



Meeting Title: External Stop & Search and Use of Force Scrutiny Panel Reigate Police Station - Reigate		
Open or Closed:		Open
Date: 14.12.2022	Start Time: 18:50 hrs	Close Time: 20.50hrs.
Chair: Mark Cunningham - (MC)		
Attendees:	Police Attendees: • Chief Supt Clive Davies (CD) Surrey Police Stop & Search Force Lead • Sgt Ralph Laurence (RL) Service Delivery Lead (MS Teams) • Emma Newton (EN) Staff Officer • Sandie Devereux (SD) PA - Note Taker Panel Members Attendees: • Sarah Gosling (SG) • Anita Ho (AH)	
cc of Minutes		
Absences and Apologies	Apologies: - Swornima Karmacharya	
1.	Introductions.	
2.	EN informed the panel members that Surrey had now have data protection impact assessment in place, which essentially allows the force to show Body Worn Video over MS Teams. However, there are a several mitigation points that need to be put in place. EN asked each person on - line to confirm they were alone in the room they were sitting in at home and that they were	



	located where with nobody could overhear them. All panel members wearing headphones To remain on camera for the duration of the viewing. If any backgrounds on their MS Teams, for them to be removed. MC – Confirmed AH – Confirmed SG – Confirmed 3. Previous Actions and Minutes - agreed and approved. Current Action Tracker.docx A selected 3 Body Worn Video clips, chosen by Chair Mark Cunningham were reviewed by the attendees. <u>BWV Clip 1 - Selected by MC</u> <u>Fail to Stop – made off vehicle stopped by unmarked Police car.</u> Discussion was held – by panel attendees. RL stated Police Sergeant dominated the situation, Use of Force tactical communications as the stop was conducted on a live line M25 motorway. There were three lanes of traffic moving at 70 miles an hour. All it would take would be a slip or to misjudge or someone thinking that they might be able to get away. This was probably at the fore front of the attending officer's mind. The male individuals in the stopped vehicle were of large physical strength which also would have been a consideration for the officers in this situation.	
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	Classic stepdown of communication level used which came over slightly aggressive then change of tone to more civil and good engagement. Failing to stop for police is the criminal offence in the video followed a few minutes later there was there was the full caution and the full wording of arrest. The driver and the passenger were both arrested and taken to custody and interviewed, and several different drugs were found on the passenger in a variety of places. MC raised he was curious for the full reason for the stop initial as not clear in the clip. Action: EN to check as full reasons weren't recorded because of technological issues at the time. EN to check background and will bring it back to the next meeting A discussion was held around ICAD technology and if stops working what is the back up for officers. SG asked if there is there a back - up system that can be used for taking notes like templated word documents or Excel documents. RL confirmed that if the technology doesn't work without warning, it can be recorded on Microsoft Word. Templates are a great idea again with the benefit of hindsight, however officers don't really know what template they are going to need to use at any one moment in time and things are so fast-paced that you don't necessarily have time to go through the thousands of templates. Smart storm which is the new ICAD system which will be implemented hopefully will be more efficient. Action: EN to check the back up system officers used if	
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ICAD technology is not working.

AH raised what would happen if someone was stopped and they complained why they had been stopped and there was no ICAD.

RL confirmed anyone driving on a road at any point can be stopped by a police officer in order check under the Road Traffic Act.

**BWV Clip 2 Selected by EN –
Response to a reported alleged DA assault – suspect known to victim.**

Officers attempting to make an arrest of the alleged male suspect who was of a large and strong muscular stature.

Officers were called by his female partner, an escalating incident where he'd been acting in a very angry manner towards her. She had a child at the address who was terrified of him. He threatened to assault her. He allegedly had assaulted her. She had managed to get him out the flat and lock the door and call the police.

Officers shouting instructions to the suspect. Loud and confusing situation. Suspect not physically resisting as such but verbal resistance.

MC thought the approach by officers was too harsh.

