



Stop and Search, Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Sandwell

Date and Time: 7/10/2025 17:30

In Attendance: Peter Hoare (Chair), Brinda Chana, Lisa Hill, Andrew Crossfield
Sheze Malik (OPCC), Insp Damian Morsy (WMP)

Apologises: Joyce Haye, Tariq Karim, Sofia Kaur, Yasmin Williams, Emma Harriot

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction	Introductions from PH with introductions from the panel for the benefit of new member.AC. Feedback to officers from previous panel was all positive.DM relayed the feedback was well received by the officers concerned.
2.	Update on stop and search data from Insp Damian Morsy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The BWV percentage for S/S was commented on as 98.7% which was slightly higher than last panel and now very close to the 100% mark.• Explanation of find rate figures was restated by the chair for new member benefit as the figures can be a little confusing at first sight• As requested by chair, the reported uses of force used on under 10's showing on the figures was investigated in detail by Insp. Morsy and explained to the panel. The explanation and reasons appeared to be acceptable.
3.	Section 60	The reasons for the use of section 60 orders were explained by Insp. Morsy for the benefit of new panel member but there were actually no Section 60s issued in Sandwell since the last panel.
4.	Dip sample of stop and search	<p>S/S 380294379 was reviewed, the grounds appeared fine but the BWV showed that while the search was very thorough the officer showed a growing level of frustration with not finding any cannabis during the search and also made some inappropriate comments Panel requested this to be fed back to officer concerned</p> <p>S/S 384922983 was reviewed, the grounds appeared to be fine but there was no GOWISELY given and the officer used some comments which generalised that vehicles with window tints meant drug dealer vehicle, the panel thought that this was unacceptable. Panel requested this to be fed back to the officer concerned.</p> <p>S/S 387954067 was reviewed, although the search was seen as good the paper record stated that a</p>



		<p>'Zombie Knife' was recovered as a consequence of the search but no knife was seen in the BWV. Insp. Morsey will take this away and investigate further with office/supervisor and report back at the next panel.</p> <p>S/S 386978739 was reviewed, the grounds appeared to be fine but the person searched had very little command or understanding of English which the panel thought was dealt with as best at the time but panel was concerned that he was unaware of what was happening. Insp. Morsy added an explanation of evidence gathering/securing priorities and the use of interpreter services after the search if needed to make sure that all is understood</p> <p>S/S 391813339 was not reviewed due to time constraints.</p>
5.	Dip sample of Use of Force records	<p>UofF 3375551 was reviewed, The person being detained was obviously confused and frightened. The officers, whilst maintaining control of the situation went to great lengths to put him at ease and explain what was happening very carefully. Panel requested this excellent handling of the situation be fed back to officers concerned</p> <p>UofF 3358158 was reviewed, the panel agreed that this Use of Force was appropriate and well conducted</p> <p>UofF 3325614 was reviewed, the panel agreed that the force used was reasonable and conducted well.</p> <p>UofF 3271301 was partially review but showed to be actioned in Coventry so the review was halted as not a Sandwell action.</p>
6.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	The feedback in red above will be reviewed at the next panel
6.	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
7.	Date and location of next panel	Next Panel has been set for 2 nd December at 17:30 in West Bromwich Police Station