



Stop and Search Scrutiny panel

Location: Stetchford Police station and virtually

Date and Time: 21st November 2022

In Attendance: A French (AF) Chair, S Graham (WMP Inspector SG), N Kaid (NK), K Elmi (KE), A Khayre (AK), M Nur (MN), K Mohamed (KM), S Rivers (SR), N Hooper (NH), N Cox (NC), T Bickley (TB)

Apologies: M Sharif, W McLoughlin,

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	<p>Welcome and introduction Minutes of the last meeting, update on any actions taken from last meeting.</p> <p>The panel noted with thanks the response given to action 3. However the panel didn't agree with the perspective offered by the Sergeant.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Use of Force records and associated Body Worn Footage for non compliant handcuffing to be sample at the next panel. Update; Incidents and footage for November panel chosen by the chair2) Why are there dashes for some of the Stop & Search data for August? Update; This was a system issue that has now been resolved3) Supervisor to review Stop & Search record 4 Update, I have an update from the Sergeant that conducted the review that I will read during the panel4) Initiate a reward and recognition for Use of Force record 3 Update, Completed by SG



2. UPDATE on stop and search data from Inspector Graham

The pack has been emailed to all panel members in advance so it can be pre read and save a little time in the meeting. If panel members have any questions they can raise them at the time.

It was noted that the Positive Outcome Rate for Stop & Searches for BE NPU and also the Impact Areas was lower than it had been for a while and had dipped significantly below the figure for the whole force. SG talked through the internal scrutiny processes that interrogate this data. SG had identified that Hodge Hill had particularly low Positive Outcome Rate and was following this up with the relevant Inspector.

When ethnicity was considered the Positive Outcome Rate had fallen from the previous two months for black people. The panel will keep this under review.

Find rates for drugs and knives across BE NPU are down on the previous two months, the fall is quite large. The panel noted that this is probably linked to the discussion around the fall in Positive Outcome Rates.

Disproportionality rates for Stop & Searches for asian people is roughly the same as the previous two months whereas for black people there has been a fall.

The Police force have recognised that the handcuffing rate for Stop & Searches is too high across the force. AK asked whether there were any guidelines for handcuffing, SG said that it was up to the officer to justify their action.

Select body worn video for non compliant handcuffing for the next panel.

In a reverse of the disproportionality trend noted for Stop & Searches, with use of force the ration for black people has stayed roughly the same whilst it has fallen for asian people.



3. Dip sample of stop and search
- 1) SSBE-YK-46391679 PC S and subject W. 22/10/22 at 1702hrs
 - 2) SSBE-DB-42801463 PC S subject I. 12/10/22 at 1553hrs
 - 3) SSBE-XK-4123371 PC R and subject M. 8/10/22 at midnight
 - 4) SSBE-MN-45559287 PC S subject L. 20/10/22 at 0429hrs
 - 5) SSBE-NL-29941427 PC H and subject D. 1/9/22 at 1152hrs

Record 1 selected by AK

The incident involved a car being stopped due to the smell of drugs. There was a driver and passenger in the car. The video concerned the search of the driver. The driver was handcuffed but didn't appear to be offering any threat and was complying with the officers instructions. The passenger who was searched by a different officer wasn't handcuffed. The search took place in a police van. The officer gave their details and the reason for the search, however it was felt that the ESearch record lacked information around why the search was carried out. Questions were asked about whether the officers could smell the use of cannabis. There had been a 5 day sign off by the record.

The panel felt that this was a neutral search.

Record 4 selected by NK

A cloned vehicle had been stopped and the passenger was searched. Although the outcome was no further action the panel felt that the officer had showed empathy, compassion and care in conducting the search. They explained clearly and calmly what was happening. The position of the handcuffs was changed from the rear to the front for for the nominal. Although every aspect of Go Wisely didn't appear to be followed the panel felt that it was a positive search.

Instigate a Recognise & Reward for the Officer concerned.



4.	Dip sample of Use of Force records <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Log 169/7/9/22. PC W subject W born 19872. Log 3144/23/10/22 PC W subject S born 20063. Log 169/7/9/22 PC P and subject W born 19874. Log 3215/31/8/22 PC B and subject S born 20065. Log 4129/9/10/22 PC D subject B born 2005	<p>Record 2 selected by NC This was a moving incident with a number of nominals. The video showed one person hiding under a car who was bitten on the foot by a dog. Warnings were given and the panel felt that the use of force was appropriate.</p> <p>Record 3 selected by TB The video was of a nominal who had decanted from a car upon which a stinger had been used. The nominal had been tasered and ground restraint was also used. After the nominal had been restrained and was under control officers directed language towards him which was crude, vulgar and was aimed specifically at the nominal. When discussing the language the majority of the panel felt that it was unprofessional but their were others who felt that it was a letting off of frustration and appropriate given the situation. The injured nominal was well cared for by officers. The panel felt that it was an appropriate use of force.</p>
5.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	<p>Select body worn video for non compliant handcuffing for the next panel.</p> <p>Instigate a Recognise & Reward for the Officer concerned in Stop & Search record 4.</p>
6.	Date and location of next panel	<p>Monday 23rd January @ 6.15pm Stechford Police Station and on line</p>