



Walsall Stop and Search, Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Online

Date and Time: 20 August 2025

In Attendance:

Panel Members: **Chair:** Peace (P), **Vice Chair:** Balbir Seimar (BS), Amie Wilson (AW),

OPCC Representative: Shehzadi Malik (SM), Natalie Cox (NC)

WMP Force Representative: Mohammed Khalid,

HMICFRS Representative: David Nealon

Apologies: Nazia Rehman (NR), Linda Clark (LC),

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	<p>Welcome and introductions.</p> <p>Chair to welcome attendees and invite introductions</p>	<p>Chair welcomed attendees and invited introductions. Attendees introduced themselves.</p> <p>Chair outlined matters arising from the previous minutes: (15 April 2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P was to send Walsall SSUOF PCC web-page link to panel members. <p>Completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel requested WMP Rep investigate case record inconsistency and feedback at next meeting. <p>Previous WMP Representative didn't bring the matter to the new rep's attention so matter wasn't investigated. However, MK felt it would be possible to pick the matter up as case record remains available. MK to look at case record and bring an update to next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WMP Representative to compile Sec 60 data report for future meetings. <p>Completed. See next Agenda Item.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SM to email absent members to establish their position regarding panel membership. <p>Complete. SM contacted panel members and was able to establish the names and number of current panel membership.</p>



<p>2.</p>	<p>Update on stop and search data from West Midlands Police.</p> <p>SSUOF Data Walsall 010626 - 310725</p>	<p>WMP presented the data.</p> <p>P raised concerns about data that appears to show disproportionality of 10–17-year-old black people being stopped and searched by more than 50% compared to 18+ black community.</p> <p>NC made clear that the matter has also been raised in other panels and suggested that further discussion and date is needed so that a more informed position can be established. NK suggested that at least 6 months data is needed. NC confirmed that she is in discussion with WMP and, while understanding the concerns raised, she will continue to gather information to inform our future meetings.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Section 60</p> <p>Authorised by Superintendent Lisa-Jayne Robson at 18:49 on 23/6/25 to 6:49 on 24/06/25</p>	<p>MK shared the available Sec 60 information explaining the reason for the Sec 60 being authorised.</p> <p>BS raised a concern about the Food Kitchens that take place in Park Street and asked the WMP to consider if their existence is contributing to the anti-social-behaviour and that takes place.</p> <p>MK commented that he did not feel this was the case but added that having more precise information regarding the date and times of incidents in the location may be helpful.</p> <p>The panel queried how the Walsall community is informed about Sec 60 in advance of Sec 60 being granted.</p> <p>NC explained that notification can be shared on the same night or the next day. She informed the panel that notification of Sec 60 is shared by social media. Panel explored the topic of how we want to be informed.</p> <p>During the discussion that followed there was the strong suggestion that the network (including the Chair) should be made aware including the Chair. The panel also explored educating young people in relation to sec 60. SM confirmed that her team continue to deliver education programmes across schools and alongside NC she confirmed that it is felt that sec 60 should be brought to the attention of the Chairs of SSUOF Panels.</p> <p>BS suggested that panel /community members should also be involved with the training being delivered to young people. BS also feels that work needs to be done to review the work being completed by a particular organisation (not named in these minutes) as she does not feel that the youth don't seem to be benefiting.</p>



6.	Any notes, questions, requests for the next Biannual Stop and Search, Use of Force Commission	<p>At this point, due to the unforeseen need for two of the panel members in attendance to depart from the meeting, it was felt that the panel meeting could not continue.</p> <p>All remaining scrutiny matters were deferred to the next meeting.</p> <p>However, DN raised a number of queries and offered some feedback concerning the meeting, which WMP and PCC were able to respond to prior to the meeting's closure.</p>
7.	Date and location of next panel	15th October 2025 Online