

Stop and Search and Use of Force External Scrutiny Panel

**Minutes of the third meeting held on
Tuesday 27 August 2019 18.30 hours**

At

Guildford Police Station, Margaret Road, GU1 4QS

Chair: Anita Ho (AH)

Attendees – Police

Supt Clive Davies, Surrey Police (CD)
T/Sergeant Steve Ashley (SA)
Team Leader Rich Stothard (RS)
Inspector Dan Gutierrez (DS)
Minute taker, Annette Byford (AB)

Attendees – Panel Members

Mark Cunningham (MC)
Sarah Gosling (SG)
Shysta Manzoor (SM)
Amraze Khan (AK)
Nick Joubert (NJ)

Apologies – Police

Supt Chris Colley

Apologies – Panel Members

James Miller
Hailee Jingree

Absent – Panel Members

Amir Akhlaque
Alex Aspinall
Lydia Smith

1.	Introductions AH facilitated introductions.	AH
2.	Previous actions and minutes The action log was updated and the minutes approved.	AH

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3.	Update on vetting and training AB provided an update on who has been vetted and who has attended training. It was agreed future training could be at Mount Brown at 18.30 hours with half an hour being dedicated to Stop and Search and half an hour being dedicated to Use of Force. <i>Action 3/1: RS to send AB dates when training could be conducted for her to send invites to those who have not yet completed their training.</i>	AB
4.	Review of 2 use of force and 2 stop and search body worn videos CD explained the main objective of Stop and Search is to reduce the amount of arrests and officers should only stop and search people if the stipulated criteria are met. CD confirmed the objective of showing randomly selected videos from body worn cameras is for the group to determine if the search/use of force was appropriate and comment on the behaviour of the police. Video 1: "Man outside Sainsbury's": It was acknowledged one officer did not follow training procedures and put himself in danger. It was noted it took 2 officers to restrain the suspect and 2 PSCOs were present, who do not have the same powers as regular police officers. This gave perception of a lot of police. It was agreed it would be valuable to know who is doing the recording. It was noted volunteers act as suspects when officers receive training and the volunteers provide feedback to the officers regarding how they are likely to have felt had these scenarios been 'real'. Video 2: "Students at Surrey University": It was considered the female officer should have explained to the young lady who was being searched why she was being searched at the beginning of the process instead of at the end. It was noted that if necessary officers can call a language line to help with interpreting for suspects who do not have a good command of English. Members said it would be helpful to collate how many officers are attending each search. It was noted it is not feasible for the number of officers attending a stop and search to be recorded on an MDT. Video 3: It was agreed officers had good grounds to stop and search a suspect they believed was involved in drug dealing, however, no-one heard the officer identify himself. It was noted not all officers use the 'Go Wisely' procedure. It was confirmed that no-one present recognised the subjects involved in the videos shown in the meeting.	RS/AB

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	Summary of feedback points: Officers to be clear in informing people of GOWISELY Officers to be mindful of perception to the public when there are many police present and to consider whether communication to the public in the area would help. <i>Action 3/2: Panellists to reflect on videos and provide written comments if they have any further observations by next meeting.</i>	ALL
5.	Review of 20 stop and search records Not covered due to lack of time.	ALL
6.	Briefing on stop and search and use of force headlines from report Not covered due to lack of time.	CD/DG
7.	Discussion on L01 Force Stop and Search and Use of Force Report (Jul 19) Not covered due to lack of time. CD advised that going forwards the report will comprise of about 5 pages instead of the current 30. It was requested for more information on the report as to why proportionately more people from BME groups are searched than white people. <i>Action 3/3: from AH: all to think about how the report can be improved and report back to the next meeting.</i>	ALL
8.	Publicising the work of the group AH would like to note and evaluate the work done by the group and would like a report which compiles all the minutes and other communications. CD was concerned that this would be a lot of written work when the minutes cover the discussions at the meetings. AK suggested a 'you said we did' approach where key updates could be given in response to points raised. <i>Action 3/4: AK to liaise with Jay Butcher (Surrey Police Corporate Communications) to progress 'you said we did'.</i> SM suggested a newsletter could be an appropriate vehicle to publish the findings of the group. CD agreed to find out what other forces do to raise awareness of the work their panels do. <i>Action 3/5: CD to find out what other forces do to raise awareness of the work their panels do.</i>	AH AK CD
9.	AOB	ALL

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9(a)	Data Report AH said each data report is somewhat large and complex for each individual panellist to analyse and comment on. To better use our effort sections of the report should be assigned to individuals.	
9 (b)	GDPR – circulation of email addresses AB agreed to contact the information security team to ascertain how the group should confirm they are happy to share email addresses. <i>Action 3/6: AB to contact the information security team to ascertain how the group should confirm they are happy to share email addresses.</i>	AB
9 (c)	Terms of Reference AH requested all to look at the terms of reference and consider how they could be improved and report back to her. <i>Action 3/7: All to look at the terms of reference and consider how they could be improved and report back to AH.</i>	ALL
9 (d)	Recruitment/attendees at meetings Following on from updates to the action log discussion followed regarding recruitment and it was noted the Scout movement may be approached through the youth intervention team. Other suggestions included a representative from a children's charity or organisation, and awareness through schools, youth clubs and social media. <i>Action: 3/8: CD to arrange for contact for the above through local youth officers</i>	CD
8.	Date, time and location of next meeting An invite has been sent out (post the meeting) for 10 December 2019 at 18.30 in the Large Conference Room, 7th floor, Guildford Police Station, Margaret Road, GU1 4QS.	AH