



## Stop and Search, Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

**Location:** Stechford Police station

**Date and Time:** 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

**In Attendance:** A French (AF), N Kaid (NK), Insp J Carroll (JC), D Burdett (DB), S Malik (SM), H Rafiq (HR), Habeebah (H), Sophora (S),

**Apologise:** T Bickley

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction	<p>All were welcomed to the meeting.</p> <p>The incident from the February's panel concerning an officer's behaviour had been referred to their Sargeant and on to the appropriate authority.</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"> <li>• Thanks were given to JC for the speedy production of the data</li> </ul> <p><b>Stop Search</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Snapshot data for Birmingham East Stop &amp; Search looks strong particularly the Positive Outcome Rate, which continues to remain higher than for the force as a whole.</li> <li>• The panel revisited the question around whether the Knife Find Rates as a % for the LPA and the number of knives found. The apparent mismatch is due to the power used to conduct the search which is the determinant in the Knife Find Rate %.</li> <li>• 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. The impact of Project Fearless where a geographical area is targeted was noted.</li> <li>• It was noted that the disproportionality ratios for black people have increased across each disproportionality measure in the data pack. <b>S Malik to see if data can be made available which ties % positive outcome rates to ethnic category.</b></li> <li>• A question was asked about the high number of NA ages for repeat subjects. It was stated that this was due to a high level of MARSO stop searches i.e. vehicles.</li> <li>• A comment was noted that the Firearm find rate for 10–17-year-olds revealed a worrying pattern of behaviour.</li> <li>• A question was asked once more 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.</li> </ul> <p><b>Use of Force</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that the disproportionality ratios for black people and mixed race people were increasing. The panel will keep this under observation.</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The disproportionality ratios for 10–17-year-olds who are either black or mixed race are very high and higher than the panel has seen previously. This will be kept under observation.</li></ul>
3.	<b>Section 60</b>	Not applicable.
4.	Dip sample of stop and search  All incidents selected were undertaken by Project Fearless.	<p><b>Record no 1 chosen by DB Id ref 445168556</b> A nominal, a shop worker/owner was being searched in a shop. He was found to be in possession of a remote control for a hydraulic space and illegal tobacco products for which he was given a street summons. The Stop Search was very controlled and calm. A neutral Stop Search.</p> <p><b>Record no 4 chosen by NK Id ref 445169134</b> The nominal had been found with Mamba in his sock and was given a Community Resolution. The nominal was under the influence of drugs and was struggling to stand up straight. He was search on an area of waste ground behind a fence, four other officers were present around the nominal. The E Search record was filled in incorrectly as it related to the search on the other nominal who was with this one. Gowisely was not followed. A negative stop search due to the location in which it was carried out, the lack of Gowisely and the number of officers surrounding a nominal who appeared to be in a vulnerable state. <b>Feedback to be given to the officer concerned.</b></p> <p><b>Record no3 chosen by H Id ref 445160008</b> A nominal was stopped whilst sitting on a bench. He was found to have Mamba in a tobacco pouch. Two female offices were calm and controlled at the start handcuffing the nominal when he initially walked off. A different officer conducted the Stop Search who didn't give details of who he was and the BWV of the female officer the panel watched didn't capture the search. One of the female officers then entered into a negotiation with the nominal, stating that if he admitted that the substance was Mamba they wouldn't arrest him and he would receive an out of court disposal. He eventually after much persuasion said that the substance was Mamba. A neutral Stop Search.</p> <p><b>Record no5 chosen by SM Id ref 445160407</b> A young IC3 nominal was stopped and searched next to a bank cash point in Erdington High Street. He was handcuffed and three bags of Cannabis were recovered (although not seen on the BWV) for which a Community Resolution was given. Although the grounds were given for the search, Gowisely wasn't followed. The panel felt that conducting the search next to a cash point which was in use wasn't appropriate. The hood of his coat and tracksuit top were not searched. A neutral Stop Search.</p>
5.	Dip sample of Use of Force records	<p><b>Record no 3 chosen by NK, Id ref 26985</b> The nominal was in a bedroom in a house where an assault had taken place. Pava spray had been discharged prior to the BWV recording. There were numerous officers in a relatively small space. One officer was at the bedroom door talking to the nominal. A decision was made to take the nominal out of the property. This required leg restraints, improvised</p>



	<p>The incidents selected involved the use of a Baton or Improvised tactics.</p>	<p>tactics and numerous officers laying on hands. The nominal was violent and non-compliant. A fair and proportionate use of force.</p> <p><b>Record no 5 chosen by JC, Id ref 26077, improvised tactics</b> A black female nominal was in a room in a house with two officers talking to her as she lay on a bed, the officers were trying to calm her down and reassure her, they were stating that she wasn't in any trouble. A decision was made to take her out of the house which required a number of officers to lay on hands. The nominal became distraught, complaining that she was being hurt and showing a high level of resistance. Eventually she was taken out into the street where a number of police vehicles were and place, forcefully into the back of a police car. Almost immediate she was taken out of the police car so that her handcuffs could be readjusted. The panel felt that although the force used was fair and proportionate it was a negative example of force being used overall. No one took control nor tried to deescalate the situation, which led to the amount of force being used. The use of force seemed at odd with the initial reassurance offered to her by a female police officer that she wasn't in any trouble. Fair and proportionate use of force but negative overall.</p> <p><b>Record no 2 chosen by JC, Id ref ....., use of baton</b> A 'strangeman' had been seen in the street looking through a porch door. The BWV showed a number of baton strikes in the hallway of a house to bring the nominal to the floor, whilst two others were agitated in the hallway. One police officer engaged in an argument with a lady in the hallway disclosing in front of the nominal that she had rung the police. A fair and proportionate use of force.</p>
6.	<p>Action noted from discussions for update at next panel</p>	<p><b>S Malik to see if Stop Search data can be made available which ties % positive outcome rates to ethnic category.</b></p> <p><b>Feedback to be given to the officer in record 4 Stop Search of panels feelings around it being a negative Stop Search.</b></p>
6.	<p>Any notes, questions, requests for the next Biannual Stop and Search, Use of Force Commission</p>	<p><b>Is there a danger that when a number of officers attend an incident as part of a targeted Stop Search or as part of an operation, that the component parts of Gowisely get lost i.e. when more than one officer deals with an nominal is someone taking charge diminished.</b></p>
7.	<p>Date and location of next panel</p>	<p><b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2026 @ 18:15 Stetchford Police Station</b></p>