



Stop and Search, Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Stechford Police station

Date and Time: 1st December 2025

In Attendance: N Cox (NC), A French (AF), N Kaid (NK), Insp J Carroll (JC), T Bickley (TB), H Rafiq (HR)
Chief Insp S Corrigan (SC), S Malik (SM), M Corrigan HMICSRs (MC)

Apologies: D Burdett

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction	His Majesty's Inspector was welcomed to the meeting.
2.	Update on stop and search data from Insp J Carrol	<p>The panel reviewed the data pack and noted/asked the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanks were given to JC for the speedy production of the data• It was noted that the outcomes for BE on the Snapshot for Oct & Nov were higher than for the Force, particularly the Positive Outcome Rate of 36.9% which is the highest its been for BE.• A discussion was held around the low Knife find rate of 3.9% and the relatively high drugs find rate of 31.5%.• The panel discussed the high disproportionality ratio for Black Stop Searches of 3.5. This is higher than it's previously been, is higher than the Asian ration of 2.1 and is noticeable because on Census statistics Black people account for 11% of the population in Birmingham Local Authority. The panel will continue to look at the statistics relating to black people and Use of Force and Stop Search.• The panel noted the lower outcome rate for 10-17 year olds of 30.2% and discussed the experiences that may stay with this age group. The knife find rate of 4.3% was lower for 10-17 year olds than the panel expected.• The lower disproportionality ratios for Use of Force (1.6 Asian & 2.4 Black) were noted by the panel.• Although higher at 4 Asian and 4.6 Black, the disproportionality ratios for use of force and 11-17 year olds were more reassuring for the panel in their comparability.
3.	Section 60	Not applicable.
4.	Dip sample of stop and search	<p>Record no 5 chosen by TB Id ref 404664967 A nominal was taken out of the passenger side of a parked car due to the smell of cannabis. The nominal was found to have cannabis and cocaine on their person as a result of the Stop Search. The nominal was taken to a police station for a strip search. Officers were clear and professional in their interactions. A neutral stop search.</p> <p>Record no 1 chosen by NK Id ref 392124435 The nominal was a female who appeared to be a drug addict. A trainee officer conducted the Stop Search as a supervisor guided her. The officer</p>



		<p>was very friendly covering the necessary aspects of Gowisely. There was some discussion about over friendliness and how the officer allowed the nominal to light a cigarette part way through the Stop Search. A neutral stop search.</p> <p>Record no3 chosen by NC Id ref 395790323 A nominal was taken out of a parked car at night as a police car had seen tissues discarded through the car window. There were tow other males in the car. The policing team that attending consisted of two car and around 6 officers. The discarded tissues were found in the bushes to contain class A drugs. The officer conducting the search was very direct in his tone, covering all the necessary aspects of Gowisely. A neutral stop search.</p>
5.	Dip sample of Use of Force records	<p>Record no 2 chosen by NC, Id ref 2114, ground restraint People had been fighting in the street. There was a foot chase and two officers drew their tasers before the male was detained. The nominal was handcuffed and was compliant until his balaclava was removed at which point he had to be taken to the ground and further restrained. There didn't appear to be any video of the tasers being drawn. A proportionate and reasonable use of force. Check if body worn video exists for the drawing of the tasers.</p> <p>Record no 1 chosen by HR, Improvised tactics Two officers were called to a domestic violence incident involving a daughter and her mum in a flat. The officers clearly demonstrated a child first approach defusing a volatile situation with care, compassion and common sense. The panel felt that the officers skilfully let the situation play itself out whilst keeping charge of all that was happening. A positive example of force being used fairly and proportionately. Initiate a praise and reward for the officers.</p> <p>Record no 3 chosen by NK, ground restraint An officer had pressed their panic button. When the officer whose body worn video we were watching arrived a young male was being detained on the floor on the street; it appeared that there had been an incident in a nearby house and there were safety concerns for this nominal. The situation deescalated very quickly in part due to the large numbers of officers that responded and were controlling the nominal on the floor. The child was compliant on the floor. The panel were concerned with the length of time it took to stand the nominal up and the number of feet and legs that they would have seen surrounding them. A proportionate and reasonable use of force.</p> <p>Record no 4 chosen by SM, unarmed skills The female nominal had been involved in a street robbery. After a short foot chase officers push the female to the floor whilst running, grappled with her before handcuffing. The panel felt that the officers showed sensitivity towards a transgender person. There was discussion around pushing whilst running and the potential injury that this could cause. A proportionate and reasonable use of force.</p>
6.	Action noted from discussions for	<p>Use of Force record 1 Check if body worn video exists for the drawing of the tasers.</p>



	update at next panel	Use of Force record 2 Initiate a praise and reward for the officers.
6.	Any notes, questions, requests for the next Biannual Stop and Search, Use of Force Commission	Why do knife find rates seem to be low particularly for 11-17 year olds? Why does there appear to be a trend for the black disproportionality ratio for Stop Search escalating compared to Asian and White people?
7.	Date and location of next panel	2nd February 2026 @ 6.15pm at Stechford Police Station

Panel members thanked NC for all that she has done to support the work of the panel and for the depth of her knowledge, energy, drive and good humour. The panel hope that this doesn't get lost in the PCC office. The panel welcome S Malik who is taking over the panel role that NC did previously.