

Wolverhampton Stop and Search Scrutiny panel

Location: Wolverhampton Police Station

Date and Time: 21 January 2025

18:30 - 20:30pm

In Attendance:

WMP Force Rep

Insp Steve Edwards (SE)

OPCC Rep

Sheze Malik (SM)

Natalie Cox (NC)

Panel Members

Chester Morrison (CM)

Leannah Dacres (LD)

Apologies:

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction done by Chair CM	CM asked panel if there were any matters they would like to raise in regards to the previous meeting/ minutes or anything else. No matters raised. CM appointed LD as minute taker for all upcoming meetings.
2.	Feedback from last panel from JG	NC gave a clearer insight into analysing the statistics on the 1 st slide. The presented statistics are only a cause for concern if there are significant changes in the data; therefore, they will not be moving forward with detailed descriptions on this slide.
3.	Review of Data	It was questioned why there was a N/A factor for the age of search data – NC stated that it is not a legal requirement for a person to disclose their age during a S&S. The panel raised the question on if the demographic data of the community resolutions could be disclosed or for the “substance seized, person not arrested” outcome. NC stated that this is not



		<p>applicable for a S&S panel, but more for the Criminal Justice Board.</p> <p>Panel spotted that there is no slide which highlights what grounds 10-17 year olds were being searched for.</p> <p>NC mentioned that there will be a S&S commission in April, people attending will gain a greater insight into S&S data.</p> <p>Panel Spotted that there has been an increase in disproportionality for black 10-17 year olds (3.5 times vs 2.8 times for adults) – a cause for concern.</p> <p>It was stated that black males are 5.8 times more likely to be searched nationally, so Wolverhampton is significantly lower (2.8 times).</p>
4.	Stop and Search Body Worn Video review – randomly selected by Chair PH	<p>S&S 1st Video – panel suggested that the recording was stopped too early as we did not see the outcome of the search (search receipt being passed across. Overall, appropriate actions.</p> <p>S&S 2nd Video – Reasonable grounds to search, appropriate actions.</p>
5.	Use of Force Body Worn Video review – randomly selected by Chair PH	<p>UoF 1st Video (compliant handcuffing) – appropriate actions.</p> <p>UoF 2nd Video (physical restraining) – appropriate actions following on from a DV report.</p>
6.	AOB	CM mentioned that there may need be another Vice Chair appointed.
7.	Actions for next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To state which grounds 10-17 year olds are being searched for. ○ To monitor the disproportionality data for black 10-17 year olds.
8.	Date and location of next panel	<p>The next panel will be on Tuesday 18th March 2025 @18:30.</p> <p>Bilston Street Police Station</p>