



Meeting Title: Stop & Search and Use of Force Internal Accountability Meeting (MS Teams)		
Open or Closed:		Open
Date: 28/07/2022	Start Time: 11:00	Close Time: 12:20
Chair: Chief Supt Clive Davies (CD) - Stop & Search Force Lead		
Attendees:	• CI Alan SPROSTON (AS) - East Division • Insp Paul McDOWELL (PMcD) – North Division • Julian SHERLOCK (JS) - Performance • DI Ria HOLMES (RH) - PSD • Sgt Danny SAYER (DS) - CUSTODY • T/PS Will MOSS (WM) - East Division • PC Becca BLAKE (BB) – RPU Ops Command • Joanna TICEHURST (JT) – PSD • PC Emma NEWTON (EN) - Staff Officer • PA Sandie DEVEREUX (SD) - Note Taker	
cc of Minutes		
Absences and Apologies	Mark Cunningham – Chair of External Scrutiny Panel Supt Chris Colley - Use of Force Lead CI Dave Mitchell, CI Dallas Mcdermott, CI Adam Smith, Insp Chris Tinney, Insp Sam Adcock	
Agenda Item:		



Performance Summary - CI Dave Mitchell's report delivered by Staff Officer Emma Newton

Stop & Search – Quarter 1 – April – June 2022

Rolling 12 Months Stop & Search Volumes Force and Divisions Breakdown.

In the last 12 months up to 30 June 2022, Surrey Police recorded (4619) compared to (6813) search the previous 12 months, this a (-2194) difference on same period last year, and percentage difference of (-32.20%). This could be due to an increase in demand combined with the number of vacancies which means less productivity and capacity.

Stops By Powers and Stop Initiation

We have seen -29% decrease in drugs searches across the force, the proportion of drug related searches is still high at 66.5% of total stop reasons in the last 12 months. We have seen a significant drop in Drug searches across the force.

ACC Dobinson would like more research conducted through the Legitimacy Board to understand if officers are not searching when they could be.

Across both forces 50 relevant ICADS to be dip-checked for this.

Disproportionality

CD stated that currently research was being conducted with the assistance of Cambridge University which will delve more into the detail on disproportionality.



New guidance on GO WISELY being trialled, where there is 'GO WISELY R' – with the R standing for reassurance in addition to safeguarding. CD would like to slightly change the way Performance Inspectors review their quarterly BWV reviews from Q2.

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, with the officer acting with GOOD INTENT?

See Action 55 - All

To circulate comms to respective Divisions and Ops Command regarding GO WISLEY R Procedure and 5 areas of focus. If more information required to contact Staff Officer Emma Newton.

A discussion was held regarding the Stop and Search forms and the sections of the form which are being left blank.

See Action 56 – JS / EN

To explore why the settings, allow the form to have blank sections and to raise with the MDT team as it was originally thought that it was not possible to leave blanks.

EN confirmed from the audit of 96 forms that there were no themes and compliance in terms of grounds was high.

There were no repeat officers for this quarter who had poor grounds.

Complaints – Presented by Joanna Ticehurst



RH stated there is a gap in the disproportionality data and therefore they are looking at moving the unknown element from complaints. Online or telephone interaction is noted as refused.

A discussion was held around strip searches and the different types of searches MTS / EIP, as opposed to a JOG a normal stop and search which involves just the removal and search of jacket, outer coat and gloves.

See Action 57 - All

To reiterate to respective teams the policy change regarding strip searches being completed in custody.

Use of Force – Quarter 1 – April – June 2022

Rolling year volume of Use of Force Forms

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%).

Rolling year volume of Use of Force Incidents

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%).

Rolling year volume of 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%).

Rolling year volume of Use of Force Incidents



In the latest rolling 12 months to 30-Jun-2022 the force has recorded 580 (previous 12 months 450) use of force Incidents. This represents an increase of 130 Incidents (28.9%).

Rolling year volume of 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%).

Rolling year volume of 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%).

A discussion was held around the completion of Use of Force forms and their completion at location. Over-all it was found that the completion of the forms was good. However, DS suggested it maybe good to have a box to say subject remained in Custody and Use of Force is used as currently there is nothing to record that. This could be a PRONTO issue.

See Action 58

To explore if there is a PRONTO issue regarding Use of Force Forms having no box to state remained in custody.

EN informed the attendees that during the External Scrutiny Panel meeting it was raised by one panel member about the possibility of having voice recordings for use when conducting Stop and Search. EN confirmed that voice recordings can be done when you get to the 'grounds' section on the form on an MDT and therefore this could be a potential option but would need to be looked into further.

CD reiterated that in conjunction with the External Scrutiny panel and the Accountability meetings various training for officers is influenced by the discussions and findings within these meetings.



As raised, that at the Command Oversight Board there was a proposal paper raised for Public Order training to be reduced from four days to three days.

A discussion was held during it was confirmed that the proposal was for incorporating four days PO training into three days by making the three days longer by increasing start and finish times.

AOB

Nothing raised.

CD thanked the attendees for their contribution, drive and leadership and the progress that is being made.


