



Stop and Search, Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Castlegate Police station, Dudley Central

Date and Time: 03/12/25 @ 1630

In Attendance: S.Smyth, S.Malik, D.Evans, A.Ross, S.Biggs, T.Harding

Apologies: H.Bashir

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction Confirmed by Chester	DE opened the panel in JW's absence. Completed introductions for new members
2.	Update on stop and search data from AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noted that meets standard percentage lower than normal, no suitable justification.• Higher repeat subject numbers than normal.• Consistently high drugs find rate - panel satisfied.• After the Merry hill incident op guardian officers pulled in which increased searches in the area affecting proportionalities.• SS explained grounds and reasoning for OP Guardian• No changes with heat map.• No significant change RE pie charts for object and power, as well as no changes RE ethnic breakdown.• 10-17's live records have dropped• Meets required standard and live record rate percentages dropped significantly (low 80%'s)• Ethnic breakdown is a lot higher than normal also.
3.	Section 60	None.
4.	Dip sample of stop and search	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• S&S1 - No video• S&S2 - Sensitive so could not be shown• S&S3 - S1 stolen items - Queried as to whether search conducted in appropriate location - not by window. Reasonable approach by officers, not scripted and positive interaction. Good Search, although negative outcome.• S&S4 - Asked whether cuffs could be removed sooner. Positive outcome, strong search.



	Dip sample of Use of Force records	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UOF1 - Sensitive• UOF2 - Sensitive• UOF3 - Psychosis, well controlled. Supported by ambulance staff to detain initially, other officers came to support and was detained in a van. Unknown outcome.• UOF4 - Executed Warrant compliant cuffing - nothing to note
6.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	None to be noted.
6.	Any notes, questions, requests for the next Bi annual Stop and Search, Use of Force Commission	None noted.
7.	Date and location of next panel	04/02/26 @ Castlegate Police Station, Dudley Central.

Noted and completed by: Danny Evans.