



Stop and Search, Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Bilston Street Police Station, Wolverhampton Central

Date and Time: 09/09/25 @ 1830

In Attendance: Insp A. Davenport, S. Malik OPCC , C.Morrison, D.Evans, M.Ojo, B.Cooke, E.Douglas, R.South, L.Dacres, Kal

Apologies: Adrian

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction Confirmed by Chester	CM confirmed change of minute taker from LH to DE Update from AD RE trigger reviews, highlighted that panels can request for triggers to be changed.
2.	Update on stop and search data from AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted that per annum, positive outcomes, and BWV records have increased, however not as high as we would want them to be. • Updated from last meetings actions, it is possible to confirm which team recovers a weapon, just cannot pinpoint precise location. • Also explained how grounds for search are specifically logged and correlation between this and positive outcome rates. • Differences between ethnic search ratio vs pie charts confirmed. • Decreased positive outcome rate between WV and other panels brought to attention unable to ascertain the reason why. • RS asking why black search ratio is always the highest of them all. AD unable to describe justification. • RS asking if gender breakdown can also be added to the slides. ED to second these requests • DE asked when census data can be updated and how it can be made more accurate. AD: 7-10 yrs, data can only be made more accurate when policing progresses. • Explained the 10-17 drugs find ratio described searches completed on suspicion. • RS including questions around unconscious bias. AD explained intelligence based work and suspicion. • ED asked AD for justification or reasoning for lack of BWV on specific incidents.
3.	Section 60	None to report.



4.	Dip sample of stop and search 25343 - S23 MoD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NFA, Explained grounds for search clearly, good execution of Go Wisely. The officer also explained the complaints procedure in depth for if the subject of the search found it necessary. Overall positive feedback from the panel. Only criticism was not enough emphasis on completing the feedback QR code.
5.	Dip sample of Use of Force records 0126 - 01/08/25: Caller states son likely to cause harm to self. Detained under section 136, Non compliant cuffing and restraints used.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DE questioned grounds for the 136, whether it was the most appropriate disposal.• LH asked about appropriate language for the situation, phrases like “idiot” being inappropriate.• DE asked for AD to follow up with the officer involved in the incident who failed to activate BWV.• DE also asked why police officers have authority to use S136 without any specialised training.
6.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UOF follow up - AD to follow up with officers involved in this incident to talk about appropriate use of language and why there was failure to activate BWV.
6.	Any notes, questions, requests for the next Bi annual Stop and Search, Use of Force Commission	Force Commission: SM reminded the panel of the next commission and for the panels to consider questions to bring to it. Why aren't officers provided with MH Training if given MH powers? Can we as a panel amend triggers for trigger reviews? Why black search ratio always the highest of them all? AD unable to describe justification. Can gender breakdown also be added to the slides?
7.	Date and location of next panel	Bilston Street 18/11/25 @ 1830