

Custody Scrutiny panel

Location: Trophy Suite, Tally Ho

Date and Time: 14TH June 2022

In Attendance :

WMP: Chief Superintendent Thomas Joyce (TJ), Inspector Talib Hussain (TH), DCI Shameem Ahmed and PS Peter Dodsworth.

OPCC: Natalie Cox (NC),

Panel Members: Mohammed Nadeem (Chair), Rowland Dunn (vice chair), Chris Best (Note taker), Pauline white (Note taker), Jane Edgington, David Glanfield, Dawn Dance, Alison Walker, Gary Williams, Joanna Camille-St. Marie, Paulette Sawyers,

Apologises: Stassi Chilas, Christopher Warne.

	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>Actions from last meeting:</p> <p>WMP-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Provide general data overview for next panel sharing with panel before next meeting. This was actioned at this panel <p>OPCC –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •No longer provide the arrest text column within the spreadsheet, as this shouldn't be the only context in sample cases. •'Lawful' to be taken off heading and replaced with 'Necessary' •NC to talk over the panel objectives again at next meeting. <p>This was actioned, spreadsheet updated as requested and objectives discussed at the beginning the panel.</p> <p>Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair to discuss start time with panel as requested by panel member- due to lower numbers this will roll over to next panel • Continue with separating the group into two groups- both to scrutinise separate set of records and report back on learning/actions found or required. Agreed and continued.



<p>2.</p>	<p>Update:</p> <p>Chair Introduced representatives from the force, NC discussed objectives and terms of reference for the panel. TJ led and delivered on custody data:</p> <p>The request made by the panel to actively include ethnicity has now been actioned and force staff have been reminded to add each and every time,</p> <p>Strip search rationale is simply just the legislation and not officer's rationale for choosing to use the power.</p> <p>TJ delivered a detailed insight into juvenile strip searches within West Midlands custody,</p>	<p>Panel found the overview data interesting and believe this allows the panel to have more of an understanding and oversight of how UOF and strip search is being used currently within West Midlands custody.</p> <p>The force to deliver general overview of data for UOF and Strip search in custody at every panel.</p> <p>-This is still being actioned continually in custody Panel have asked for an action on this: Force to provide data on the percentage of ethnicity being recorded on custody records since this was identified.</p> <p>-TJ discussed the work being done within custody to address this, talk through with the panel about examples of what the force feel are best practice justifications.</p> <p>-Panel felt this allowed more detailed understanding of the current picture within West Midlands of juvenile strips search.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Dip sample record Strip Search –</p> <p>Each group dip sampled records of juvenile strip searches, this allowed a deep dive into juvenile searches after seeing data delivered by TJ.</p> <p>Six records were dip sampled with each group deep diving into 3 each. Out of the six records:</p> <p>6/6 times nothing was found</p> <p>4/6 times the panel felt the reason for the strip search was necessary and reasonable.</p> <p>4 out 6 didn't wait for an AA, but 3/4 Justified why didn't. 1 didn't mention why didn't wait.</p>	<p>-Panel felt the justifications for the juvenile strip searches were much more detailed than had previously seen in general justifications for strips search.</p> <p>ACTION:</p> <p>Panel want to know why one record had no justification of why they didn't wait for an AA to be present.</p> <p>Two records with negative feedback- reasons for this were the panel felt the level of detail in search rationale didn't provide justification and wasn't a sufficient level to scrutinise.</p>



	<p>Overall scrutiny panel feedback: 2/6 positive, 2/6 negative 2/6 neutral</p>	<p>For the one of the positive feedbacks: the panel asked for the officer to receive praise as panel felt this gave a very good account and level of detail given allowed for excellent justification of search.</p>
4.	<p>Dip sample of Use of Force records:</p> <p>Six records were dip sampled with each group deep diving into 3 each Out of the six records:</p> <p>Do the panel feel the Use of force was necessary and proportionate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 5/6 the panel felt UOF was proportionate but in 6/6 the panel felt it was necessary. <p>Was there a chance to de-escalate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 6/6 The panel felt this was not identified <p>Was after care offered?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 5/6 panel felt not able to identify <p>Overall scrutiny panel feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 2/6 negative, 1/6 neutral and 3/6 positive.	<p>Panel felt UOF was necessary in 6/6 but not sure it felt proportionate in one record, panel gave negative feedback due to lack of information in record.</p> <p>Panel felt "UOF used" section of the spreadsheet - the information not filled out in the column on one record and not clear in the narrative so panel felt unsure as to what the UOF was they were being asked to look scrutinise-</p> <p>Panel will discuss in more detail as to what we would expect to see in the Aftercare given section.</p> <p>Panel noted the amount of UOF records we see in relation to UOF being used during strip searches.</p> <p>When negative feedback was given, main concerns were: not clear and structured narrative given, Panel felt lack detailed to truly understand the need for the UOF.</p> <p>Positive feedback: In 2 records panel wanted to pass on praise to the officer for positive feedback- panel felt the narrative was detailed and the information was clear and clear rationale throughout.</p>
5.	<p>Action noted from discussions for update at next panel</p>	<p>WMP-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide general data overview for next panel sharing with panel before next meeting. For panel members to bring questions.• Force to provide data on the percentage of ethnicity being



		<p>recorded on custody records since this issue was identified at first panel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Panel want to know why one record had no justification of why they didn't wait for an AA to be present. <p>WMP/OPCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can we ensure the UOF used section on the spreadsheet is always filled – so it is clear what the panel are to Scrutinize. <p>Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair to discuss start time with panel as requested by panel member
6.	Date and location of next panel	<p>Thursday 16th September 6-8pm</p> <p>Please arrive on time, tea and coffee will be served at 5:45 to allow is to start promptly.</p> <p>Tally Ho Pershore Road Birmingham B5 7RN</p> <p>Dates of panels for 2022:</p> <p>Thursday 8th December 6-8pm.</p>