**Dudley Stop and Search Scrutiny panel**

**Location:** Skype

**Date and Time:** 08.10.2020

**In Attendance**:

Inspector Leanne Nicklin (LN)

PC Kuldip Singh (KS)

Sheze Malik – Chair OPCC (SM)

Michael Bryan (MBr)

Mariann Bayliss (MBa)

Beverley Manning (BM)

**Apologises:**

Julia Balston

Julie Wilkinson

Til’Shiloh Shaw – OPCC Policy Lead

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|  | Item Discussed  | Action taken  |
| 1.  | Welcome and introduction by Chair SM.SM explained to panel that PS Dave Skelhorn has moved on to another role and Insp Leanne Nicklin will be taking over,SM gave an update of last meeting and stated action from last meeting: **ACTION:** Panel members showed interest in Lay Observation - PS Dave Skelhorn who was in charge at the time said would come back with dates in the next meeting. | SM explained to panel that due to COVID and PS Skelhorn moving on to another role has left a delay in arranging this.SM also explained that Insp LN will take this action forward when safe and practical giving current situation. Members agreed. |
| 2. | UPDATE on stop and search data from Inspector Leanne Nicklin Update on BWV usage given by Insp LN | Discussed and updated on performance data including outcome rates, disproportionality data and total number of searches. **FEEDBACK from panel members:**MBr raised a concern in regards to ethnicity breakdown in Dudley of black community being 5 times less (12%) than the white community (62.8%) yet why higher black searches were conducted.Disproportionately: Asian search ration – 1.3Black search ratio – 11.1(compared to a member of the white population)Insp LN explained that situations such as groups or individuals from neighbouring towns travelling into Dudley could be one of the factors especially when searches are carried out in places such as bus stations and shopping centres and gave a few examples.Insp LN agreed as to how it could look concerning and ensured she will be keeping a closer eye on such matters and reasons.MBr stated he was satisfied with the response to his concern and agreed that it should be monitored as the numbers are quite high.Insp LN explained that figure have improved from the last few months with majority of the teams (below) having 100% in using their BWV;NPT – Brierley Hill Team 3NPT – Dudley Central Team 3NPT – Dudley Central Team 2NPT –Stourbridge Team 3NPT – Police specials Insp LN explained it is looked into as to why teams are not getting 100% re BWC and should have valid reasons.Appreciation shown by SM that officers were using the BWV during searches and reaching the 100% mark. |
| 3. | Dip sample of stop and search: | Due to IT difficulties BWV footages were not shown but just Live records discussed.Insp LN shared Live Data stop search system –MBr requested for a black ethnicity stop search which was an example given by Insp LN during disproportionately discussed earlier.Insp LN shared 2 records relating to disproportionately discussion.**Record no.** 1 - all members agreed that the search record was detailed and grounds were valid.**Record no. 2** - MB asked a question in regards to smell of cannabis and sniffer dogs used to constitute a search.Insp LN explained that just the grounds of smell of cannabis is not strong evidence but another factor must be supported for a search to be valid**Record no. 3 –** MB selected and enquired regarding current intelligence and people feeling targeted by the officers grounds of intelligence led.Insp LN explained how the team gains this intelligence through meetings/briefing and known offenders.And will take feedback to officers for grounds to be more specific.**Record no. 4** - SM picked a retrospective search – enquired why the search was not carried out at the time of search.PC KS explained the offender was arrested and took the custody block, hence, search record not Live. SM and panel members agreed that the search was detailed and agreed with the grounds/outcome. |
| 4.  | Use of Force records update given by Insp LN | No Uof F BWV footages/records looked at this meeting due to IT restriction**.**Dudley Teams have used Uof F only 7 times from 01/08 – 30/09.Uof F BWV was below the force average – Insp LN stated that force would need to work on that.Tactics info given for Dudley – 0 Taser tactics used from 01/08 – 30/09Tactics info given for force – 372 tactics fired 38 timesInsp LN explained that drawing the Taser is enough at most times, hence, higher to being used.Ethnic disproportionately discussed: In Dudley: Uof F used on 5 White and 1 Asian persons.Force: Uof F used breakdown given. Insp LN explained each officers would need to submit Uof F if 2 officers on 1 person.Insp LN showed a map of area for U of F and ensured the panel that random dip samples are carried out to ensure that use of force forms are being submitted and not under reporting.SM asked if compliant handcuffing need to submit the Uof F - Insp LN explained that only non-compliant are to be submitted and soon could be where officers would need to submit compliant handcuffing too. |
| 5.  | Action noted from discussions for update at next panel | Insp LN asked panel members to pick 3 Uof F for next meeting.3 records picked. |
| 6. | Date and location of next panel | 03 December 2020 18:30 – 20:00Virtual: Teams / Skype  |

 Minutes completed by Sheze Malik