



## Walsall NPU Stop and Search Scrutiny panel

Location: Bloxwich Police Station

Date and Time: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022 5pm-7pm

### In Attendance:

Insp Phil Upton (Insp PU) – Walsall NPU  
Andy Ryan (AR) Engagement Officer WMP  
Linda Clark (LC) Panel Member  
Misbhaur Rahmam (MR) Panel Member  
Peace - Mkuu Amani (MA)  
Paul Macey (PM) Chair  
Muhammad Khan (MK) Panel Member  
Maxine Douglas (MD) Panel Member  
Sheze Malik (SM) OPCC

### Apologises:

Balbir Seimar  
Mr Ram Kishan Mehmi  
Andy Brown  
Michelle Kelly  
Renne Samra  
Rose Burley

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome, Introduction, Apologies and confidentiality	<b>PM</b> opened the meeting and welcomed Insp Phil Upton who is now the lead for Scrutiny for Walsall.  <b>AR</b> - Apologies were noted and are above  <b>AR</b> confirmed that all members in attendance have previously signed the confidentiality agreements
2.	Insp Phil Upton	Introduction from <b>PU</b> around his role and policing career to date.
3.	Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting	All accepted
4.	Actions from last meeting	Members had asked for confirmation on the age of person who was subject of the review of UOF Ref 127347. <b>PU</b> confirmed that the subject was aged 17.



5.	Stop & Search Data for the period: 23 <sup>rd</sup> March to 31 <sup>st</sup> May 22	<p><b>PU</b> presented Walsall S&amp;S performance data for this period. Data is in relation to searches in Walsall carried out by Walsall NPU officers.</p> <p>Total searches on WS area – 158 Positive outcome rate – 26.6% Meets required standard – 97% BWV Used – 93.7% Asian search ratio – 1.6 Black search ration – 1.7</p>
6.	Disproportionality figures for Stop & Search	<p><b>PU</b> – highlighted that the disproportionality data for Stop &amp; Search are considerably higher for non-NPU officers and depts than it is for NPU officers. Members invited to provide feedback in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Why is that and what should we do about it?</li><li>• What is your view on how WS NPU staff conduct Stop &amp; Search and what should we do about it?</li></ul> <p><b>PU</b> advised that a survey link will be emailed to panel members to request feedback in relation to the above.</p> <p><b>PU</b> made the panel aware of the new Race Action Plan. <b>AR</b> will also follow up with email.</p>
7.	Serious Violence Reduction Orders – (SVRO's)	<p><b>PU</b> presented the ongoing work in relation to SVRO's and that WMP would be piloting this initiative.</p> <p>Feedback from the panel has been recorded and <b>PU</b> will review Members will be emailed the government consultation link</p>
8.	Review of dip samples of stop and search and Use of Force from 23/03/22 to 31/05/22	<p><b>PM</b> Confirmed that the records to be reviewed have been randomly selected prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The below Use of Force BWV references were chosen by <b>PM</b> and were reviewed during the meeting.</p> <p><b>436380</b> – BWV reviewed, no concerns raised by the panel. Panel noted that subject was stood up quickly and not left on floor. Panel asked if officers are trained to place subjects in front/against walls. <b>PU</b> confirmed he is not aware that this is taught in training.</p> <p><b>442196</b> – The panel felt that given the seriousness of this incident the officers' actions and language were proportionate. Members also asked if there was any follow up support for the officers <b>PU</b> advised that this will have been done by supervision.</p> <p><b>492940</b> – BWV reviewed and no concerns raised by panel</p> <p><b>493369</b> – BWV reviewed and no concerns raised by panel</p>



		<p><b>493392</b> - BWV reviewed and no concerns raised by panel The below stop &amp; search references were chosen by <b>PM</b> and were reviewed during the meeting.</p> <p>SSWS-MY-158575 / SSWS-JD-158747 / SSWS-LB-158752 SSWS-VC-158782 / SSWS-NB-158815 / SSWS-UD-159182 SSWS-FT-159373 / SSWS-QH-159650 / SSWS-VC-159652 SSWS-KX-160542 / SSWS-6A-160573 / SSWS-HZ-160618 SSWS-FH-160625 / SSWS-JN-160889 / SSWS-YM-161075 SSWS-6M-161214 / SSWS-NZ-161220 / SSWS-GA-161386 SSWS-2Q-161511 / SSWS-PF-161743 / SSWS-PX-161937 SSWS-YC-161951 / SSWS-FR-162030 / <b>SSWS-YX-162392</b> SSWS-HY-162636 / SSWS-NZ-162764 / SSWS-AU-162815 SSWS-MQ-162823 / SSWS-2A-163109 / SSWS-JA-163272</p> <p><b>SSWS-YX-162392</b> – BWV reviewed, panel wondered why subject wasn't taken from the front of the store to a back office to be searched. <b>PU</b> stated that where practical and safe to do so officer will take the subject out of public view but this is not always possible and is always subject to dynamic risk assessment.</p>
9.	Action noted from meeting	<p><b>AR</b> – Panel members to be emailed the World Café invitation <b>AR</b> – Panel to be emailed details for the 'Racial and ethnic disparity in police use of Taser' research project <b>AR</b> Panel members to be emailed the link to the Race Action Plan Survey <b>AR</b> Panel members to be emailed details on SVRO's including the consultation survey link.</p>
10.	AOB /Notes	<p><b>PM</b> – Request from OPCC to invite panel members to take part in some research being carried out by Taser use and its association with social, ethnic and racial disparities in policing.</p> <p>PU has invited panel members to a World Café event to discuss racial disparity and building trust and confidence in our communities</p>
11.	Date and location of next panel	TBC