



## Stop and Search, Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

**Location:** Brierley Police Station.

**Date and Time:** 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**In Attendance:** Julie Wilkinson (Chair) Shezè Malik(OPCC), Sargeant Miles Patterson, Danny Evan's Simon Biggs and Andrea Hyatt

**Apologise:** Insp Sarah Smyth ,Alex Ross, Mariann Bayliss and Dean Stephen's,Thomas Harwood,Leon Fletcher and Haroon Bashir.

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction confirmed by Julie Wilkinson. Insp Sarah Smyth sent apologies and Sargent Miles Patterson to step into lead the panel.	JW opened the panel and thanked everyone for their understanding as the previous date was cancelled due to lack of panel members.  No actions to follow up on.  All data from 18 <sup>th</sup> January to 26th March 26.
2.	Update on stop and search data from Miles all performance metrics relating to the Dudley Borough. 232 searches .A total of 8 repeat searches. BWV records had reduced 98.3 % v previous 99.4 %. Miles shared with the panel the internal meetings and governance involved regarding BWV recordings.	36.2% positive outcome rates. No changes with heat map Merry Hill being a hot spot. 11 to 17 year olds 102 forms . No significant changes to RE pie charts for object and power as well as no changes RE ethnic breakdown. 10 to 17s live records was good and 100%bwv recorded. Miles shared with the panel the education and training officers receive around ethnicity. The data is going in the right direction the data is above force.
3.	Section 60	None
4.	Dip sample of stop and search.	*SS1 – Sensitive could not be shown. The panel agreed to view UOF videos as a priority.
5.	Dip sample of Use of Force records	Video 1 – a domestic incident involving a female being grabbed by the throat,a suspect was searched at the address and was handcuffed in carpark ahead of going into police car.The panel agreed this was fair and appropriate. Video 2 – reports of a domestic at a property a mother doesn't want her son at the address, a breach of the peace and a refusal to leave ,officers used non compliant handcuffing.Also pava was used plus unarmed skills/limb restraints. Assistance was



		<p>required from other officers to transport him to custody. The panel agreed the UOF was appropriate. Video 3 – at Merry Hill centre a shoplifter assaulted security staff, police were called to support. Police applied limb restraints and handcuffs to transport her to custody. The panel agreed the UOF was appropriate. All feedback was given via the QR code.</p>
6.	Action noted	None to be noted.
6.	Any notes, questions, requests for the next Bi annual Stop and Search, Use of Force Commission	No specific questions as the detail shared by Miles was informative.
7.	Date and location of next panel	Next panel scheduled for 24 <sup>th</sup> June @Castlegate Dudley police station.