

Stop and Search Scrutiny panel

Location: Virtual Via Teams

Date and Time: 07/10/2021 4pm-6pm

In Attendance: Sharda, Jonathan, Lis, Michelle C, Nick, Sumita, Desta, Natalie C, Michelle P, Monica, Steven, Joanna, Clancy, Paulette, Emily, Daniel, Hannah, Hollie, Kainat, Mathew,

Apologises: N/A

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	<p>Welcome and introduction Minutes of the last meeting, update on any actions taken from last meeting</p> <p>Newbies No Break Confidentiality Language and Violence, take a break Comfort break etc The focus of our attention needs to be on the actions of the officers, rather than analysing the person being stopped.</p>	<p>Update given on Perry Hall Park UoF. There is an ongoing investigation, so further update at the moment.</p>
2.	<p>UPDATE on stop and search data from Nick Hill and Michelle Cassidy</p>	<p>No questions from panel or chair.</p>
3.	<p>Dip sample of stop and search</p>	<p>SSBW – YM – 140002 (Gang Team S&S – 30 second delay in audio)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name on record and name in video were different as we witnessed 2 different S&S. • Good attempt at rapport building • 30 second delay missed vital information as the initial reason for the stop wasn't clear. • The grounds for the stop were more clear on the written record. • Police were nice to nominal, relaxed with him and it was the right approach for the situation. • An explanation was given. • Using the language 'Calm down or relax' might not be the right language to use.



		<p>SSBW – VQ – 144183 Search based on weapon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excellent grounds re the person matching the description of someone seen with a weapon.• Officer remained professional and was great at explaining the situation and reason for the search.• The officer dealt with the offence regardless with the reason the person gave for carrying a weapon.• Panel members felt that the officer may have used ‘victim blaming’ language when the person being stopped mentioned that he had been attacked on several occasions. The officer advised him to stay in the safety of his own home and the panel members did not agree with this response.
4.	Dip sample of Use of Force records	<p>Spit Hood and Breach of the Peace.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 officers pinned a man down.• Does a person need to be warned before PARVA is used on them?• What considerations were made with regard to this mans mental health?• The officers were significantly worsening the situation the more they tried to pin him down.• 3 police officers were holding him down whilst he was handcuffed.• He was struggling to breathe.• Did the prolonged holding worsen the situation?• Why was he still pinned down after handcuffing?• He was clearly scared and calling for his family members help,• The force used seemed extreme considering his vulnerability.• He was in a lot of distress.• The polices actions aggravated the situation.• The officers were not reassuring him.• He seemed terrified and scared.• ‘Calm down’ was not the best language to use with someone in that level of distress.• The officer had his hands on the man’s head holding him down whilst he was cuffed.



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The officers had no empathy.• Panel asked about the reflection process/space for officers and suggested that there should be a process for objective support and supervision. This should be raised at Commission.• Why was the man bleeding from his mouth?• The panel lost track of the amount of Use's of Force used in this video. <p>Handcuffing (30 second delay)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The situation escalated very quickly, and we had to rewind the footage to ascertain what had prompted the arrest.• The officer could have walked away to de-escalate the situation.• The arrest seemed ego based, in the eyes of the panel members.• The person arrested was with another member of the public who did not get arrested although they exhibited the same behaviour.• When the member of the public asked what he was being arrested for the officer replied, 'Breach of the peace, that will do!' as if he was reaching for a reason.• The officer was antagonising the man before he arrested him.• The rationale for the arrest was weak.
5.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The panel require an update on the outcome of the second Stop and Search and feedback from the office regarding him suggesting that if a person has been attacked, they should stay at home.• There were a number of issues raised in the first UoF discussed as outlined above.• Feedback from the officer has been requested regarding the handcuff UoF.
6.	Date and location of next panel	Virtual via Teams on Thursday 9 th Dec 4pm-6pm