



Stop and Search, Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Bilston Street Police Station, Wolverhampton

Date and Time: Tuesday 15th July @ 6:30pm

In Attendance:

WMP Force Rep

Adam Davenport (AD) (Wolverhampton Response Supervisor)

OPCC Rep

Sheze Malik (SM)

Panel Members

Chester Morrison (CM)

Leannah Dacres (LD)

Ruth South (RS)

Esther Douglas (ES)

Neil Hubbins (NH)

Natalia Lipiec (NL)

Beth Cooke (BC)

Danny

Apologies:

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction from everyone and apologies disclosed. • SM to email all members a copy of the information pack from the SSUOF commission. • The contents of the data pack has been set by the OPCC, therefore, no extra information (such as taser tactics) will be added to the presentation.
2.	Update on stop and search data from AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive outcome rate decreased to 17.3% (from 23.4% in the previous meeting). AD to liaise with analysts to see why this has dropped. • AD to add yearly comparisons to the data. • Firearms find rates are typically low due to only firearms officers being dispatched to search for firearms. Teams with unarmed officers will never be dispatched to search for firearms. • AD informed the panel of a current operation called "Red Fox". This is the crackdown on youth violence (under 25s) in Whitmore Reans, Wednesfield and Bilson. This operation will have contributed to the increase in the number of stop and searches.



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The panel would like to know what neighbourhoods knives have been found in.• The panel would like the mixed proportion to be added to the disproportionality slide.• 10-17 year olds: the panel would like to look into the black ethnic proportion as it is high (5.2) and to look into the drop in BWV %.• AD provided an explanation on how trigger reviews work and the policy around it. Stop and searches conducted on subjects between 17-25 years old activate a trigger review.• The panel would like to request a review on the policy for trigger reviews for the following reasons:<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Stop and searches for people under 17 years old are not flagged for a trigger review.b. If BWV is not recorded for a stop and search of someone under 17 years old, this also is not flagged for a trigger review. <p>The panel would like the above items to be considered as a factor that would flag as a trigger review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UoF BWV% decreased to 94.4%.• Taser tactics BWV% decreased to 91.7%.
3.	Section 60	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No S60s issued in this time period.
4.	Dip sample of stop and search	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• S&S Video 1 - Report of a homeless person breaking and entering property and taking knives. Overall positive feedback from the panel. Offices acted fairly during the S&S and explained the grounds for the search clearly. The panel mentioned that officers were slightly too calm given the initial report.• S&S Video 2 - Cannabis/drugs in vehicle. Overall negative feedback. BWV was turned on at the end of the search, so all vital interactions were missed. The panel was unable to evaluate based on what was seen.• S&S Video 3 - Report of dealing drugs. Overall mixed feedback from the panel. There was a language barrier at the start of the video but officers overcame this by using a translation app to communicate with the subject. The panel would like to know why compliant handcuffing was used on the subject and why the PAVA spray was drawn 4 times throughout the video. The panel spotted that the female officer displayed an attitude during the search, noticing that she handled the subject's property as if it was dirty.



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● S&S Video 4 - Misuse drugs act. Once drugs were found, this activated S32 PACE for the search to continue. Overall positive feedback from the panel. Officers acted fairly during the search and explained the grounds of the search clearly. However, the panel was unsure why officers allowed the subject to have a cigarette during the search.
5.	Dip sample of Use of Force records	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● UoF Video 1 - Ground restraints, subject tried to run away from the police. Overall positive feedback from the panel.
6.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● SM to email all members a copy of the information pack from the SSUOF commission.● AD to add yearly comparisons to the data.● AD to liaise with analysts to see why the positive outcome rate has dropped.● To find out what neighbourhoods knives have been found in (not part of the slides).● To get the mixed proportion added to the disproportionality slide.● To look into 10-17 year olds:<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Why the black ethnic proportion is high (5.2).b. Why there is a drop in BWV %.● To request a review on the policy for trigger reviews so that the following factors can flag a trigger review:<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Stop and searches for people under 17 years old.b. If BWV is not recorded for a stop and search of someone under 17 years old.● To know why compliant handcuffing was used on the subject and why the PAVA spray was drawn 4 times throughout the S&S video 3.● AD to present a firearms S&S BWV for the panel to give feedback.
6.	Any notes, questions, requests for the next Bi annual Stop and Search, Use of Force Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Danny was appointed as the new minute taker for the meetings.
7.	Date and location of next panel	Tuesday 9th September @ 18:30. Bilston Street Police Station