

Birmingham North Stop and Search/Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Location: Sutton Police Station

Date and Time: 4th November 2021 6pm

In Attendance: Andy Woodroffe (AW), Lydia Furnell (LF), Khalid Mahmood (KM), Natalie Cox (PCC Office NC), Simon Graham (WMP Inspector SG),

Apologies: Linda Hines, Ram Bhattacharjee, Muhammed Sultan, Kate Foley

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction Minutes of the last meeting, update on any actions taken from last meeting	<p>Minutes from the last meeting were discussed by attendees.</p> <p>Action for future meetings: SG to provide details of any repeat searches undertaken of the same individuals on more than two occasions. Details of repeat nominal is in the presentation</p> <p>Stop & Search record no3 Action: SG to pass on comments to the officers supervisor. Feedback provided to officer via his Inspector. Note placed on his personal record regarding his conduct</p> <p>Action: SG to ensure that Lydia Furnell is contacted to discuss. I am raising the wider issue of MH training at the Force Silver meeting scheduled for 9th November.</p>
2.	UPDATE on stop and search data from Inspector Graham	<p>Discussed and updated on performance data for September/October including outcome rates, disproportionality data and total number of searches.</p> <p>Roll out of new body worn camera has begun. Unknown how quickly it will filter down to officers. New camera technology will mean that cameras can be accessed remotely, to aid safety and training. Officers are given an indication if this is happening.</p> <p>'Meeting Standards' on SS paperwork is for the explanation only, not the categories.</p>



<p>3.</p>	<p>Dip sample of stop and search</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SSBE-VZ-143644 PC SP search of MS. Log 1967/28/9/21 refers 2. SSBE-XH-143717 PC LA search of RC. Log 2220/30/9/21 refers. 3. SSBE-EZ-144182 PC MD search of MB. 4. SSBE-9R-141826 PC SB search of (refused details). Log 1111/2/9/21 refers. 	<p>KM chose SS number 4 This was a report of 2 young males trying to avoid the police. Matched description of known robbery offenders. Looking for weapons. Youths refused to give details. Nothing found on either male. NFA.</p> <p>Comments from panel: Officer was aggressive when being called names by youths. Officer over-reacted. Officer didn't follow the motive of weapons intelligence and just seemed to focus on name calling and attitudes. Panel feel that any negative perception of the police has only been re-enforced for the youths. Panel felt there were no grounds to search.</p> <p>Action: SG to pass on comments to supervisor.</p> <p>AW chose SS number 2 Male walked passed officers with a lit cannabis cigarette. Community Resolution was given to offender.</p> <p>Comments from panel: The panel felt that the officers were very calm and collected. They remained professional throughout the incident. Didn't escalate the situation. Very light hearted.</p> <p>Action: SG to pass on praise to officers supervisor.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Dip sample of Use of Force (UoF) records</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PC BH log 749/28th September 2. PC JS log 1235/10th October 3. PC SH log 3594/10th September 4. PC JH log 3518/17th September 	<p>LF chose UoF Number 2. Male was trying to kick the door down at his mother's house. He was drunk. He assaulted an officer twice at the scene whilst waiting for a van. PAVA and handcuffs used.</p> <p>Comments from the panel: Officer was very empathetic towards family at an extremely distressing time. He was very professional under the circumstances. Very tolerable of verbal abuse and physical assault. The panel felt this must be very draining for the officers to have to deal with.</p> <p>Action: SG to pass on praise to the officers supervisor.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Action noted from discussions for update at next panel</p>	<p>SG raised 'Check the Checker'. It was raised at BE that no one is checking the supervisors when signing-off whether standards have been met.</p>



		<p>SG has now implemented a peer review system, where each supervisor is given 2 SS incidents and maybe 1 UoF (there is not as many of these to check). Supervisors have set guidelines to follow when checking. Does it meet the standards? Check the context. Watch BWV if available. Panel feel this is very positive and encourages supervisors to give praise to officers instead of it being negative all the time.</p> <p>SG to update us on success of this at next meeting.</p>
6.	Date and location of next panel	6pm Sutton Police Station TBC