



Stop and Search, Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Sandwell

Date and Time: 2/12/2025 17:30

In Attendance: Peter Hoare (Chair), Lisa Hill, Andrew Crossfield, Phillip Wright, Nico Bailey, Simranjit Kaur, Sofia Kaur, Sheze Malik (OPCC), Insp Damian Morsy (WMP), PC Singh (WMP)

Apologises: Tariq Karim, Arif Rafi, Brinda Chana, Louise Johnson

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction	Introductions from PH,DM and from the rest of the panel for the benefit of new members.
2.	Feedback from previous panel	Feedback to officers from previous panel was all positive.DM relayed the feedback which was well received by the officers concerned. <ul style="list-style-type: none">S/S 387954067 was highlighted for feedback to officers. This was concerning officers from Guardian Task Force, DM is still waiting for a response from supervising officer concerned. Hopefully this will be passed on to Chair in the coming days.
3.	Update on stop and search & Use of Force data from Insp Damian Morsy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Panel were puzzled by grounds used showing Section 60 being used for 2 searches when no Section 60 orders were authorised in Sandwell in the period reviewed.DM to investigateInsp DM clarified why there has been a notable increase in Use of Force reports. A WMP drive to be documenting rational for Use of ForceA request cam from panel to see arrest numbers in future so comparison can be made to Use of Force Numbers. DM to look into adding this to the slide but because more than one officer may be involved in an arrest the figures may be badly skewed when trying to compare arrest numbers to Use of Force numbers.It was noted as good that no taser firings had been shown in 11 to 17 year old figures this period.
4.	Section 60	The reasons for the use of section 60 orders were explained by Insp. Morsy for the benefit of new panel members but there were actually no Section 60s issued in Sandwell since the last panel.
5.	Dip sample of stop and search	S/409436507 was reviewed, the grounds appeared fine and GOWISELY was clear. The search was well controlled by the officer. Panel requested this to be fed back to officer concerned



		<p>S/S 409314591 was reviewed, although the search was seen as good the officers detained subject once search was completed and nothing was found. The panel were concerned that the reasons for continued detention were not clear.</p> <p>Insp. Morsey will take this away and get further details/explanation from officer/supervisor and report back at the next panel.</p> <p>S/S 407439607 was reviewed, the grounds appeared to be fine and the search was good. No mention of the QR feedback code was mentioned.</p> <p>S/S 401671719 was reviewed , no GOWISELY was heard from the officer searching but it was a well control thorough search.</p> <p>S/S 400456763 & 394844423 were not reviewed due to time constraints.</p>
6.	Dip sample of Use of Force records	<p>UofF 3474503 was reviewed, The use of Force seemed appropriate to the situation however the panel did comment on the excessive number of officers at the incident</p> <p>Due to an error in the database selection process all of the other use of Force files selected were from Dudley & Birmingham LPU areas so were not reviewed by the panel</p>
7.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	The feedback in red above will be reviewed at the next panel
8.	Any notes, questions, requests for the next Bi annual Stop and Search, Use of Force Commission	No questions were raised that need to be forwarded to the Force Commission at this stage
9.	Date and location of next panel	Next Panel has been set for 10th February 2026 at 17:30 in West Bromwich Police Station