**Sandwell Stop and Search Scrutiny panel**

**Location:** West Bromwich Police Station

**Date and Time:** 8/11/2023 17:30

**Apologies:**

Dannet  Gittens

Joyce Haye

Jas Ubhi

**In Attendance**:

Sergeant Richard Phillips (RP)

Pc Chris Jones (CJ)

Deep Sandhu Chair (DS)

Peter Hoare Vice-Chair(PH)

Sabby Gakhal (SG)

Harjinder Rai (HR)

Sheze Malik (SM)

Lisa Hill (LH)

Maryama Gabow (MG)

Smitte Kazlauskarle (SKaz)

Sofia Kaur (SKau)

Darnish Amraz (DA)

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|  | **Item Discussed** | **Actions** |
| 1. | Welcome and introduction done by Chair DS and asked panel if there were any matters they would like to raise in regards. The previous meeting minutes were not challenged. | Dannet Gittens has now stated that they will not be attending future Panels. |
| 2. | Update on Stop and Search and Use of force performance for SW for the last quarter presented to panel by RP  DA asked if action being taken to level out ethnic influences | DS asked if under 18s figures are available for UoF **RP to bring some separated figures to the next panel.**  RP explained that disproportionality tends to be effected by transient population factors and there is constant scrutiny by both Bronze and Silver with comparison to other force areas.  Further explanation was given around ethnic areas not being targetted but areas of high crime are.  There was discussion around how proportionality is presented and how the levels of scrutiny are set up and how feedback is filtered back to officers. |
| 3. | Body Worn Video footage viewed. This was selected randomly during pre-meet with RP and DS the previous week. | Footage viewed for records :. .  **SSSW-CX-172255235**  Panel agreed that the interaction was generally very good.. Explanation was given by CJ as to why extra officers arrived when only one person was being dealt with. RP explained the reasons for confiscating mobile phone.  **SSSW-FO-174460679**  Panel agreed that they were pleased with the search but it was noted that the notes were ambiguous as they didn't specify that the passenger was arrested not the driver.  **SSSW-KW-170066991**  Panel again pleased with search and praised the way officer’s calmed the subject throughout the interaction  **SSSW-XJ-168938279**  Panel again pleased with quality of search and professionalism of officers  DS raised the point that the subjects mobile phone was not taken away during the search and **RP agreed this was bad practice and will be fed back to the officers concerned.** |
| 5. | Dip sample of Use of Force records | A total of 9 stop and search records were selected at random from the last quarter by panel members.  **SSSW-LD-168517879** was noted to not contain enough detail to justify the search  **SSSW-6M-137954799** was noted as containing ‘not very good detail’  **SSSW-UE-162174043** was commented on as a excellent record with a very good result.  In all of the other records the panel were satisfied with the grounds for stop and search and there was no specific feedback or concerns noted.  **RP to follow up with feedback to officers on noted records** |
| 6. | AOB /Notes | None raised. |
| 7. | Date/ time and location of the next Sandwell Stop Search/UOF Scrutiny Panel meeting | Monday 15th January 2024 at 1730 at West Bromwich Police Station |