



Stop and Search, Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Stechford Police station

Date and Time: 4th August 2025

In Attendance: N Cox (NC), A French (AF), N Kaid (NK), Insp J Carroll (JC), D Burdett (DB), N Fletcher (NF), T Bickley (TB), Habeebah (H), Sophora (S), S Malik (SM)

Apologies: none received

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction	<p>All actions from June's meeting have been actioned.</p> <p>The missing data for Use of Force for May was due to a technical issue with the app.</p> <p>The missing BWV has been referred to A Green by NC, but we won't get any feedback on what has happened due to the referral.</p>
2.	Update on stop and search data from Insp J Carroll	<p>The panel reviewed the data pack and noted/asked the following</p> <p>DB asked what 'live records' mean – they are records which haven't yet been reviewed by a supervisor.</p> <p>The snapshot statistics for Stop Search (SS) for the LPA were positive and showed an ongoing trend of being higher than the Force as a whole.</p> <p>There was a high firearm find rate for the LPA which was due to intelligence led policing operations.</p> <p>Disproportionality ratios for SS seem to have flipped over the last few months with a higher disproportionality being shown for black people.</p> <p>When the 10-17 year olds are looked at the disproportionality for black people is much higher than for all ages. A discussion was held as to the impact that this might have on young people's experience of the police, particularly given the low positive outcome rates; over 80% of SS in this age bracket don't find anything. The positive outcome rate for 10–17 year olds is half that for the LPA as a whole.</p> <p>It was pleasing to see the % of Use of Force (UF) incidents recorded on body worn video being higher than for the force as a whole.</p> <p>Disproportionality ratios for UF are low for Asian and Black people which is positive to see and the reverse of SS ratios.</p> <p>The age ranges which breakdown the perceived age of those who have had force used on them are not consistent between age brackets. The panel asked whether the 18-24 age bracket can be included.</p> <p>The % of UF incidents recorded on BWV for 11-17 year olds is lower than for all the age brackets together.</p>



3.	Section 60	Not applicable.
4.	Dip sample of stop and search	<p>Record no 4 chosen by S Two nominals we stopped by two-armed response units. Both nominals were cuffed, were under the age of 18. The necessary information was given to the nominals including that the officers were searching for a machete. Nothing was found but the nominal searched was arrested. The panel didn't know what the arrest was for. The ground recorded on the e-search record were extremely brief. The officer was professional in his approach. A neutral stop search.</p> <p>Record no 5 chosen by NF A traffic officer pushed a nominal off a motorbike that was being ridden on the pavement as the officer was dealing with another incident. The officer's tone was conversational and jovial to the extend that the panel felt it dipped below the professional standard expected. The officer told the nominal at the start after he had picked him up off the floor that he was arrested. The panel were uncertain therefore what power was being used to conduct the stop search. A neutral stop search.</p> <p>Record no1 chosen by DB Firearms officers attended to stop search a male with a machete. Unfortunately, the stop search could not be found on the body worn video.</p>
5.	Dip sample of Use of Force records	<p>Record no 10 chosen by NC, improvised tactics. As a result of neighbourhood dispute a nominal was wrestled to the floor by six officers and handcuffed. The nominal was extremely resistant. Once cuffed the officers ensured that the nominal was placed on his side. A positive example of force being used fairly and proportionately.</p> <p>Record no 4 (and record 3, linked) chosen by TB, use of shield Officers were called to a domestic violence incident. A team of public order officers put through the front door and then confronted the male within the flat. Shields were used to contain the nominal, getting him into a position where he could be handcuffed. The panel felt that this was a chaotic situation dealt with well by the officers. A positive example of force being used fairly and proportionately.</p> <p>Record no 9 chosen by H No evidence of force being used could be found on the body worn video.</p> <p>Record no 7 chosen by H, unarmed skills The nominal was taken out of his flat and into a waiting ambulance. There were paramedics in attendance with the officers. The force used appeared to be fair and proportionate.</p> <p>Record no 2 chosen by NC, unarmed skills An affray was occurring outside a public house. Initially the officer spoke to two males but then a large group of females started shouting, with one female being attacked. The two officers in attendance dealt with a fast changing, chaotic situation well.</p>



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6.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	Download the videos before hand so that the constant buffering issues can be minimised.
6.	Any notes, questions, requests for the next Biannual Stop and Search, Use of Force Commission	
7.	Date and location of next panel	6 th October 2025 6.15pm at Stechford Police Station

Panel members thanked NC for all that she has done to support the work of the panel and for the depth of her knowledge, energy, drive and good humour. The panel hope that this doesn't get lost in the PCC office. The panel welcome S Malik who is taking over the panel role that NC did previously.