

Sandwell Stop and Search, Use of Force Scrutiny panel

Location: West Bromwich Police Station

Date: 14/8/2025

In Attendance:

WMP Force Rep

Insp Damian Morsy (DM)

Insp Leigh Harrison (LH)

OPCC Rep

Sheze Malik (SM)

Apologises:

Aneshah Gordon

Tariq Karim

Panel Members

Peter Hoare **Chair**(PH)

Brinda Chana(BC)

Lisa Hill (LH)

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction done by Chair PH	Introductions from PH with explanation of why panel was postponed and rescheduled at short notice.
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 this was carried over from June panel feedback has now reached the officer and the reasons for the panels concerns were understood.
3.	Review of Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DM explained TGP process and area hotspot concentration 10-17 year olds search level was a little lower than last panel (73) but the 4.9% black search rate was concerning . The Black search ratio at 3.1 seems to be a little lower than last panel but with the college closed it will be interesting to keep an eye on changes at the next panel 1 section 60 order was issues this period but the slide pack did not cover any figures relating to it.



4.	Stop and Search Body Worn Video review – randomly selected by Chair PH	332926339 was an excellent search , well controlled with all the relevant details addressed. 352644671 very good search indeed 354507043 was seen as a very good search, the officer kept the subject calm and prevented any escalation while keeping firm control of the situation. 363722211 A very good, considered search. Great work Other Pre selected BWV files: 355015727, 358904427 & 362982307 Chair (PH) decided not to view due to time constraints
5.	Use of Force Body Worn Video review – randomly selected by Chair PH	-303750 was very well controlled and professionally done. 3069474 force must have been used by other officers before this officers intervention which we did not see or review. This officers use of force was justified and well executed. 3138163 All good, well explained by the officer and professionally done. 3147319 compliant subject was treated fairly, force was justified all executed politely and calmly. Pre selected BWV files: 3056592, 3071398 & 3117463 Chair (PH) decided not to view due to time constraints.
6.	AOB	A note of thanks to the now fully promoted Inspector Leigh Harrison for his work and assistance to the panel in his short time working with us and we all wish him well in his new role. We are very sorry to see him go.
7.	Actions for next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None
8.	Date and location of next panel	The next panel will be on Tuesday 7th October 2025 @17:30. West Bromwich Police Station