

Custody Scrutiny panel

Location: Trophy Suite, Tally Ho

Date and Time: 2022

In Attendance: Monday 17th October 2022

WMP: Helen Bailey (HB), PS Peter Dodsworth, Jay Kaur,

OPCC: Natalie Cox (NC)

Panel Members: Mohammed Nadeem (Chair) Chris Best (Note taker),

Apologies: Inspector Talib Hussain (TB), Jane Edgington, Chris Warne, David Glanfield, Dawn Dance, Pauline Whyte, Paulette Sayers, Joanna Camille, 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>NC delivered an update on the action from the last meeting. All below actions delivered upon:</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. – this was given at panel and will be delivered at every panel. Force to provide data on the percentage of ethnicity being recorded on custody records since this issue was identified at first panel. – this was delivered at panel- ethnicity is included on 98.5% of records as of October 2022- compared to 20% in November 2021. This welcomed new by the chair and demonstrated a big achievement for our work. Panel want to know why one record had no justification of why they didn't wait for an AA to be present. NC deliver an update on behalf of Talib Hussain. <p>WMP/OPCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can we ensure the UOF used section on the spreadsheet is always filled –



		<p>so it is clear what the panel are to Scrutinize. Actioned</p> <p>Will move below actions to next panel;</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 • NC – to discuss overview of the Pilot and next steps- including the tenure of the chair and vice chair and the future of the Panel.
<p>2.</p>	<p>UPDATE: On custody data from Helen Bailey</p> <p>Strip search rationale is simply just the legislation and not officer's rationale for choosing to use the power.</p>	<p>HB Delivered general overview of data for UOF and Strip search in custody and updated on the strands of work being undertaken.</p> <p>Strip Search levels in custody highlighted in March panel- WMP striped searched 24.6% of detainees, this is now at 15 % in October 22. Update delivered on work around knife wands to understand and ensure documentation is capturing the usage and effectiveness in reducing Strip search authorisation.</p> <p>It was discussed that the rationale for strip search should allow for free text, all agreed including those present from WMP. This is now available. HB discussed work being done in regards to rationale and believe they has been an improvement in at least 1/3 but still work to be done.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Dip sample record Strip Search -</p> <p>All dip sampled records where selected for the rationale of strip search being uncooperative and violent. A total of 9 records were covered.</p> <p>Out of the nine records:</p> <p>Search Result- item found</p> <p>7 out of 9 Nothing was found</p> <p>Do the panel feel the reason for the strip search was necessary and reasonable?</p>	<p>Panel members still worked through records but was very low on numbers.</p> <p>Negative feedback given - Improved narrative needed from officers with more detail. Panel felt the refusal to be strip searched or refusal to answer Risk assessment questions gave the officer the reason to do the strip searches on many of</p>



	<p>6 out of 9 times the panel felt the reason for the strip search was not necessary and reasonable</p> <p>If Juvenile or vulnerable was an AA present? If not why?</p> <p>8/9 AA not applicable; 1 juvenile had no mention or detail of AA</p> <p>Scrutiny panel feedback Positive, Negative or Neutral?</p> <p>7/9 Negative, 1 neutral, 1 Positive</p>	<p>these records, panel commented I felt as if the strip search was used a punishment.</p> <p>In almost all records seen by both groups more text was needed to demonstrate justification of powers.</p>
	<p>Dip sample of Use of Force records</p> <p>Eight records were dip sampled:</p> <p>Out of the Eight records:</p> <p>Do the panel feel the Use of force was necessary and proportionate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 4/8 the panel felt UOF was proportionate and necessary.- <p>Was there a chance to de-escalate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 2/8 chances of de-escalation not taken <p>Was after care offered?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 3/8 detailed aftercare given <p>Overall scrutiny panel feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 4/8 Negative, 3 positive and 1 neutral	<p>Positive feedback for officer in one record asked to be delivered, however comments provider for force in all records, Overview of feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- panel have identified and stressed the concern around level of force used to complete some strip searches.- Panel felt level of detail and succinct detail was missing on many of the records.
4.	<p>Action noted from discussions for update at next panel</p>	<p>WMP-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider the findings and perspective of panel to challenge the idea of violent and uncooperative as rational of strip search.•



		<p>OPCC –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add column into the records spreadsheet for ethnicity to separate Self defined and officer defined ethnicity.• Add column to identify and monitor gender and details of AA Present-inline with recommendation of Internal audit.• When pulling records check to see if an additional comment had be added after 1st submission for next panel <p>OPCC/WMP-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To develop crib sheet for panel on legislation and Use of Force• Hold training on Use of Force to further develop understanding.
5.	Date and location of next panel	<p>Next panel to be held;</p> <p>Thursday 8th December 2022. 5:45-8:00pm.</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>