



ACTIONS

Name of meeting: Stop & Search Scrutiny Panel

Date: 6th December 2023

Time: 14:45 to 15:45

Venue: Dyfed Powys Police, Headquarters, Ceredigion room 3.

Meeting Chaired by: Derek Turner, Chair

Attendees:	Paul Saunders - Independent Advisor Derek Turner - Independent Advisor Debra Croft - Independent Advisor Monique Craine - Independent Advisor Sue Cox - Independent Advisor Patricia Rafique - BSL Interpreter Paul Lewis - BSL Interpreter Ching Yip - A/Insp Specialist Operations (RPU) Teleri Williams - Equality Diversity and Welsh Language Manager, DPP Stephanie Rayner - PCSO – Police Race Action plan and Anti-Racist Co-ordinator, DPP Miranda Bryant - Equality Diversity and Welsh Language Support Officer, DPP Gruff Ifan - Head of Communications and Engagement OPCC
Apologies: -	Chris Neve - Chief Inspector, Operations, Territorial Policing. Selima Bahadur - Independent Advisor Amol Pandit - Independent Advisor
	Green = Actions Complete Amber = Actions progressing Noted = Decisions Noted

	Action Number	Action/Key Decisions	Owner	Status	Update
01	SSP/01/061223/N	Record 1 Scenario: CCTV operator reported 2 members of the public suspectedly taking drugs within a doorway of a premises. The group agreed with the ground for Stop & Searching and that this record is correct.		Noted	
02	SSP/02/061223/N	Record 2 Scenario: fire and criminal damage within a premises. The group agreed with the grounds provided for Stop & Search.		Noted	
03	SSP/03/061223/N	Record 3 Scenario: police were contacted by a member of the public because of concern for the welfare of a person. The group agreed that the actions taken on this record were correct.		Noted	
04	SSP/04/061223.N	Record 4 Scenario: report received that a mobile phone had been stolen. The group agreed that this record was completed correctly.		Noted	

05	SSP/05/061223/N	Record 5 Scenario: intelligence led vehicle sighted and stopped. A question was raised when someone reports something - what efforts are made to make sure that the person reporting is not actively discriminating. Is there a safety net? A/Insp Yip informed the group that when a report is received a background check is carried out. If the person has not previously come into police contact or not known to us the force would speak to the person initially and establish/assess the situation. A stop & search is not necessarily carried out from a first-time report. Content is added to a situation before decisions are made. Supervisor comments needs to be noted on the form to include that they are happy with the grounds of the search. They need to be included to ensure that the public are confident that a stop & search has been carried out properly. This provides reassurance that the supervisor supports the grounds of the search.		Noted	
06	SSP/06/061223/N	Record 6		Noted	

		Scenario: person leaving a store with goods without offering payment. The group agreed that the grounds for this Stop & Search were correct.			
07	SSP/07/061223/A	Record 7 Scenario: a report received of a person in distress within a café. The group agreed that they have some concern as to why a Stop & Search was carried out instead of the offer of help. Insp Yip explained as the person was slurring their words and pupils were enlarged and this could indicate that they have taken a substance. The group agreed that more supervisor comments are needed on this record and that a stop & search was the last thing this person would have needed. The group queried what was the outcome of this record as it does not seem to state. A/Insp Yip stated that this would have been recorded on the incident log. A/Insp Yip stated that it is not mandatory to state the outcome on the Stop & Search record. A Stop & Search has to be linked to an incident log which the supervisor should check.	A/Insp Yip	New Action	

		There are so many reasons as to why this person was in distress, for example hypoglycaemic, or psychotic episode and the group agreed that it was wrong for a Stop & Search to be considered for this record. Action: - A/ Insp Yip to review this record and report back to the Stop & Search Scrutiny Panel.			
08	SSP/08/061223/A	Record 8 Scenario: female alleged to have stabbed a female. The group agreed that it was correct to carry out the stop & search but more detail of the person they were looking for was needed within the grounds for Stop & Search. Action: - A/Insp Yip to provide feedback to the officers /supervisor involved with this Stop & Search.	A/Insp Yip	New Action	
09	SSP/09/061223/N	Record 9 Scenario: person reported missing by parents. No comments made in respect of this record.		Noted	
10	SSP/09/061223/N	Record 10 Scenario: hospital reported that patient had left the premises without formal discharge		Noted	

		and that they were concerned for the persons safety. The group agreed that the necessary actions taken by the police were correct.			
11	SSP/11/061223/N	Supervision comments on Stop & Search Records. Derek Turner raised a concern in respect of that supervisor do not always note their comments on the Stop & Search records. It is a worry that it seems that people are not getting the kind of supervision that they should be getting for these kinds of interventions for people, both for the police sake and for the people themselves. Action: A/Insp Yip to feedback this concern to the Supervisors of Stop & Search records.	A/Insp Yip	New Action	

Date of next meeting:- 6th March 2024 – 13:30 hrs, Ceredigion room 3, headquarters - In person or via Teams.