



Stop and Search, Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Erdington Police Station

Date and Time: 21/05/2026

In Attendance: WMP: Alan Davis

OPCC: Natalie Cox (NC) T/Chair,

Panel Members: C. Fowler, P. Fozard, , M. Fahey, J. Sturgess, P Stirrop, , K. Cooper, L. Skerritt, J.Akhtar, D. Mc Laughlin, K.Penning, P. Ikwuka, J. Scott

Apologies: M. Jones, S. Weston S. Jakhu M. Cauthery ,M. Lewis, N. Crosdale, K.M,

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction	NC welcomed panel members. Overview of any actions covered and update on SSUOFF Commission given.
2.	Update on stop and search data and Use of Force.	The panel reviewed the data pack, went through in detail for new panel members. Good questions and understanding given of targeted patrols and governance around repeat searches.
3.	Section 60	None in this period
4.	Dip sample of stop and search	<p>Stop and search record and footage reviewed.</p> <p>Search 1 – Firearms SnS, Imitation firearms on bus. Panel felt officers were calm, respectful, covered all details and professional throughout, with consideration and child first approach.</p> <p>Search 2 - Student officer Male stopped for looking suspicious – Panel Felt grounds didn't make sense. Video started after interacting had begun so missed all the grounds that were listed on the records. Student officer with tutors present, as video started late, leading straight to search in which supervisor took over. Student officer was very nervous and needing prompting throughout to enact the search. Very poor interaction didn't speak to him, consistently speaking over him or as if not there More officers arrive, panel didn't understand why as no issues or escalation – officer who arrived got app to support with language. Really concerned of the levels of tutoring that happened. ACTION : Panel fed back with concerns with watching this video. Requested to be reviewed. Will update at next panel</p>



5.	Dip sample of Use of Force records	<p>2x UOF records reviewed on BWV</p> <p>UOF 1 – Taser – shoplifter chased and taser pointed. Person fall off trolley he was climbing. Person hands up and not moving needed help to get up. Panel felt they didn't understand the need for the taser as no way to go. But was over with quickly.</p> <p>UOF 2- PAVA- Young Person – called to youths in car, not clear as to what or why called. On approach YP ran off. Stopped car, jumped out, chased YP, YP ran and jumped over fence as at top of fence, officer sprayed PAVA looked like it did land on YP, but he jumped down and ran off. Officer then found other YP hiding next to fence, detained this person. Panel asked around how do you ensure that the children was ok after this, and no further interaction was seen to take place after detaining the other child.</p> <p>Panel felt to command of PAVA was given however felt was a risk to deploy as child was on fence.</p>
6.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	Action: Panel fed back with concerns with watching SNS Video 2 Requested to be reviewed. Will update at next panel
6.	Any notes, questions, requests for the next Bi annual Stop and Search, Use of Force Commission	How do WMP ensure that student officers are receiving a high standard of tutoring, who monitors this, Training levels and Supervision and sign off process.
7.	Date and location of next panel	Erdington Police station Thursday 9 th July @ 18:00-20:00