



Stop and Search, Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Stechford Police station

Date and Time: 6th April 2026

In Attendance: A French (AF), N Kaid (NK), Insp J Carroll (JC), D Burdett (DB)

Apologies: T Bickley, S Malik, H Rafiq, N Fletcher

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction	<p>All were welcomed to the meeting.</p> <p>The incident from the previous panel concerning an officer's behaviour had been referred to their Sargeant but an update wasn't available as to the outcome. JC to check outcome for the next panel.</p>
2.	Update on stop and search data from Insp J Carrol	<p>The panel reviewed the data pack and noted/asked the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanks were given to JC for the speedy production of the data <p>Stop Search</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A comparison of the data outcomes to previous months was difficult as the data selected for this panel covers three months (Jan to Mar).• Snapshot data for Birmingham East Stop & Search looks positive particularly the Positive Outcome Rate, which remains higher than for the force as a whole.• A question was asked around whether the Knife Find Rate as a % for the LPA and the number of knives found, tallies. JC to see what reasons may account for the apparent data mismatch.• It was noted from the maps that there are particular areas of the LPA which continue to account for a high number of Stop Searches.• It was noted that the disproportionality ratios are lower than they usually are and there is less of a gap between the two ratios' as well.• A comment was noted that the drugs find rate for 10-17 year olds revealed a worrying pattern of behaviour.• A question was asked about the long-term impact of having a Stop Search on you when the Positive Outcome Rate is much lower that for all age groups aggregated together. <p>Use of Force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was noted that the disproportionality ratios were low, which felt positive. There was a particular discussion around the black disproportionality ratio being lower than it usually is.• The disproportionality ratios for 10-17 year olds seem to be in line with those for all age groups aggregated together.
3.	Section 60	Not applicable.



<p>4.</p>	<p>Dip sample of stop and search</p> <p>All incidents selected were undertaken by the Firearms Team.</p>	<p>Record no 3 chosen by DB Id ref 445167853 A nominal was hard stopped (intelligence led) whilst driving on suspicion of having a self-loading pistol in their possession. The nominal was search under S47 and found to be carrying four bags of cocaine, for which they were arrested and handcuffed. The stop and search was conducted by two different officers. The officers whose body worn video was available didn't undertake the search but had filled in the e search record and was close by whilst it was happening. The panel felt that it was professional, clinical and controlled. A positive stop search.</p> <p>Record no 6 chosen by NK Id ref 445168377 There had been a RTA and two nominals had been stopped on the street close by. Intelligence had been given that a self-loading pistol had been brandished. Both nominals were handcuffed and arrested. The handcuffing was undertaken quickly and professionally. The officers involved allow the two nominals to continue to speak to each other in a language that wasn't English. Both nominals were searched by an officer who wasn't the one who had completed the e search record nor whose body worn video was uploaded. The grounds for the search were given towards the end of the search. A neutral stop search.</p> <p>Record no2 chosen by AF Id ref 445167217 A nominal was hard stopped in a petrol station and was quickly extracted from his car and handcuffed. The extraction was clinical and controlled. The nominal was wanted missing. There were a large number of armed officers present one of whom the panel noted had his face covered. The stop and search was professional, executed with a clarity, calmness and dose of common sense. A positive stop search. Instigate a praise and reward for the officers involved.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Dip sample of Use of Force records</p> <p>The incidents selected involved the application of a Spit hood or use of sheild.</p>	<p>Record no 1 chosen by DB, Id ref 5868, ground restraint The nominal was in the reception area of a leisure centre and was acting in a threatening manner towards staff. The incident took place over an extended period of time. The nominal walked off through the car park whilst being abusive and confrontational to the officers involved. In the end five officers took the nominal to the floor using improvised tactics, applied limb restraints having to use force to place the nominal in the rear of a police van. Within the custody block a spit hood was applied when the nominal was taken into a cell. Seven officers were involved in total with the application of the spit hood. The panel unanimously thought that it was a fair and proportionate use of force for all the different forms of force that were used. Instigate a praise and reward for the officers involved.</p> <p>Record no 5 chosen by JC, Id ref 3580, use of sheild A nominal who had been arrested and placed in a police van arrived at the custody block but wouldn't exit the van. The nominal was violent and abusive. Two officers with the help of their shields removed the nominal from the van, taking him into a cell where his handcuffs were removed. The panel felt unanimously that this was a fair and proportionate use of force.</p>



6.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	<p>Check outcome with the Inspector regarding an officers inappropriate Stop & Search (from February's panel).</p> <p>Are there any reasons which may account for the apparent data mismatch between number of knives found and the % Knife find rate?</p> <p>Instigate a Praise and Reward for the officers involved in the third Stop Search incident.</p> <p>Instigate a Praise and Reward for the officers involved in the first Use of Force incident.</p>
6.	Any notes, questions, requests for the next Biannual Stop and Search, Use of Force Commission	<p>Why do Armed Response officers seem to split the component parts of Stop & Searches between multiple officers?</p>
7.	Date and location of next panel	<p>To be advised.</p>