**Dudley Stop and Search Scrutiny panel**

**Location:** TEAMS

**Date and Time:** 03 December 2020 18:30

**In Attendance**:

Insp Leanne Nicklin (LN)

James Tandy (JT)

Michael Bryan (MB)

Julia Balston (JB)

Julie Wilkinson (JW)

Sheze Malik – Chair (SM)

**Apologises:**

Beverley Manning

Mariann Bayliss

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|  | Item Discussed | Action taken |
| 1. | Welcome and introduction done by Chair SM and asked panel if there was any matters they would like to raise in regards to the previous meeting / minutes or anything else. | Panel members were happy with the minutes they had received and were ready to move on with the meeting. |
| 2. | UPDATE on stop and search data from Insp LN | Discussed and updated on performance data including outcome rates, disproportionality data and total number of searches -  Disproportionality dropped from last meeting 14.7 down by 11.1 to 3.6.  Q by JB – What was behind the large drop, direction from force?  A by Insp LN – Supervisors keeping an eye on numbers and reminding officers to be using efficient reasonable grounds/valid reasons for stops  Q by JB – Why some officers stop and searching if no access to BWV?  A by Insp LN – This will change as more cameras should be at that location if searching officer has no access |
| 3. | Dip sample of stop and search | Record 1 picked by MB and questioned the term ‘acting suspiciously’ as it was a concern as the record looked at was NFA and also wanted clarity as it is debateable in school w/shops by YP.  Insp LN explained that can mean behaviour, body language and trying to avoid police.  JT asked panel members if officers had undergone ‘behaviour detection training’ would that be justifiable on records for alone term ‘acting suspicious’ – panel disagreed and stated that more description is needed although an officer is trained for open to scrutiny,  MB raised behaviour around autism and JB added how YP can have fear/phobia around police with maybe personal traumatic encounters with the police so certain behaviour may look suspicious to someone and not others.  JW questioned how positive is the behaviour detection in airports and JT responded that it is up to 90% successful when tactic deployed at airports.  Record 2 picked by JW – panel was happy with this record as it was descriptive and gave clarity.  But stated that matching description should always be more descriptive regardless to positive outcome or NFA.  Insp LN agreed and said would feedback to officers. |
| 4. | UPDATE on Use of Force from Insp LN  Dip sample of Use of Force records | Discussed and updated on performance data including outcome rates, disproportionality data and number of UoF.  Force BWV remains same as last panel – 77.45%  Dudley has increased by 14.3% from last to 85.7%.  Insp LN stated that it is monitored why officers are not using BWV.  Red dot is the main tactic complaint without force being used.  Racial Disproportionality discussed:  Force – 1.0% Asian and 3.4% Black  Dudley - 14.9% Asian and 90.5% Black compared to the white population.  MB questioned why those figures were so high – Insp LN explained that it was due to a COVID breach Party.  Insp LN shared BWV of the Breach party in relation to the disproportionality figures which showed 4 people being arrested.  2 records then viewed which were selected from the last panel – the latter footage was discussed by the panel as it involved a 17 year old resisting to get out of the police car at a custody block and heard explaining to a student officer the tactics that was being used.  JW questioned the length of time the young girl was on the ground being retrained post getting out the car for the sake of training the student officer and if yes, then that would be unacceptable – panel members agreed.  Insp LN explained that student officers have pre training in-house and also need to accompany on such situations as they would never learn real-life situations as well assuring panel members that the time of the girl on the ground and the no. of officers (5) were to restrain different parts of the body i.e, head/arms/legs.  JB questioned how long do officers receive such training.  Insp LN stated that different areas of training have many weeks and is monitored.  Insp LN asked the panel, what training of officers you would like to recommend to better engage with communities.  MB said negotiation and communication training would definitely be effective. |
| 5. | Action noted from discussions for update at next panel | Chair SM asked panel members to forward any questions they may have and would like discussed at the next panel. |
| 6. | Date and location of next panel | Thursday 11th February 2020 @ 18:30pm |

Minutes by Shezè Malik (Chair)