



Stop and Search, Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Brierley hill police station

Date and Time: 27th August .4.30 p.m

In Attendance:Julie Wilkinson, Sheze Malik.,Insp Sarah Smyth,Danny Evan's,Fiona Maje,Alex Ross and Agata Rajewska.

Apologises: Mariann Bayliss, Leon Fletcher,Dean Stephens

Dean Stephens

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction JW welcomed the new panel members and introductions were shared.	The panel meeting was slightly later than originally scheduled due to local policing operations and Insp SS time constraints.
2.	Update on stop and search data from May to end of July 2025 presented by Insp SS.	<p>Data compares Dudley as a local policing area v the force. There were no outstanding actions from our last meeting and the minutes have been shared.</p> <p>Officers are robust and repeat subjects are important it gives the panel reference for scrutiny.Insp SS confirmed all officers should be offering the QR code at the roadside. Positive outcome rates 39.4 % a total of 53 arrests. 23.5 % arrest rate. Drug find rates 54.9%. 10 knives recovered. Dudley has really good outcomes. Local policing areas have good find rates. Fire arm ratio 0%. All the data is positive. Insp SS discussed mapping and areas that are highlighted have social deprivation the data identifies areas that are high. Merry Hill and Dudley town centre. Protests would not generate a change in the heat map of impact on stop and search. Insp SS shared the data May to July regarding objects searched for and power. Mainly pace 1 searches and misuse of drugs act.</p>
3.	Section 60	No section 60 at this time.
4.	Insp SS data shared.	<p>Ethnicity breakdown data was discussed and shared with the panel. 3% Asian search and 5.6% Black search. The % is based on the whole community. Many searches are intelligence led.</p>



		<p>Insp SS shared 10 to 17 year olds data and commented there is a enhanced review of these searches to ensure specific age groups are not being targeted.98% of these searches are recorded. Trigger reviews are ongoing. Drug find rate 14.3%. Knife find rate 6.3%. Positive outcome 22.4%. 87.8% Live records. 98% BW.</p> <p>In terms of UOF data. May to July 2025. BW 96.1% This data includes compliant handcuffing. UOF mapping fits in with stop and search and forms should be completed by officers when handcuffing. The panel discussed the data and BW automatically switches on for taser tactics . Census data from 2021 helps build the data.</p>
5.	Stop and Search . Video 1	<p>Reports of a drunken Male inside the library at Lady's walk Sedgley. Threats were being made towards staff. This was a pace 1 search, two male officers attended. The man admitted he was intoxicated a search for a blade was carried out. He apologised for what had been said. There were lots of breeches showing on the system. The panel agreed the officers were fair and consistent.</p>
6.	Stop and Search Video 2	<p>Officers called to a location were youths were causing ASB and one youth wielding a knife. This was a section 1 pace stop and search. Youths were searched. Officers discussed the report and a youth was arrested. SM offered context explaining it offers a unique reference and the QR code is mandatory The QR code can be scanned and used within three months of the search.</p>
6.	UOF Video 1	<p>Officers entered a property looking for two females who had been reported as scared .The female officer asked questions of the two females found . Handcuffs were used and this was a low level of UOF powers. A person was arrested on suspicion of robbery. The panel raised no concerns .</p>
7.	UOF video 2	<p>A call about a female throwing glass and a possible knife involved. Reports the female was standing in the</p>



road. She was arrested for a bladed article and taken to Oldbury custody centre. She is 15 years old A female officer goes through the reasoning for the search at Oldbury. A custody Sargent has the authority to do the search .A knife arch and wand are used. She was found with a blade and the police have prior information on her.

She was held in a juvenile detention cell rather than a adult cell.

Insp SS detailed the reasons for this.

The panel agreed this was a fair and appropriate search and decision.

No further points to discuss and no further actions for Insp SS.

The panel confirmed the next meeting Wednesday 8th October 4.30 p.m.

We agreed we would very much like to recruit new panel members.

The next meeting venue would be Brierley hill police station.