



Stop and Search, Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Sandwell

Date and Time: 09/06/2026 17:30

In Attendance: Peter Hoare (Chair), Phillip Wright (Vice-Chair), Brinda Chana, Dilara Begum, Tariq Aziz, Nico Bailey, Sheze Malik (OPCC), Insp Mike Bradley (WMP)

Apologises: Toni Spassova, Aneshah Gordon

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction	Introductions from PH. Insp. Damian Morse has been Promoted to Chief Inspector so has left West Bromwich PS for greater things. With many thanks and best wishes from the panel.
2.	Feedback from previous panel	Feedback is currently with DM and will be provided later.
3.	Update on stop and search & Use of Force data from Insp Damian Morsy	<p>It was noticeable that there is a growing 'hot spot' in the Bearwood/Smethwich area Insp. MB informed the panel that a new operation has now been started in that area and the Tipton/Princes End area operation has been wound up.</p> <p>10 to 19 year old firearms find rate is showing as 33.3% but no searches were listed under the firearms act. This does not make sense so SM will take the details away and chase up why this data is showing.</p> <p>MB is happy to continue organising ride along sessions for those who are interested</p> <p>The use of force heat map included was for the whole force area so no comparison could be observed with Stop and search map.</p> <p>PH to put together some ideas for further data comparisons which could be communicated to the SS commission at the next meeting</p>
4.	Section 60	No Section 60s issued in Sandwell since the last panel.
5.	Dip sample of stop and search with BWV pre-selected by Chair	<p>S/S 445170549 Excellent search well done. Panel agreed that the arrest for a strip search was not justified. As PH and TS were on ride along at this search further information was provided to the panel about the seizure resulting from the strip search which proved that it was a good call from the officers concerned.</p> <p>S/S 445173469 Search was well explained, controlled and kept friendly throughout.</p> <p>S/S 4451722469 This search was well handled under difficult circumstances</p> <p>S/S 445171382 Search was well conducted but a little lax on safety and control for the officers.</p> <p>S/S 445171161 was not viewed due to time constraints</p>



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6.	Dip sample of Use of Force records with BWV pre-selected by Chair	UofF 3929253 BWV started when force was already being used and the subject was held on the floor. The officer holding pressure point restraint on the subject was being very argumentative and was using threat of further restraint as an attempt to stop the subject from further shouting and swearing. The panel considered this to be completely unjustified and a very bad practice. MB to follow up A second officer who was involved took over as main protagonist toward the end of the altercation and very quickly calmed the subject and brought the situation well under control. MB to pass on positive feedback to this officer UofF 3955326 Tactical firearms unit did a very well executed job and used only force that was necessary, they also showed good consideration for the subjects involved and others around that were effected. UofF 3951846 This was a very good example of handcuffing , necessary force used with great respect. UofF 3924169 another good example of compliant handcuffing , necessary force used with great respect UofF 3946347 another good example of compliant handcuffing , necessary force used with great respect UofF 3950167 was not viewed due to time constraints.
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	As mentioned above PH to put together some ideas for further data comparisons which were discussed by the panel.
9.	Date and location of next panel	Next Panel has been moved from Aug to 8 th Sept 2026 to avoid the main holiday period but will still be held at 17:30 in West Bromwich Police Station