**Dudley Stop and Search Scrutiny panel**

**Location:** Brierley Hill Police Station

**Date and Time:** 15/03/23

**Apologises:**

Michael Bryan (MB)

Eric Mills (EM)

Shaz Saleem (SS)

**In Attendance**:

Officer Sarah Long.

Inspector Navdip Sandhu (NS)

Sheze Malik – OPCC(SM)

Danny Evans (DE)

Julie Wilkinson (Chair)

Mariann Bayliss (MB)

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| S | **Item Discussed** | **Actions** |
| 1. | 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.  Insp NS shared with the panel the importance of police transparency introducing Sarah Long to the panel and confirming she will observe this evenings meeting.  Insp NS shared with us a over view of the actions from the panels previous meeting.  This meeting was set to be face to face/hybrid – all members attended the station apart from SS,MB and EM. | PC Patterson has been given feedback.  PC Wild has been given feedback and training.  A officer has been nominated for a bravery award.  A cancard is not a barrier to stop and search,every situation is different all must be registered with a approved system. |
| 2. | UPDATE on stop and search data from 18/01 – 14/03 by Insp Navdip Sandhu | Discussed and updated on performance data including outcome rates and also disproportionately data and total number of searches across the West midlands and Dudley Borough .  A great use of BWV 91.3%.  A discussion was held by the panel regarding the significance of BWV enhancing operations and increasing safety of the officers.  Five Taser incidents during this time .  Insp NS explained and gave a brief to the panel and also highlighted impact areas Dudley bus station is a high impact area.  A increase of 14% of Dudley officers using section 1 search power.  A 21.1%knife find rate.  The panel agreed the figures are improving in the right direction.  The panel reviewed ethnicity disproportionately figures,based on 2011 census data and confirmed the delay in using the most recent census data.  The data confirmed 1% Asian and 3.3%Black are likely to be searched in the borough. |
| 3. | Random selection of U.O.F and Stop and Search record.  JW agreed to cover U.O.F first.  UPDATE on Stop and Search data  18/01 to 14/03 by Insp NS.  97.5 % recorded on BWV.  34 %positive outcome rates.  Insp NS shared performance updates and progress made by his officers  JW asked if targets are being met regarding the QR code ?  Insp NS confirmed he had received a total of 4 during this period. | Stop and Search initially selected BWV footage by JW .   1. This was in relation to a U.O.F .A vehicle past at speed. He was stopped on a drive. It was a rental vehicle the officers questioned the driver. He was given a road side breath test and detained for a moving traffic offence.The suspect had been drinking and refused to give his name and date of birth   The suspect ran and a taser was deployed .Class A drugs were found he was out on licence and recalled back to prison.  The panel agreed the language used by the officer and the engagement between the officer and suspect did incite the suspect to run and escalate the situation.  The panel agreed a calmer approach may have diffused the situation and Taser may not have been deployed.  The panel agreed the conversation from the officers involved asking the suspect ..Do you want your stop and search reference number ? is a direct result of the panel and the clarity expected from officers.   1. The panel scrutinised a triple Taser incident regarding a domestic disturbance .Police attended a flat and tried to gain entry as a man with mental health issues was threatening to jump out of the window.   A young female officer attended. A Sergeant supported alongside additional officers.  Once inside the officers tried to cuff the suspect a scuffle ensued and the suspect refused to be cuffed or restrained ,a Taser was deployed three times.  The suspect had serious mental health issues and class A drugs were in use.  The panel agreed the U.O.F was fair , necessary and justified .  The panel discussed the rise of mental health issues within the community.   1. S/S video involved a incident in Halesowen a special constable attended.   The location is a hot spot and the young suspects smelt of drugs whilst trying to conceal a grinder.The officer searched under the misuse of drugs act section 23.  The officer confirmed the type of search not intimate plus the outcome if the suspect refused.  The officer clearly discussed the reason for the search and highlighted the QR code and details of the search.  The panel agreed this incident was fair and justified.  The panel agreed the officers communication was good throughout the process.  The panel raised concerns regarding the car park in Halesowen ,its a hot spot for drug use and Insp NS explained to the panel the important work of the youth police team and safe guarding measures for young offenders. |
| 4. | UPDATE on cancards by Insp NS. | Reasoning behind the use of cancards.  Cancards explained and stated that officers to verify they are genuine and for personal medical use. |
|  |  | A discussion followed regarding the use of cancards .  Insp NS explained to the panel officers do have mental health training. The panel agreed the incident was handled in the best possible way the UOF was fair and neccessary.    Panel thanked Insp NS for his clarity and step by step feedback on his teams work.  It was agreed that UOF Taser would be automatically scrutinised by the panel. |
| 6. | Action noted from discussions for update at next panel | Also the importance of positive feedback to officers from this meetings slides.  Insp NS to feedback praise to his team. |
| 7. | AOB /Notes | SM agreed with JW the importance of encouraging new members to the panel.  It was agreed that face to face meetings going forward are of the highest importance |
| 8. | Date and location of next panel | Dates for 2023 have been confirmed to the panel .The next meeting is scheduled for 18/05.  At Brierley Hill Police Station . |