

Custody Scrutiny panel

Location: Trophy Suite, Tally Ho

Date and Time: 16th March 2022

In Attendance:

WMP: Inspector Talib Hussain (TH), PS Peter Dodsworth

OPCC: Natalie Cox (NC), Sarah Matta

Panel Members: Mohammed Nadeem (Chair) Chris Best (Note taker), Jane Edgington, Chris Warne, Rowland Dunn, David Glanfield, Dawn Dance, Stassi Chillas, Alison Walker, Michele Perry-Springer, Gary Williams

Apologies: Pauline Whyte, Paulette Sayers, Joanna Camille, Samita Doal.

	Item Discussed	Actions
1.	<p>Welcome and introduction by the chair.</p> <p>Chair Introduced Talib Hussain, new PACE Inspector and site manager at Oldbury plus Custody Sgt Peter Dodsworth from Perry Barr.</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting, update on any actions taken from last meeting.</p>	None
2.	<p>UPDATE: On custody data from Inspector Hussain: Change of system to CONNECT means that ethnicity data is on different page plus there are data gaps.</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, in which TH flags and remedies any entries that have been missed with the officer.</p>	<p>TH to investigate data sharing and deliver general overview of data for UOF and Strip search in custody.</p> <p>Issue regarding ethnicity was presented to FEUPPB, who have stated that this will become a mandatory field again within CONNECT.</p>



	<p>Strip search rationale is simply just the legislation and not officer's rationale for choosing to use the power.</p>	<p>It was discussed that the rationale for strip search should allow for free text, all agreed including those present from WMP. Can this be discussed further?</p>
3.	<p>Dip sample record Strip Search -</p>	<p>WMP: Improved narrative needed from officers with more detail. In almost all records seen by both groups more text was needed to demonstrate justification of powers. The legislation to use the power isn't a justification of why officers' choice to use the power.</p>
	<p>Dip sample of Use of Force records</p>	<p>Use of Force forms requested to be combined with EDL as not always listed on records. Improved narrative needed from officers with more detail.</p>
4.	<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.• Update on work done to improve text for strip search and more detail regarding UOF• Discuss in more detail how we can obtain more of a rationale in the justification tab. <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 and Term of Reference at next meeting.



		<p>Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair to discuss start time with panel as requested by panel member • Continue with separating the group into two groups- both to scrutinize separate set of records and report back on learning/actions found or required.
5.	Date and location of next panel	<p>Tuesday 14th June 2022. 6pm – 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>