

## Stop and Search Scrutiny panel

**Location:** Online via Microsoft Teams

**Date and Time:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

**In Attendance:** Nick Reynolds (NR) (Chair), Stassi Chilas (SC) (Vice-chair), Martin Cadd (MC), Ava Clarke (AC), Lisa Hill (LH), Dr Fathi Jamil, Natalie Cox (NC) (PCC's Office), Insp Michelle Cassidy (Insp MC), Insp Nick Hill (NH)

### Apologises:

	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>NR opened the meeting, welcomed panel members, and asked each to introduce themselves.</p> <p>NR welcomed AC as a new member and advised appropriate induction will be provided to AC in near future. NR confirmed AC had agreed the terms of confidentiality agreement.</p>															
2.	<p>UPDATE on stop and search data from</p> <p>SNS : Insp Nick Hill</p> <p>UOF: Insp Michelle Cassidy</p>	<p>NH gave a brief summary recent stop and search activity in Birmingham West (BW) for the year to date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 26.8% resulted in a positive outcome</li> <li>- 97.1% met the required standard</li> <li>- 84.4% were live records, and</li> <li>- 84.5% were recorded on body-worn video (BWV).</li> </ul> <p>MC began by giving a brief explanation of the legislation on the UoF. She highlighted that there was an expectation of officers to activate their BWV as soon as possible and gave examples of situations when this was the case.</p> <p>She gave a brief overview of recent UoF figures and BWV compliance for the WMP Force overall and Birmingham West (BW) NPU, summarised as follows:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>WMP</th> <th>BW</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Mar 22 UoF Forms</td> <td>1,583</td> <td>155</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mar 22 BWV Compliant</td> <td>82%</td> <td>89%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Apr 22 UoF Forms</td> <td>1,903</td> <td>166</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Apr 22 BWV Compliant</td> <td>83%</td> <td>94%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		WMP	BW	Mar 22 UoF Forms	1,583	155	Mar 22 BWV Compliant	82%	89%	Apr 22 UoF Forms	1,903	166	Apr 22 BWV Compliant	83%	94%
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		<p><u>Disproportionality for BW.</u></p> <p>Mar 22: Asian 1.0 Black 6.0 Apr 22: Asian 0.9 Black 3.3 Note: the 2011 census is now out of date on the IT system. Expect this to be brought up at the next stop and search commission.</p> <p><u>Taser Tactics.</u></p> <p>Mar 22: Total 8 (3 aim; 4 red dot; 1 drawn) Apr 22: Total 4 (2 red dot; 2 drawn)</p>
3.	Dip sample of stop and search	<p>NH offered 6 e-Search records and their associated BWV footage, from which the following 3 were selected by individual panel members for scrutiny:</p> <p><b>Record ID:</b> SSBW-RL-162114 <b>Live/Retrospective:</b> Live <b>Ethnicity/Sex:</b> White Male <b>Powers Used:</b> S1 PACE <b>Outcome:</b> Arrested for unrelated offence <b>Details:</b></p> <p>Subject had been running but was in pain when stopped and compliant.</p> <p>Officer was polite and empathetic; explained grounds and conducted a thorough search. 4-5 other officer also attended but stayed out of the way when not required.</p> <p><b>Panel Decision: OK</b> <b>Follow Up: None</b></p> <p><b>Record ID:</b> SSBW-TC-161021 <b>Live/Retrospective:</b> Live <b>Ethnicity/Sex:</b> White Male &amp; Vehicle <b>Powers Used:</b> S1 PACE <b>Outcome:</b> Arrested for unrelated offence <b>Details:</b></p> <p>Good explanation by officer and good control throughout. Treated subject well and provided care for possible injured arm unrelated to stop/search</p> <p>A search of vehicle was undertaken as a result of a number of intelligence logs.</p> <p><b>Panel Decision: OK</b> <b>Follow Up: None</b></p>



		<p><b>Record ID:</b> SSBW-XY-161460 <b>Live/Retrospective:</b> Live <b>Ethnicity/Sex:</b> White Male (Juvenile) <b>Powers Used:</b> S1 PACE <b>Outcome:</b> NFA <b>Details:</b></p> <p>Stopped in a Tasking/high crime area. Intelligence also suggested that person was known to carry a knife.</p> <p><b>Panel Decision: OK, however</b> Members of the panel were concerned that the officer did not seem to have control of the situation, gave poor explanation of grounds and allowed person to carry on 'acting up' to his friends who were nearby. Second officer present provided very little support.</p> <p><b>Follow Up:</b> NH to provide feedback to Supervisor/officers concerned</p>
4.	Dip sample of Use of Force records	<p>Insp MC offered BWV footage from 6 incidents involving UoF, from which the following 3 were selected by individual panel members for scrutiny:</p> <p><b><u>UoF Incident #3. 13 Mar 22 at 04:14 hrs.</u></b></p> <p>A stop and search were in progress in Birmingham city centre following a fight. It was believed that one of those involved in the fight had a knife. The subject, who had sustained an injury and was bleeding from the mouth, admitted to having cannabis. The subject became increasingly irate and accused the officer of being racist. The officer remained calm despite using some expletives himself, but when the subject lashed out the officer used unarmed tactics to restrain him.</p> <p><b><u>Scrutiny panel decision:</u></b> The panel was satisfied that the Uo had been justified and proportionate but commented that the officer could have communicated better in dealing with the search. The panel also commented that the officer could have paid more attention to the subject's injuries.</p> <p><b><u>UoF Incident #5. 23 Apr 21 at 18:18 hrs.</u></b></p> <p>Following a foot chase, the officer was alone and out of breath when he caught up with the subject. Awaiting backup from his colleagues, the officer's taser was drawn from the start. When other officers arrived (sgt + 3) the subject, who remained calm throughout, was arrested for recall to prison.</p>



		<p><b>Scrutiny panel decision:</b> The panel was satisfied that the UoF had been justified.</p> <p><b>UoF Incident #2. 22 Feb 22 at 1615 hrs.</b></p> <p>Officers were called to a bus where the subject was wanted and known to be violent. The incident was not handled assertively from the start and there was evident indecision by the officers when the subject wanted to get off the bus to avoid his own embarrassment. The subject became more irate and uncooperative resulting in him being pulled off the bus. Once outside, PAVA was drawn, he was taken to the ground, restrained and handcuffed.</p> <p><b>Scrutiny panel decision:</b> The panel was satisfied that the UofF had been justified but commented that the incident could have been handled much better, particularly in removing the subject from the bus earlier while he was less antagonistic. It became evident that the officers were students. Their use of radio comms was vague when requesting assistance “on a bus”.</p>
5.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	None
6.	Any notes, questions, requests for the next Bi annual Stop and Search commission	None raised
7.	Date and location of next panel	Monday 18 July 2022 at 1600 Monday 12 September 2022 at 1600 Monday 14 November 2022 at 1600