	<p>Feedback from this panel on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BWV 301658559• BWV 25987510
8.	Date and location of next panel	<p>The next panel will be on Tuesday 8th April 2025 @17:30. West Bromwich Police Station</p>