LR agreed however he stated that the three officers including two female officers small in stature, would have assessed the situation, suspect's size and the fact he had keys in his hand which could have been used as a potential weapon. Concerns with resisting arrest. The impact factor of the suspect's size, gender and build would have been part of the decision to protect themselves along with the use of PAVA.

Use of offensive language by the officers not necessary.



	Deployment of PAVA aimed at the suspect and unfortunately also sprayed by mistake to another officer. AH thought that the situation could have been handled a lot better through conversation. RL confirmed feedback would be given to the officers concerned. <u>BWV Clip 3 - Selected by MC</u> <u>Tik Tok U Tube Video of Gang members in Redhill</u> <u>Surrey East Division</u> Discussion held around content of the video and language contained it is known as 'Drill Videos'. Drill videos have been linked to some youth violence. Many artists wear masks or scarves to cover their faces and the lyrics often refer to drugs, guns and knives – gang rivalry. RL – As part of the GOWISELY PC Wheeler Reigate & Banstead SNT decided that the video was the grounds for stopping those individuals under section one of PACE to search for blades so for weapons. Drill videos have been filmed in the Redhill area where there are some developing problems with gang violence. There were grounds for the Stop and Search as per the completed Stop and Search forms related to this stop. The lyrics within the video in 'Rap' refer to individuals carrying weapons and gang violence There are numerous layers of information, and within the video this relates to where they are saying they're carrying weapons. Second layer is officers know from information and past dealings with people who are appearing in the videos who are known for carrying weapons. Information is built up around these actions and if a Police	
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officer has twenty five percent suspicion that individuals are carrying a weapon then the officer will detain and search.

A discussion was held around these videos being a new means of communication between individuals however at some point a detained individual will challenge. AH asked if a challenge of this nature would stand up in a Court of Law.

It was agreed that this is a difficult area but is increasing and some say encouraging the growth of gang violence. A number of people making these videos, have a history of being stopped for carrying weapons and now they are going up to another level.

RL stated that the Police and the legal system are open to being challenged for the legitimate legal reasons. If things transpire from that process that Police need to change practice then that should be welcomed as a good thing.

Stop and Search Headline Briefing & Discussion / Quarterly Report.

Cambridge University are still researching our use of stop and search. One hypothesis is that a better measure of disproportionality is found by assessing stop and searches against the local offending population, not the local resident population.

Another area being looked at is disproportionality between different teams, with disproportionality between black and white people looking higher on probationary teams. If these are the teams of new officers being tutored, there is potential that officers are searching people to 'tick a box' in their portfolios in circumstances where a search may be legal but, were it not for the portfolio, not be carried out.

Action: EN to conduct research into Stop and Search



portfolio evidence for probationers and confirm which teams make up the probationer department from the university research.

Section 163 traffic stop – power for a Police officer to stop any vehicle and for the provision of documents.

There is no legal requirement to record.

In July 2022 Force policy changed so that any every vehicle stopped under the 163 power is now recorded to allow us to scrutinise use of this power.

CD continued in saying Cambridge University want to conduct some virtual reality research which looks at different reactions due to ethnicity and unconscious bias in terms of deciding who to search.



SS Q2 Jul-Sep 2022
Performance Product.

Rolling 12 Months Stop & search Volumes Force and Divisions Breakdown

In the last 12 months up to 30 September 2022, Surrey Police recorded (4689) compared to (6312) the previous 12 months, this a (-1623) difference on same period last year, and percentage difference of (-25.71%)

Stops By Powers and Stop Initiation

We have seen -33% decrease in drugs searches across the force, the proportion of drug related searches is still high at 62.7% of total stop reasons in the last 12 months.

