

Stop and Search Scrutiny panel

Location: Virtual

Date and Time: 13th May 2021

In Attendance: Linda Hines (Chair LH), Andy Woodroffe (AW), Sharon Welch (SW), Natalie Cox (PCC Office NC), Simon Graham (WMP Inspector)

Apologises: Lydia Furnell, Kate Foley

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction Minutes of the last meeting, update on any actions taken from last meeting	<p>Regarding shortage of Body Worn Cameras – why is this and when will this be remedied? SG explained the current contract to supply BWV to officers is being renewed. Part of that renewal will see more BWV available to match officer numbers. Exact dates unknown at present but SG attending an internal meeting on 20.5.21 where this is the subject matter. More info will be provided to the panel at the next meeting.</p> <p>Supervising officer had passed this search as “meeting the standard”. Panel disagreed and await update.</p> <p>This related to officers detaining a female matching the description of someone that had just committed a theft which led to the arrest of said female. SG explained that the circumstances presented on the search form meant the Sgt deemed it met the standard as the grounds and grounds information and the subsequent arrest identified no issues. Upon reviewing the BWV it was clear the footage was of the arresting officer and not of the officer detaining and handcuffing the female. The current practice is that supervisors will dip sample review BWV for Stop Searches so it is unlikely this would have been reviewed due to the outcome.</p> <p>Based on BWV shown in January 2021, SW was unhappy with the actions of the officers at the scene. The incident was on 13th November 2020. In brief officers had been called by Ambulance service to a male that required urgent medical attention as he had</p>



		<p>left hospital without the necessary treatment. Officers had to deal with irate family members who wanted the male to go with the ambulance staff but he was refusing. The male had a suspected bleed on the brain. SW felt officers should have possibly left the male at the address as he had a right to choose to die if that is what he wanted. AW stated he felt officers could not have done anything different based on what they were met with. SG added that at no point ever would a Police Officer leave someone to die, as our oath states we will preserve life and protect the public. We agreed to re watch the BWV. SG searched the system but could not locate the footage. SG made further enquiries with BWV leads but, as the footage would not have been deemed evidential, it would have been deleted in January, therefore it is not possible to retrieve the footage for further review.</p>
2.	<p>UPDATE on stop and search data from Inspector Graham</p>	<p>Discussed and updated on performance data including outcome rates, disproportionality data and total number of searches. No concerns were identified based on the presentation delivered by SG.</p>
3.	<p>Dip sample of stop and search</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 24/4/21 – PC 23378 search of JF. Log 4326/24/4/21 2. 4/4/21 – PC 22024 search of JM. Log 4158/4/4/21 3. 8/3/21 – PC 22459 search of RC. Log 3255/8/3/21 4. 17/4/21 – PC 24457 search of SP. Log 2047/17/4/21 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not viewed 2. The panel queried the grounds for the search and debated whether the person stopped matched the description of the person identified by member of the public. The panel unanimously agreed the male officer approached the male in an overly aggressive manner, he talked over him and generally agitated the male more. Action – SG will raise this incident with the Sergeant of the officer. Officer to review the BWV in company with the supervisor and suggest reflective practice is delivered and recorded on officers WMP Conversation record. 3. Stop Search incident 8/3/21 – PC 22459 search of RC. Log 3255/8/3/21 reviewed by panel.



		<p>The panel had no issues with the actions of officers but it should be noted the video kept buffering which made viewing the detail quite difficult.</p> <p>4. Not viewed</p>
4.	<p>Dip sample of Use of Force records</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Log 731/27/3/21 PC 213012. Log 2477/15/3/21 PC 82383. MH01 4/3/21 PC 235554. Log 4150/14/4/21 PC 22319	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Not viewed2. Not viewed3. Not viewed4. This incident was of a "Use of Force" by a Police Dog handler, where the dog has bitten the detained person. The supervisor has written up the Trigger Incident with minor learning for the officer. SG was unable to establish how we are able to see the supervisors review of the incident in order for the panel to understand the rationale and outcomes. Action - SG committed to getting a copy of detail of the review for the next panel. The panel were also keen to know the outcome of the male we arrested.
5.	<p>Action noted from discussions for update at next panel</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Stop Search record 2 above2. Use of Force incident 4 as above
6.	<p>Date and location of next panel</p>	<p>Thursday 8th July (2pm if remotely, 6pm at Sutton Coldfield Police Station if we can meet in person)</p>