



Stop and Search, Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Stechford Police station

Date and Time: 2nd June

In Attendance: N Cox (NC), A French (AF), N Kaid (NK), Insp J Carroll (JC), D Burdett (DB), N Fletcher (NF)

Apologies: A Ahmedwali, T Bickley, J Balu

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction	<p>All actions from April's meeting have been actioned.</p> <p>The BWV for Stop Search record 316687859 has not been found. NC to refer to A Green.</p>
2.	Update on stop and search data from Insp J Carrol	<p>The panel discussed the outcomes from the last Census and how they might impact upon Disproportionality Ratios for Birmingham Local Authority verses Birmingham East Policing area.</p> <p>There were issues with the data which meant that there was no Use of Force data available for May.</p> <p>The data pack didn't include any Section 60 data but one had been authorised in April.</p> <p>The panel noted the high disproportionality ratios for the 10-17 year old data slide, particularly for people identifying as black. The Positive Outcome rate for this age group was also very low at 20%. The panel will keep this under review.</p> <p>The panel noted how the new data pack is a better framework for gaining a clear view and being able to ask the right type of questions.</p>
3.	Section 60	<p>A section 60 had been authorised in April but it wasn't included in the data pack nor communicated to the panel at the authorisation stage.</p> <p>No Stop Searches were actually undertaken whilst the Section 60 was in operation.</p>
4.	<p>Dip sample of stop and search</p> <p>All records were within the 10-17 age bracket.</p>	<p>Record no 3 chosen by DB</p> <p>Nominal had been stopped by the Guardian Taskforce on suspicion of stealing a Boris bike. The officer spoke very quickly and as the nominal was under 17 the panel felt he may have struggled to understand the speed of the conversation and the language used. Nominal was arrested which the panel felt wasn't necessary.</p> <p>A positive Stop Search.</p>



		<p>Record no 4 chosen by NF A Stop Search conducted by Firearms. A number of officers were in attendance and the nominals were lined up against a fence where they were all read the GOWISELY en masse. The BWV was from a different officer from the one go through the grounds etc. The situation was managed well, the nominals car was moved to unblock the road. A neutral Stop Search.</p> <p>Record no2 chosen by NK Stop Search undertaken by Guardian Taskforce. The nominal was pursued, handcuffed on the floor and all the constituent parts of GOWISELY were used. A positive Stop Search.</p>
5.	<p>Dip sample of Use of Force records</p> <p>All records were within the 10-17 age bracket.</p>	<p>Record no 4 chosen by NC improvised tactics. Nominal was chased, pushed to the ground and handcuffed. He was quickly got back up onto his feet and the Officer displayed skilful deescalation tactics. A proportionate and fair Use of Force.</p> <p>Record no 7 chosen by JC The nominal was already handcuffed in a school room and was waiting to be walked to a waiting ambulance having been placed under a 136. The nominal was carried out to the ambulance and straps applied whilst she was on a stretcher. The panel felt that the officers dealt with this incident very well showing high levels of care and appropriate boundaries. Clear voices were used along with appropriate language, briefing the nominal's parent before force was used. The officers stood back once they had done their bit to let the ambulance staff take over. A proportionate and fair Use of Force. Instigate a Praise & Reward.</p> <p>Record no 1 chosen by DB No BWV was available</p> <p>Record no 2 chosen by DB The nominal was in custody awaiting processing along with a friend. He stood up and was pushed back down twice by the officer. The panel wondered whether the situation could have been avoided if the two individuals had been separated as they were playing up to each other. Nominal had to ask the officer to put her BWV on, which the panel expressed some concern about. Little verbal communication was enacted before the use of force. The panel felt that it wasn't a fair or proportionate Use of Force.</p> <p>Record no 10 chosen by NC</p>



		Improvised tactics were used to handcuff and arrest a nominal at a bus stop with his friends as he was carrying a machete. The panel felt that the officer dealt well with the situation, showing heightened awareness of what was happening around him. A proportionate and fair Use of Force.
6.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	Missing Use of Force data for May to be followed up as to why it wasn't available. Instigate Praise and Reward for U of F record 7. N Cox to refer the absence of BWV for record 316687859 from April's meeting to A Green.
6.	Any notes, questions, requests for the next Bi annual Stop and Search, Use of Force Commission	Why are there reoccurring problems with the availability of data?
7.	Date and location of next panel	4th August 2025 6.15pm at Stechford Police Station