

Birmingham North Stop and Search/Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Teams

Date and Time: Thursday 8th May 2025 6pm

In Attendance: Lydia Furnell (Chair), Natalie Cox, Johnathan Beach, Chris Forder, Jav Singh, Novlet Crossdale.

Apologies: Leon Skerit, Andy Woodroffe, Maggie Jones, Steve Smith, Khalid Mahmood, Shirley Weston-Hayles, Zelfer Ferguson

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction	
2.	UPDATE on Stop & Search and Use of Force data from Sergeant Neal Marsh	Increase in S23 Misuse of Drugs act due to targeted operation within the area. No BWF for 1 video
3.	Dip sample of stop and search 331910543 328585179	Male had been aggressive in the job centre. Matched description and believed to be carrying a knife. Panel Views: search took too long. Student officer lacked confidence and the comment of "shut your mouth" was unnecessary. Seemed to lose control of the situation. GOWISLEY was used but not confident at all. 2 youths stopped in a tasking area. Hiding in concealed area. Matched the description of robbery offenders in town centre. Panel views: managed extremely well as a single crewed officer. He was polite and calm. Showed respect to the youths. Action: Positive feedback to officer.
4.	Dip sample of Use of Force records Log 2804158	Compliant handcuffing- domestic argument between son and parents. Previous mental health.

	<p>Log 2793580</p> <p>(unavailable)</p>	<p>Panel views: Officers we brilliant. Very sympathetic and considerate. Good move to remove dad from the situation to bring things under control.</p> <p>Action: Positive feedback to officers.</p> <p>Unarmed skills- Call from hospital for back up with security as male was being detained.</p> <p>Panel Views: UoF was necessary and proportionate. Was needed to remove him from the premises and get the situation under control. Tone of officers was good. Good use of translator (hospital staff).</p> <p>Non-compliant handcuffing- shoplifter. Member of the public flagged officers down.</p> <p>Panel Views: Was fair and proportionate. It was needed to help the situation. Officers handled it very well.</p>
5.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	
6.	Date and location of next panel	Sutton Coldfield Fire Station 6pm.