

Dudley Stop and Search Scrutiny panel

Location: Brierley Hill Police Station.

Date and Time: 18.01.2023

In Attendance:

Inspector Navdip Sandhu (NS)

Sheze Malik – OPCC(SM)

Danny Evans (DE)

Julie Wilkinson (Chair)

Mariann Bayliss (MB)

Lewis Wastell (LW)

Eric Mills (EM)

Dean Stephens (DS)

Apologises:

Michael Bryan (MB)

Aldrich Gonsalves
(AG)

Reece James (RJ)

Shaz Saleem (SS)

S	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	<p>Welcome and introduction done by JW and asked panel if there were any matters they would like to raise in regards to the previous meeting/ minutes or anything else. New panel member DS introduced himself to the panel.</p> <p>Insp NS shared with the panel the importance of increasing our numbers and ensuring diversity is reflected in our panel.</p> <p>This meeting was set to be face to face/hybrid – all members attended the station apart from MB,AG,RJ and SS.</p>	<p>Only one matter to raise the importance of face to face meetings .</p>



2.	UPDATE on stop and search data from 01.11.22 – 16.01.23 by Insp Navdip Sandhu	<p>Discussed and updated on performance data including outcome rates and also disproportionately data and total number of across the West midlands .</p> <p>A great use of BWV 97%.</p> <p>A discussion was held by the panel regarding the significance of intelligence lead searches.</p> <p>Insp NS explained and gave a brief to the panel and also highlighted impact areas.</p> <p>Dudley bus station is a high impact area and the impact of youth violence around that area. 29.6 % positive outcome rates.</p> <p>It was shared with the panel old 2011 census data is used and the WMP are negotiating the use of new census data. The panel reviewed ethnicity breakdown figures.</p> <p>The figures confirmed you are 1.1% more likely to be stopped if you are a black person.</p> <p>The panel agreed the figures are improving in the right direction.</p>
3.	Random selection of stop and search records	<p>Stop and Search initially selected BWV footage by JW .</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) This was in relation to a section 1 misuse of drugs pace search of two known teenagers , searched by PC Fellows and a female officer. Drugs were recovered.2) The panel agreed the search was justified and carried out in a fair manner.3) The panel held a discussion around the female officer who is training .4) The panel agreed Insp Sandhu to give feedback to the officers involved .



2)The next video involved a pursuit of a marked car for the supply of drugs. The car made off at speed on a busy high street mounting the pavement .

The police followed the suspects were cuffed.

PC Fellows searched the suspect under the misuse of drugs act.The level of criminality is high.

Sim cards ,drugs and a knife was seized.

The panel agreed the pursuit and search was appropriate and the officers involved should be commended .

Overall very positive feedback from the panel.

The panel agreed this incident was fair and justified.

The panel agreed the officers communication was good throughout the process.

The panel commended the officers and agreed Insp NS to feedback positively to his team.

Insp NS explained the details in relation to the use of hand cuffs. The panel agreed the use of hand cuffs and the search was fair and justified.

		<p>Insp Sandhu discussed the reasons for the 2nd suspect to remain in the car. The panel agreed he was at risk of fleeing the scene. The correct decision was made whilst waiting for additional support to arrive.</p>
4.	<p>UPDATE on Use of Force data from 01.11.22 – 16.01.23 by Insp Navdip Sandhu</p>	<p>Snapshot of UOF Force data was shared with the panel.</p> <p>Taser Tactics explained and stated that red dot is main tactic used – compliance without Force being used. JW shared with the panel officers adhere to strict rules when choosing Taser and complete extensive training and are carefully monitored.</p>
5	<p>Random selection of Use of Force records</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use of Force information taser tactics policing operations shared and discussed by the panel. - EM raised a concern regarding BWV footage having no audio sound in the first 20 to 30 seconds . - A discussion around this topic was held by the panel. - <p>The first incident involved a call out to a residential property on arrival two officers were fact finding from the caller regarding his female neighbour. However it became apparent the young man was confused and belligerent whilst openly smoking cannabis.</p>



		<p>The panel agreed the two young officers involved would have specific feedback from Insp Sandhu.</p> <p>The panel gave feedback to be shared with the officers to support them in their training .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The next incident to be scrutinised involved the use of a Taser tactics.- The police received a call from a family member regarding a young woman with mental health issues.- The officers attention a residential address- The young woman was outside the property and was distraught and in danger of cutting herself with glass- The officer discharged his Taser whilst a 2nd officer engaged with her. <p>Insp NS explained to the panel officers do have mental health training.</p> <p>The panel agreed the incident was handled in the best possible way the UOF was fair and necessary. The panel agreed the officers should be commended for their bravery and Insp Sandhu will recommend them for a award .</p> <p>The panel acknowledged the bravery of both officers and the positive outcome for the young woman.</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;"> </p> <p>Panel thanked Insp NS for his clarity and step by step feedback on his teams work. It was agreed that UOF Tasar would be automatically scrutinised by the panel.</p>
6.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	<p>Also the importance of positive feedback to officers from this meetings slides. Insp NS to feedback praise to his team.</p>
7.	AOB /Notes	<p>SM agreed with JW the importance of encouraging new members to the panel.</p>



		It was agreed that face to face meetings going forward are of the highest importance
8.	Date and location of next panel	Our next panel meeting is Wednesday 15 th March all future dates have been confirmed to the panel and to be held at Brierley Hill Police station ,Bank Street DY5 3DH.