



Meeting Title: External Stop & Search and Use of Force Scrutiny Panel Reigate Police Station - Reigate		
Open or Closed:		Open
Date: 14.07.2022	Start Time: 18:45 hrs	Close Time: 20.40hrs.
Chair: Mark Cunningham - (MC)		
Attendees:	Police Attendees: • Chief Supt Clive Davies, (CD) Surrey Police Stop & Search, Force Lead • Supt Chris Colley Surrey (CC) Surrey Police Use of Force, Force Lead • Sgt Ralph Laurence (RL) Service Delivery Lead (MS Teams) • T/Sgt Tristan Barnett (TB) Surrey police Diversity / Inclusion Team (MS Teams) • Emma Newton (EN) Staff Officer • Sandie Devereux (SD) Note Taker Minute taker, Sandie Devereux (SD)	
	Panel Members Attendees: • Anita Ho (AH) • James Miller (JM)	
cc of Minutes		
Absences and Apologies	Apologies:- Swormina Karmachary and Sarah Gosling	
1.	Introductions.	All
2.	Previous Actions and Minutes - agreed and approved.	MC



3.	A selected 3 Body Worn Video clips, chosen by Chair Mark Cunningham were reviewed by the attendees. <u>BWV Clip 1</u> Discussion held after watching clip number 1. Panel members agreed officer communicated throughout and took control of the situation and had escalation control. Information feed good and stepping up in a proportionate way with no complaints. MC commented that the police officer engaged in so much dialogue with the male individual and possibly could be interpreted as on the verge of arguing albeit the suspect's behaviour and manner changed when separated from his friends. Overall panel feed- back was positive. <u>BWV Clip 2 Chosen by MC</u> Discussion held after watching clip number 2. Panel members agreed that both officers, one of whom was a new probationer, had a calm manner whilst dealing with the male occupants of a vehicle that stopped after a high - risk pursuit. The probationer officer in particular was both clear and calm in her explanation to the subject she was dealing with explaining why she had drawn Taser. This contributed to the de-escalation of the situation. She explained that the Taser was to protect herself as well and was being used as a distance control weapon. A discussion was among the panel regarding the reasons that the probationer officer had drawn her Taser. CC commented that an officer in that situation would need	
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	to justify the impact factors for example the probationer officer in this particular case was small in stature compared to the male subject whom she was dealing with who was large in stature and could have easily physically over - powered the officer if he had chosen to do so. EN informed the panel that in the last quarter, sixty nine Taser weapons had been drawn by officers but only nine were actually were fired. Overall panel feed- back for clip 2 was positive. They were happy with the actions of the officers and happy with the Use of Force and Taser use. <u>BWV Clip 3</u> Discussion held after watching clip number 3. This clip involved a vulnerable female in her home with a knife who also wanted to harm herself. Panel members felt that officers attended and removed the knife from the female subject. The panel members felt that the officers albeit five of them dealt with the situation with compassion and kindness. However, they did feel that the terminology used by one of the officers towards the female subject could be deemed as chauvinistic and condescending using words such as 'love' 'girl'. This was noted as perhaps as a future training point for all officers. The panel felt that the escalated Use of Force with the vulnerable female to get her in to the police van and also to prevent her from hurting herself was proportionate to protect her and the overall manner of all the officers involved was good. New Action No 29 – Officers to receive feed - back. Stop and Search Headline Briefing & Discussion / Quarterly Report.	
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Stop & search Volumes Force and Divisions Breakdown

In the last 12 months up to 30 June 2022, Surrey Police recorded (4616) compared to (6813) the previous 12 months, this a (-2197) difference on same period last year, and percentage difference of (-32.25%). This is likely to be due to resourcing issues coupled with increased demand.

CD is meeting with academic Dr Matt Bland who is a Fellow of the Cambridge Centre for Evidence-Based Policing, leading on research projects in numerous police forces across England and Wales and teaching on the Cambridge Crime Analysis Course. He leads on the development of solvability and risk assessment algorithms and their implementation within operational settings. Dr Bland is currently conducting research into disproportionality. Dorset Police currently has the highest disproportionality in the country due to its demographics.

AH stated that she would be interested to look at the data as a lot the work that she is involved in is the same as policing and based around demographics.

CD informed the attendees he had attended a National conference for Stop and Search and that Surrey would be introducing good practice from elsewhere in the form of procedural justice, which he expanded on, to ensure interactions were being carried out in a way which maintains policing legitimacy.

Specifically, when reviewing BWV there are five key areas to be reviewed and scored:

- 1) Were the GROUNDS clear & the search lawful?
- 2) Was GOWISELY met / complied with / objectively sound?
- 3) Did subject have a chance to ENGAGE or



	COMMUNICATE? 4) Was the officer's manner appropriate (POLITE/PROFESSIONAL/RESPECTFUL)? 5) Was there REASSURANCE and was any SAFEGUARDING needs considered and the search clearly carried out with good intent? Use of Force Headline Briefing & Discussion / Quarterly Report. Use of Force Forms CC stated in the latest rolling 12 months to 30-Jun-2022 the force has recorded 8,435 (previous 12 months 6,640) use of force Forms. This represents an increase of 1,795 Forms (27.0%). Use of Force Incidents CC In the latest rolling 12 months to 30-Jun-2022 the force has recorded 4,732 (previous 12 months 3,842) use of force incidents. This represents an increase of 890 Incidents (23.2%). Use of Force FORMS - Under 18 In the latest rolling 12 months to 30-Jun-2022 the force has recorded 978 (previous 12 months 694) use of force Forms. This represents an increase of 284 Forms (40.9%). No worrying concerns around under 18s. Use of Force Incidents White subject In the latest rolling 12 months to 30-Jun-2022 the force has recorded 3,983 (previous 12 months 3,258) use of force Incidents. This represents an increase of 725 Incidents (22.3%).	
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Use of Force Incidents Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic subject

In the latest rolling 12 months to 30-Jun-2022 the force has recorded 880 (previous 12 months 682) use of force Incidents.

This represents an increase of 198 Incidents (29.0%).

- Quality Reviews - Five non - compliance out of sixty records
- TASER – Six non - compliance out of seventy records.
- Custody – Three non - compliance out of twenty reviewed.

CC proposed all non - compliance feedback to be delivered through Inspectors.

AH raised the question that if every form was checked would the result be the same?

CC confirmed the result would be around the same maybe slightly higher.

A discussion was held around the format of the forms and the drop - down element being maximised as much as possible.

AH raised the question if there was the option for voice recordings.

EN showed the panel members an actual MDT which officers use and the microphone unfortunately this does not work on all MDTs and therefore would not be a function that



	could be used across the board. SD informed the attendees that panel member Ellie Moody had resigned from the panel due to personal commitments. The remaining panel members now consist of • Mark Cunningham – Chair • Anita Ho • James Miller • Sarah Gosling • Swornima Karmachary • Lydia Smith • Shanice George – Moving to work with Thames Valley Police • Chole Cooper to be confirmed if interested in continuing as a panel member. MC, AH and JM confirmed they will need to look at ideas in which they can encourage new members. Next meeting to be arrange for October 2022 due to attendees' availability. A.O.B – None Meeting Closed – 20:40 hrs	