

Custody Scrutiny panel

Date: Wednesday 8th March 2023

Time: 18:00- 20:10

Location: Perry Barr Custody Suite

Panel Members: Mohammed Nadeem (Chair), Stassi Chilas, Dawn Dance, Gary Williams,

Alison Walker, Paulette Sayers,

WMP: Supt Helen Bailey, Talib Hussain, Jason Nunn,

OPCC: Natalie Cox

Apologies: Jane Edgington, Pauline White, Joanna Camille, Daniel Chambers

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	Welcome and introduction by the chair. Attendee introductions.	TH – gave update on the actions from last panel records. – panel happy with feedback and answers.
	Minutes of the last meeting, update on any actions taken from last meeting.	Still more time needed to fully understand the question/legal stance regarding "striped and strip search" — if stripping a person without searching is it classed as a strip search and should be recorded as one and what legislation should be followed?
2.	UPDATE: Pilot Ending of Scrutiny Panel pilot from Natalie Cox.	Natalie Cox - Panel recruitment of those with lived experiences, between 18 – 25 years old.
	Report submitted and previously agreed objectives to remain in place.	Action Natalie Cox – Confirm location for future Panel meetings.
	Dates Panel meetings to move from quarterly to bi-monthly.	Next panel in May was due to held at Tally Ho to have a rotation, However Tally Ho is
	Panel dates for the year: May 3 rd – see actions July 5 th Perry Barr Custody suite September 13 th – Tally Ho	currently not bookable so plan to hold the next panel at Perry Barr custody suite again. Question asked around using Lloyd house – however parking isn't available for visitors in



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Panel minutes to be uploaded to PCC website.

the numbers we need. Will discuss in more detail at next panel regarding locations plan.

Use of Force Legislation

Query raised whether Panel members could be provided with a 'training' pack and crib sheet relating to Use of Force, to refer to during dip sample.

Action

JN – to plan short inputs relating to specific legislation and implementation of Use of Force at future Panel meetings.

Examples of input include Impact Factors and PACE

Custody Data Update:

On custody data from Helen Bailey and Jason Nunn

Areas covered:

- Ethnicity Compliance
- Strip Searches
- PACE Code C Annex A (Strip Search Legislation)
- Use of Force in Custody
- Disproportionality

Plans for 24-hour youth workers to be based in custody blocks. Funding implications.

Timeline of changes to Connect system for more targeted data collection. Length of time seems to be inappropriate.

Strip search rationale is related to legislation and not individual officer's rationale for choosing to use it.

Action

- HB/JN to track strip search data at panel regrading AA to establish 6 months where no Juv SS are done without an AA and no rationale given. Restarted due to having one in February.
- HB to keep us up to date with any further changes to custody portfolio



Current	changes	occurring	within	the
structure	e of custo	dy across \	NM still	not
all clear.				

3. Dip sample record Strip Search -

A total of 6 records were covered.

The option of Anonymized individual feedback was trialled recorded via Survey 123 and then general feedback was given.

14 replies over six records: Search Result- item found

Do the panel feel the reason for the strip search was necessary and reasonable?

Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes	11	78.57%
No	3	21.43%

If Juvenile or vulnerable was an AA present? If not why?

N/A in 4 records due to age AA present in 2 required

Do you feel the rationale gives clear justification of why a strip search was authorised?

Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes	9	64.29%
No	3	21.43%
Unsure	2	14.29%

Scrutiny panel feedback Positive, Negative or Neutral?

Answers	Count	Percentage
Positive	9	64.29%
Neutral	3	21.43%
Negative	2	14.29%

Panel happy with trail of IT to collate feedback. Will trial again at next panel for both SS and UOF

We will do this by each person looking at records in groups, giving individual feedback online survey. Then come together to discuss results and any concerns or questions and any actions.



	Dip sample of Use of Force records	commissioner
	Due to limited time, Use of Force records were not scrutinized.	
4.	Action noted from discussions for update at next panel	 WMP: Actions from data update: HB – to look into ethnicity on connect and understanding of no Mixed Ethnicity options for officers. The impact of data due to this HB to follow up to ascertain reasons for lengthy timeline with connect changes JN- Clarification on legal stances of striped/strip search – section 54 etc Records TH - to collect more data following CCTV review for sample record (1SS), to clarify the extent of the Strip Search and feedback at next Panel meeting (May 2023) Wider context regarding Record 3 SS WMPCC Add slide for PACE – CODE C Add slides from overview delivered
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5.	Date and location of next panel	Next panel to be held;
		Wednesday 3 rd May 2023
		Please arrive on time - tea and coffee will be served at 5:45pm to allow us to start promptly.
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