Stop Initiation

Officer Self – Initiated stop accounts for over just 49% all



	stops. Disproportionality The highest disproportionality remains between black and white people for use of stop and search. For self-defined ethnicity it is just over 8, however when using the recently-released new census data that figure reduces to just over 5, as the resident black population in Surrey has increased. EN updated the attendees on the live Facebook event held by Surrey Police held on Tuesday 6th December which was also on Instagram. Surrey Police attendees were CD, CC, EN and a Surrey Police Communications representative. A number of good questions were raised through both platforms which have been responded to. Overall good engagement with members of the public. Which has continued. This was all conducted through the Surrey Police official Stop & Search Facebook Group. This will be held twice a year. EN will notify panel members of the next date in advance. It has over it 2000 members, so essentially anybody can post a question to Surrey Police at any point, and we monitor it all year round and provide responses. An advert was posted advertising the External Scrutiny panel a number of weeks previously. EN has passed five responses to MC. A discussion was held for the attendees to decide what they want posted on their External Stop & Search Use of Force Scrutiny panel page which is included in the Live Surrey Police Facebook page. Action: MC to hold a separate meeting with panel members for them to decide and agree what they want posted on their External Scrutiny SS / UoF Facebook page.	
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Use of Force Headline Briefing & Discussion / Quarterly Report.



UF Q2 Jul-Sep 2022
Performance Product.

EN presented Use of Force Forms on behalf of Superintendent Chris Colley

Under 18s up 28.2% even percentage across all three divisions.

Under 18s total incidents high level in Reigate and Banstead 111

Disproportionality – 50 will be reviewed from each borough looking for necessity / proportionate / themes / resident and non - resident

White subjects up by 744 21.3%

Black, Asian Ethnic Minority subjects up 98 12.9%

All incidents compliant handcuffing 52914 8.7%

Subject behaviour all incidents 37.3% active resistance 36.1% compliant.

Black subjects 41.8 % compliant 30.7 7% active resistance

Black subjects are still more compliant and the qualitative work shows Police response proportionate to the subject behaviour.

Rolling year volume of Use of Force FORMS

In the latest rolling 12 months to 30-Sep-2022 the force has



	recorded 8,652 (previous 12 months 6,984) use of force Forms. This represents an increase of 1,668 Forms (23.9%). Rolling year volume of Use of Force Incidents In the latest rolling 12 months to 30-Sep-2022 the force has recorded 4,874 (previous 12 months 4,035) use of force Incidents. This represents an increase of 839 Incidents (20.8%). Rolling year volume of Use of Force FORMS - Under 18 In the latest rolling 12 months to 30-Sep-2022 the force has recorded 1,012 (previous 12 months 736) use of force Forms. This represents an increase of 276 Forms (37.5%). Rolling year volume of Use of Force Incidents In the latest rolling 12 months to 30-Sep-2022 the force has recorded 598 (previous 12 months 481) use of force Incidents. This represents an increase of 117 Incidents (24.3%). Rolling year volume of Use of Force Incidents White subject In the latest rolling 12 months to 30-Sep-2022 the force has recorded 4,134 (previous 12 months 3,384) use of force Incidents. This represents an increase of 750 Incidents (22.2%). Rolling year volume of Use of Force Incidents Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic subject In the latest rolling 12 months to 30-Sep-2022 the force has recorded 872 (previous 12 months 751) use of force Incidents. This represents an increase of 121 Incidents (16.1%). EN confirmed there was one form per incident however there will always be more forms than incidents because for example if there was one incident, but five officers attended then one incident would produce five forms. If four officers	
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	were 'hands on' then there would be four forms AH raised where on the form would it be recorded if an officer was hospitalised Action: EN To check the SS / UoF forms to check if there is a section to note if an officer is injured / hospitalised and to feed back at the next meeting A further Discussion was held around the External Stop & Search Use of Force Scrutiny panel meetings going forward. EN confirmed that Surrey was one of the few Forces that does allow this meeting to be held on - line also that BWV can be viewed from the panel members' own homes. MC confirmed he is happy with this progress, and it will help with the retention of panel members and attendance as driving to Surrey HQ can sometimes not be convenient for everyone. Therefore, a combination of online and face to face meetings would be good going forward and help with the productivity of the meetings. A.O.B – None Date of next meeting March 2023 Date TBC Meeting Closed 20:40 hrs	