

## Stop and Search Scrutiny panel

Location: Online

Date and Time: 2pm – 4pm 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**In Attendance:** Kate Foley (Community member), Lydia Furnell (Community member), Andy Woodroffe (Community member), Linda Hines (Community member), Simon Graham (WMP), Natalie Cox (Project Coordinator Precious Lives and Senior Stop and Search Trainer)

**Apologies:** None

**Absent:** Ram Bhattacharjee (Community member), Sharon Welch (Community member), Khalid Mahmood (Community member), Muhammed Mehboob Sultan (Community member),

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	<p>Welcome and introduction</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting, update on any actions taken from last meeting</p> <p><b>All reviewed Stop and Searches were deemed satisfactory by the panel.</b></p> <p><b>Updates listed under “Actions” are regarding Use of Force.</b></p>	<p>1. Confused elderly gentleman needing to be taken to hospital – paramedics attended but needed Police assistance due to the gentleman resisting. Son was in attendance. The gentleman was highly agitated and resisting Police who were trying to get him into the ambulance.</p> <p><b>Update: The gentleman had a bleed on the brain and did not have capacity to decide what was best for him. Panel - reasonable force used in the circumstances.</b></p> <p>2. Firearms car chase – driver eventually stopped by forcing him off the road. He was drunk and resisting arrest. The Police threatened to deploy their Taser but the driver remained aggressive. The Taser was deployed and the perpetrator dragged from the car.</p> <p><b>Update: Arrested for dangerous driving and excess alcohol. He failed to appear in Court. Panel – reasonable force used in the circumstances.</b></p>
2.	<p>UPDATE on stop and search data from Inspector Simon Graham</p>	<p>Discussed and updated on performance data including outcome rates, disproportionality data and total number of searches.</p>



		<p>Questions/concerns from panel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Not all police officers have been allocated – why? <b>Update – not enough cameras purchased to supply every officer.</b></li> <li>2. In Birmingham North, only 85.8% of incidents involving Use of Force had been recorded. <b>Update – either no camera supplied or hadn't turned it on.</b></li> </ol>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Dip sample of stop and search Pre -meet selection by Chair:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. searched on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb by PC J– footage is 2m 39secs long</li> <li>2. searched on 8<sup>th</sup> Jan by PC B – footage is 16m 47secs long</li> <li>3. searched on 24<sup>th</sup> Feb by PC A – footage is 7m 58 secs long</li> <li>4. searched on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb by PC H – footage is 19 mins long</li> </ol>	<p>Panel choose and discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Footage wasn't from beginning of encounter. Had the police officer explained the grounds etc for the stop and search. Not really a full search, and suspect was compliant but still handcuffed, although some of the panel members understood the need for taking precautions. Is previous knowledge of the suspect enough grounds to stop and search? <b>Panel – felt there were insufficient grounds to stop and search.</b></li> <li>2. Grounds sufficient for search and explained to suspect. Stolen goods found. <b>Panel – met the standard required.</b></li> <li>3. <b>Not viewed.</b></li> <li>4. <b>Not viewed.</b></li> </ol>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Dip sample of Use of Force records Pre -meet selection by Chair:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Incident 3426/26/1/21 Firearms vehicle extraction footage 30m long</li> <li>2. Incident 330/3/1/21COVID breach party 23m 9 secs</li> </ol>	<p>Panel choose and discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Car chase took place at night. Video footage and audio wasn't great. Suspect was dragged out of his car by more than one officer. Arrested on Conspiracy to Murder. <b>Panel – reasonable force used.</b></li> <li>2. Around 12 young adults attending who obviously knew that they were breaking the rules. Police officers were polite but firm. <b>Panel – reasonable force used.</b></li> </ol>



	<p>3. Incident 4291/4/1/21 Domestic footage is 11m 36 secs</p> <p>4. Incident 3109/30/1/21 shoplifters leading to disorder footage is 12m 55 secs long</p>	<p>3. Aggressive/abusive male. Police warned that they would deploy their Taser as he was resisting being handcuffed. Taser deployed and suspect handcuffed. Police agreed to loosen the cuffs when the suspect complained that they were too tight and hurting. They calmed the suspect down until other officers arrived.</p> <p><b>Panel – reasonable force used.</b></p> <p><b>4. Not viewed</b></p>
5.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	<p>2.1 Regarding shortage of Body Worn Cameras – why is this and when will this be remedied?</p> <p>3.1 Supervising officer had passed this search as “meeting the standard”. Panel disagreed and await update.</p>
6.	Date and location of next panel	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2pm – 4pm (to be confirmed) via Microsoft Teams