

Custody Scrutiny panel

Location: Trophy Suite, Tally Ho

Date and Time: Thursday 8th December 2022

In Attendance:

Panel Members: Mohammed Nadeem (Chair), Pauline White (Note taker), Stassi Chilas, Alison Walker, Paulette Sayers, David Glanfield and Joanna Camille.

WMP: Supt. Tom Joyce, Talib Hussain,

OPCC: Natalie Cox

Apologies: Chris Best, Jane Edgington Dawn Dance, Gary Williams, Clancy Williams.

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	<p>Welcome and introduction by the chair.</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting, update on any actions taken from last meeting.</p>	<p>Housekeeping; Mohammed spoke to the group about housekeeping whilst at the meeting. Also spoke about meetings times and traffic issues, as had major traffic this evening. It was suggested that it could be held at Perry Barr to trial this location. Talked through the possibility to rotate meetings across Tally Ho and Perry Barr but not suited to all who aren't local.</p> <p>Agreed that the panel in March 2023 is to be held at Perry Barr Custody suite, we also plan to have a walk around tour of custody the hour before panel, felt that this could enable some members to see the suite in action.</p> <p>Mohammed Nadeem will hold the chair role for the next year, thanked for his efforts during the pilot and agreed that he would have a year to fully embrace/enhance the role.</p> <p>Will need to recruit a vice chair, anyone interested please email Natalie Cox.</p>



2.	<p>UPDATE: On custody data from Tom Joyce</p>	<p>Presented the data. The anniversary of Stop & Search (S&S) panel as made changes in custody which have been influenced by discussions / decisions made by the panel at these meetings. Discussed Strip search performance data, assessing the rationale, queried officers on levels across the teams and suites. The use of wands / knife arches-talked over legislation Pace Code C, Annex -A Juvenile strip search and when removal of clothes in suite crosses lines to become a strip search. Talked through work on racial disproportionality and</p> <p>Agreed on the excellent work on training being done and appreciate the impact it is having on data esp. Juveniles strip search and AA present data and rationales.</p>
3.	<p>Dip sample record Strip Search -</p> <p>All dip sampled records where selected for the rationale of strip search and any link of UOF used during SS.</p> <p>A total of 4 records were covered.</p> <p>Out of the four records:</p> <p>Search Result- item found 1/4</p> <p>Do the panel feel the reason for the strip search was necessary and reasonable?</p> <p>Yes in two records and not in 1, see notes of 4th</p> <p>If Juvenile or vulnerable was an AA present? If not why?</p> <p>Not required due to age in any but in one felt it was needed due to</p>	<p>Due to traffic and panel starting late we had limited time on records so could only cover 4 records.</p> <p>Of the four records one was questioned over if it was Strip search or not as, PIC (person in Custody) had removed clothes themselves.</p> <p>So panel felt wasn't searched or lacked detail to understand and Scrutinise.</p> <p>-Action to understand more</p> <p>Neutral feedback: Record 1 the panel felt due to Mental health impacts an AA could have been beneficial in SS to aid and show empathy. Or alternatives to SS could have been used.</p> <p>Record 2 Panel wanted more detail, as to if SS was needed to have found the items. Could a normally search of not found this if not should be detailed.</p> <p>Negative feedback:</p>



	<p>Vulnerabilities of Mental health with an 18yr old</p> <p>Scrutiny panel feedback Positive, Negative or Neutral?</p> <p>1 Negative feedback</p> <p>2 neutral feedback</p>	<p>Record 3</p> <p>No detail on why PIC was searched in rationale at all. Action to look into this more.</p>
	<p>Dip sample of Use of Force records</p> <p>Two records were dip sampled</p> <p>Out of the two records:</p> <p>Do the panel feel the Use of force was necessary and proportionate?</p> <p>Yes in both</p> <p>Was there a chance to de-escalate?</p> <p>Yes evidence in 1 but not in other</p> <p>Was after care offered?</p> <p>Yes evidence in 1 but not in other</p> <p>Overall scrutiny panel feedback:</p> <p>2 Neutral</p>	<p>Neutral feedback:</p> <p>Most due to the level of write to scrutinise, panel felt the level of detail wasn't there in the records.</p> <p>Panel felt that impact factors hadn't been fully consider and found admin errors on records.</p> <p>One record the panel have asked for further detail to reassure them of final decision. As panel felt very important detail was missing. Maybe CCTV watched to ensure fully understanding. – ACTION for more detail and Reassurance</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Action noted from discussions for update at next panel</p>	<p>WMP :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Positive outcome rates to be understanding regarding Strip searches.• Gain more understanding a direction of when a strip either self or due to impact factors becomes a strip search.• Feedback on action highlighted above for next panel. <p>OPCC:</p>



		<p>To update on recommendations and changes to panel structure at next panel in March and set the years' worth of dates.</p>
5.	Date and location of next panel	<p>Next panel to be held;</p> <p>Wednesday 8th March at Perry Barr Custody suite.</p> <p>Please arrive on time, tea and coffee will be served at 5:45 to allow is to start promptly</p> <p>Address: Holford Drive Birmingham West Midlands B42 2TU</p>