

Dudley NPU Stop and Search Scrutiny panel

Brierley Hill Police Station

04/06/25 @1630

In Attendance:

D.Evans - Vice Chair

S.Malik - OPCC Rep

S.Smyth - WMP Rep

A.Ross

Apologies:

J.Wilkinson - Chair

D.Stephens

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introductions Intro done by Vice chair Name: D.Evans	Apologies and absences read out. Nothing to bring to the start of the meeting.
2.	UPDATE on stop and search data from 17/03/25 to 17/05/25 by S.Smyth	Noted that DY LPA has the highest and more positive outcome rates out of all the LPA's. Happy with E-Search statistics. Confusion RE ethnicity breakdown. Panel satisfied with 100% BWV stats. Can we see Searches and outcomes relating to being on educational establishments and grounds?
3.	UPDATE on use of force data from 17/03/25 to 17/05/25 by S.Smyth	Nice numbers of 98.6% for BWV. Ethnic Proportionality numbers at satisfactory levels. Mentioned around UOF forms for compliant handcuffing being copious. Can this be reduced or changed? Good to see 100% BWV levels for UOF too. Questioned the radius of automatic activation of BWV when taser activated.



4.	Dip sample of stop and search by S.Smyth	<p>Footage 1: The panel felt the officer was quite over the top. Using a lot of police Jargon, and very loosely completed.</p> <p>Footage 2: Well controlled situation, disappointed to see that the search was not thoroughly conducted and things could have been missed.</p>
5.	Dip sample of Use of Force records by S.Smyth	<p>Footage 1: Caller described friend as being suicidal, and sat on bridge. Officers maintained control over member of the public and escorted to hospital then place of safety. Control was kept throughout. Non-Compliant Handcuffing.</p> <p>Footage 2: Intox male, very unknowing of what's going on. Police kept good control of him, off duty officers and multiple extra resources helped to detain. Stolen property recovered from his person.</p> <p>Footage 3: Subject in a state of distress, query intox drugs. Known to have mental health issues. Taken to a place of safety after hospital via ambulance.</p>
6.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	None outstanding.
7.	AOB /Notes	None to be made



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8.	Date and location of next panel	13/08/2025 @ 18:30 Brierley Hill Police Station
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