

Sandwell Stop and Search, Use of Force Scrutiny panel

Location: West Bromwich Police Station

Date: 3/6/2025

In Attendance:

WMP Force Rep

Insp Damian Morsy (DM)

Insp Leigh Harrison (LH)

OPCC Rep

Sheze Malik (SM)

Panel Members

Peter Hoare **Chair**(PH)

Brinda Chana(BC)

Kunle Aderemi (KA)

Emma Hariett (EH)

Apologies:

Harjinder Rai

Jas Ubhi

Joyce Haye

Tariq Karim

Lisa Hill

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction done by Chair PH	Introductions and overview from PH for the new panel members.
2.	Feedback from last panel	Feedback to officers from S/S BWV ref: 8891-search not being very thorough was feedback to officer by LH 0747-Time and work patterns have not allowed for feedback to be passed on, this will carry over to the next panel. 7075-praise from the panel passed on by LH to officer for a good, well conducted search. 1650- praise from the panel passed on by DM to officer . .
3.	Review of Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A question was raised around the process for offering QR codes after search. This was explained in detail by DM. LH will look at the availability of data relating to QR uptake and potentially be reviewed at future panels An Extremely high amount of searches on 10-17 year olds was seen (93) and concern was voiced



		<p>around the overall 50% of searches being on under 25 year olds .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No section 60's were issued• Use of Force now seems to be concentrated in the 18-34 bracket.
4.	Stop and Search Body Worn Video review – randomly selected by Chair PH	<p>335412475 was seen and agreed as being a good search but no QR code was offered- Feedback on this has already been passed on by LH</p> <p>339650107 No BWV file saved for this search. This will need feeding back</p> <p>340743147 This was a very quick, cursory search but the vehicle search was very good</p> <p>343240323 Search was all good but officer chose not to use gloves DM will speak to officers again to pass on the panels general concerns on use of gloves.</p> <p>Other Pre selected BWV files: 345640807, 347103799 & 347511587</p> <p>Chair (PH) decided not to view due to time constraints</p>
5.	Use of Force Body Worn Video review – randomly selected by Chair PH	<p>-2881538 panel comments: Officers did the best that they could in the ,very difficult, circumstances but the care staff on site very very unhelpful. There was little choice but to use force and restraint</p> <p>Pre selected BWV files: 2901733, 2926555, 2958827, 2904134, 2970969 & 2967769</p> <p>Chair (PH) decided not to view due to time constraints.</p>
6.	AOB	Nothing raised .
7.	Actions for next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 317200747 carried over from April panel
8.	Date and location of next panel	<p>The next panel will be on Tuesday 5th August 2025 @17:30.</p> <p>West Bromwich Police Station</p>