



Stop and Search, Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Sandwell

Date and Time: 10/2/2026 17:30

In Attendance: Peter Hoare (Chair), Toni Spassova, Phillip Wright, Brinda Chana, Aneshah Gordon, Tariq Karim, Sheze Malik (OPCC), Insp Damian Morsy (WMP), Insp Mike Bradley (WMP)

Apologises: Emma Harriot, Arif Rafi, Lisa Hill

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction	Introductions from PH,DM and from the rest of the panel for the benefit of new member(TS).
2.	Feedback from previous panel	Feedback from SS ending 4067 held over from Oct Panel.DM explained that there was an error in paperwork which was relayed to the officers concerned and corrected. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• S/S 409436507 Positive feedback was given to officers involved and well received• S/S 409314591 The reasons around continued detention after search were explained by DM and accepted by the panel.• Following discussions at the last panel DM explained to the panel that the way firearms officers approach the GOWISELY is slightly different from other officers as if a group of suspects are being dealt with only 1 officer will go through the GOWISELY before multiple searches are carried out. This is how they are trained to do things. The panel understood why but expressed concern around the BWV potentially not showing that the GOWISELY was given and the subject could argue that they were not informed what was happening, why or who the officers were. SM is taking this back to the training teams to discuss.
3.	Update on stop and search & Use of Force data from Insp Damian Morsy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under 10 use of force concerns were discussed and explained• Taser upgrades were discussed and Sandwell should be fully rolled out to T10 within the next 12 months
4.	Section 60	The reasons for the use of section 60 orders were reiterated by DM for the benefit of our new panel member but there were actually no Section 60s issued in Sandwell since the last panel.
5.	Dip sample of stop and search with BWV pre-selected by Chair	S/428858987 was reviewed, the paperwork appeared good, as the BWV appeared to start late and the start of the search was missed we aborted the scrutiny, an observation was made around the officer not wearing gloves.



		<p>S/S 428442791 was reviewed, the paperwork appeared good, The BWV started late so GOWISELY was missed. Towards the end of the process, while informing the subject about Cranston referral, the officer was not very serious or professional he also stated that the Cranston course would cost £65 when it is , in fact, free of charge.</p> <p>Insp. Morse will take this away and feed back to the officer concerned</p> <p>S/S 413274759 GOWISELY was good . Search was all completed very well.</p>
6.	Dip sample of Use of Force records with BWV pre-selected by Chair	<p>UoFF Log No 3157 The grounds for detention were clearly explained and GOWISELY was completed well. Use of Force seemed to be proportionate, the officers approach was friendly but professional. The only negative comment from panel was that it may have helped if the search and followup discussions were taken away from the main door to the supermarket.</p> <p>3685270 The panel saw no excessive use of force during the video footage . The caution was clear and the situation was contained very professionally.</p> <p>Due to time constraints the othe files selected were not viewed.</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 14th April 2026 at 17:30 in West Bromwich Police Station