



Stop and Search Scrutiny panel

Location: Virtual Via Teams

Date and Time: 01/09/2022 4pm-6pm

In Attendance: Kainatt, Emily Higgins, Paul, Michelle P, Michelle K, Natalie, Nic, Deborah, Laura P, Paulette, Hollie, Sean,

Apologises: S.Murria, J.Jackson, C.Morgan, Michelle C

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	<p>Welcome and introduction Update on any actions taken from last meeting will take place before Stop and Search/Use of Force is discussed.</p> <p>Welcome to any new members.</p> <p>Mics must be muted unless speaking and cameras off to prevent 'glitching'.</p> <p>Meeting is scheduled for 2 hours with no break and we will finish promptly.</p> <p>Remind members of confidentiality and please ensure that no one in your household is able to see or hear the videos shown.</p> <p>There may be bad language and violence, please take time out if needed.</p> <p>The focus of our attention needs to be on the actions of the officers, rather than analysing the person being stopped.</p> <p>Time and support is appreciated.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure that G.O.W.I.S.E.L.Y is explained when we have new members. This has been suggested by long standing panel members.• Update of membership/attendance list. There are a number of people who haven't been attending so we have removed them from the invite list to allow space for new members to join.
2.	<p>UPDATE on stop and search data from Nick Hill and Michelle Cassidy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Positive feedback sent to an officer from previous meeting was well received.• With regards to the S&S in the tower block that was challenged by panel members, there have been ongoing issues and complaints. There are vulnerable residents also.



		<p>The YP spoken to were signposted for additional support and officers agreed that they should of put more of an explanation in the records.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regarding the officers and the S&S in Lozells, the officers have been referred for reflective practice.• Panel members were happy with the updates.• Nic also informed the panel that he carries out his own dip sampling of 16-25 stops on Black people to monitor conduct.• Current S&S stats query from panel regarding the use of N/A in the ethnicity section. Update pending.
3.	Dip sample of stop and search	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SSBW-DG-28970303 (30 Second Delay) The officer provided a lot of information and explained what was happening and why. The officer conducting the search placed the items found in his own pocket. Panel members challenged this and Nic explained this is not best practice and an evidence bag should be used. The 2 officers present were shouting different instructions confusing the person being stopped. Nic agreed and stated that there should always be 1 clear voice. Panel members commented that the stop was well executed and respectful. The officer was professional, informal, calm and clear.• SSBW-LE-26544595 (30 Second Delay) A high number of panel members questioned the number of officers present at this S&S. Nic explained that there was an operation going on, but once the stop began the additional officers should of moved away. The officer kept calm not rising to the bad language from the person being stopped. However, the officer remained quiet throughout and wasn't talking through the stop as he was going along. The panel questioned this as it does not seem to be common practice. The panel also commented the officer that had



		<p>handcuffed the member of public looked blank and disinterested. Nic responded that this may be the officer's way of remaining calm, but he understands the panel's point. The optics of a high number of officers surrounding a black young person on Lozells Road does not look positive and Nic agreed and this will be fed back. Although the young person is becoming increasingly aggravated, the officer conducting the search remains calm. Panel members also that the officer asked for a name and stated "...in case you want your record!" A name does not have to be given for the record and this should be made clear. GOWISELY was acknowledged but too quickly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SSBW-NB-27927711 Stop of men smoking cannabis and conducted in the back of a police van. Panel couldn't quite understand why this was conducted in this location. At first it was thought it was for privacy, but the van doors remained open. The officer attempted to build a rapport with the member of public and it was clear they had met in similar circumstances before. The officer was good at explaining clearly what was happening at each stage. He even apologises for going through his bag.
4.	Dip sample of Use of Force records	Unfortunately, Michelle Cassidy was unable to attend today's meeting.
5.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	As above.
6.	Date and location of next panel	Dates for the final 2 meetings of the year will be sent out once agreed by the chair.