

## Walsall Stop and Search Scrutiny panel

**Location:** Teams

**Date and Time:** 15/04/25 17:00hrs

**In Attendance:**

WMP Force Rep

Insp Neil Derry (ND)

Sgt Jennifer Hulston (JH)

OPCC Rep

Sheze Malik (SM)

Panel Members

**Chair**

Peace (P)

**Vice Chair**

Balbir Seimar (BS)

Nazia Rehman (NR)

**Apologies:**

Linda Clark (LC)

Amy Wilson (AW)

Neve Wilson (NW)

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	<p>Welcome and introduction done by Chair P</p> <p>P welcomed all attendees to the meeting. Panellists, WMP and WMPCC members introduced themselves.</p>	
2.	<p>Feedback from last panel from</p> <p>P brought to the panel's attention the Walsall Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel page on the WMPCC website and confirmed that minutes from the previous meetings are available to read there.</p> <p>P noted however the absence of minutes from the most recent meetings. SM confirmed that this was due to the panel not identifying a note-taker. Panel agreed that P will take notes on this occasion. BS offered to take notes</p>	<p><i>Action agreed: P to send link to Walsall Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel web page (WMPCC website_ to panellists.</i></p>



	<p>during future meetings.</p> <p>Panel agreed that WMP have no previous actions to update the panel on in the absence of minutes from previous meeting.</p>	
3.	<p>Review of Data</p> <p>ND presented Stop and Search and Use of Force data.</p> <p>Panel raised queries regarding outcome rates for young people 10-17 years and Stop and Search outcome rates in relation to Black and Asian searches.</p> <p>ND offered some insight regarding the high-profile trial concerned with Walsall that is currently taking place. ND explained to the panel how the case has impacted recent stop and search figures.</p> <p>ND Confirmed authorisation of Section 60 in Walsall. Panel discussed the use of Section 60 and the impact of recent incidents. Panel asked for some assurance regarding high use of Sec 60 in Walsall compared to other regions.</p> <p>ND and JH offered explanation which panel found useful.</p> <p>NR shared some concerns regarding the initial response by WMP to families impacted by violent crime (machete attacks). During discussion NR also shared information about good work that is being done in schools to reassure young people.</p> <p>JH invited NR to engage with her to improve partnership working to improve the services bring provided to young people and their schools. JH/NR discussed this further with a view towards involving young people in Police Days at Tally Ho and organising school visits.</p>	



4.	<p><b>Stop and Search</b> E-Search Records / Body Worn Video review – randomly selected by Chair P</p> <p>ND presented the first case.</p> <p>First case – Panel were satisfied that the E-Search Records met the required standards.</p> <p>ND presented the second case.</p> <p>Second case – panel queried the grounds and thought the info was a bit vague. ND clarified how the grounds linked to a particular registration number which validated the reason for the search and the way the grounds were described. Panel were satisfied with the E-Search Record following the explanation provided by ND</p> <p>ND presented.</p> <p>First case – Panel felt that searching officer conducted himself well, but his colleagues did not conduct themselves at the standard needed.</p> <p>Panel agreed that the searching officer's colleagues were not as attentive as needed. Also, the searching officer's colleagues appeared at times to be disinterested and tired. Panel agreed that there was some concern about the tone of voice being employed by the first officer whose response was recorded.</p> <p>Second case – Panel agreed that the video did not correspond with the E-Search record.</p> <p>While the E-Search record referred to a body search, the video was related to a car search. Also, the powers used in the E-Search record referred to Misuse of Drugs Act while the search was conducted under Sec. 60.</p>	<p><i>Action: WMP agreed with the 2<sup>nd</sup> case inconsistency and proposed to look into this further.</i></p>
5.	<p><b>Use of Force</b> Body Worn Video review – randomly selected by Chair P</p>	



	Deferred to next meeting due to time constraints	
6.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Panel discussed start times for future meetings. Panel agreed that 6pm online (unless otherwise arranged) is a convenient time and method.</p> <p>P invited show of interest for Vice Chair role. BS expressed an interest which was welcomed by attendees.</p> <p>BS updated the attendees regards her recent appointment and invited panel members to visit her at her work location. Her announcement was warmly received.</p> <p>Panel discussed in brief the absence of panel members if absence (particularly without apology) should result in panel members being contacted concerning their interest in attending future meetings.</p>	



7.	Actions for next meeting	<p><i>Action: P to send link to Walsall Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel web page (WMPCC website_ to panellists.</i></p> <p><i>Action: WMP agreed with the inconsistency in case two records and proposed to investigate this further and feedback at next meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Action: ND to compile data report concerning Sec. 60 for future meetings.</i></p> <p><i>Action: SM to send email to absent members to request confirmation of their interest in being panel members.</i></p> <p><i>Action: P to confirm date and time of next meeting in email to panellists.</i></p>
8.	Date and location of next panel	TBC