

Birmingham North Stop and Search/Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Sutton Coldfield Fire Station

Date and Time: Thursday 12th June 2025 6pm

In Attendance: Lydia Furnell (Chair), Steve Smith, Maggie Jones, Shirley Weston Hayles, Zelfher Ferguson, Natalie Cox (PCC), Insp Jonathan Beach (WMP)

Apologies: Novlet Crossdale, Andy Woodroffe, Leon Skerrit, Jav Singh

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction	Update on recent commission. Panels will now be pin pointed to stop and search of 10-17 year old for disproportionality. Action: Nat to look at national statistics for 10-17 year olds.
2.	UPDATE on Stop & Search and Use of Force data.	
3.	Dip sample of stop and search 335029911 348599871	<p>Vehicle has been seen in tasking area. Intel shows car is linked to criminality. Cocaine and lock knife found.</p> <p>Panel views: as it was a group that were stopped, blanket GOWISELY was used but panel were unable to view the physical search of male that matched the search record. Good use of GOWISLEY. Very informative.</p> <p>Officers were deployed to specifically combat car crime. Officers noticed car in convoy with Range Rover. Driver unable to give reasons for this.</p> <p>Panel views: officer should have moved suspects apart. Too chaotic to hear GOWISELY.</p>

4.	<p>Dip sample of Use of Force records</p> <p>311-12 12/05/25</p> <p>3373- 26/04/25</p> <p>UNAVAILABLE</p>	<p>sexual offence. Officers attended location and arrested suspect. Compliant handcuffing.</p> <p>Panel views: Fair and Effective. Contained situation straight away. Clear and concise instructions.</p> <p>Officers flagged down by MOP as male had a knife. And had threatened her partner with the kitchen knife.</p> <p>Panel views: Officer was calm. He did very well with his decision making processes. Did well to bring the situation to under control. Fair and effective use of powers.</p> <p>officers called to property as female wanted him removed. Suspect becomes increasingly aggressive. Unarmed skills and PAVA</p> <p>Panel views: Officers tried their best to contain the situation but the suspect had pre planned escape. Officers were faced with a chaotic situation where the suspect was never going to cooperate and they had to act when a criminal damage was committed</p>
5.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	
6.	Date and location of next panel	THURSDAY 25 TH SEPTEMBER SUTTON COLDFIELD FIRE STATION.