



ACTIONS

Name of meeting: Stop & Search and UoF Scrutiny Panel

Date: 5th June 2024 **Time:** 13:40 to 16:00

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

Meeting Chaired by: Derek Turner, Chair

Attendees:	Paul Saunders - Independent Advisor Derek Turner - Independent Advisor Monique Craine - Independent Advisor Patricia Rafique - BSL Interpreter D Hawksworth - Sergeant (Temp) - Strategic Support - Specialist Operations Miranda Bryant - Equality Diversity and Welsh Language Support Officer, DPP Tom Walters - Quality of Service Caseworker – OPCC
Apologies: -	Teleri Williams - Equality Diversity and Welsh Language Manager, DPP Rob Blowes - Independent Advisor Selima Bahadur - Independent Advisor Amol Pandit - Independent Advisor Gruff Ifan - Head of Communications and Engagement OPCC
	Green = Actions Complete Amber = Actions progressing Noted = Decisions Noted

	Action Number	Action/Key Decisions	Owner	Status	Update
04	SSP/04/06032024/A	Use of Force Record 2. A Use of Force video clip was shown to the panel. Scenario Information received that a subject suffering from mental health issues have made comments that they wanted to harm themselves and may be in possession of implements to self-harm with. Officers attended but the individual would not accept help from officers and were walking away from them and may harm themselves. Individual was detained to carry out a Stop & Search to ensure they did not have any objects that they could use to harm themselves or others. Officers discussed with the individual whether they wished to speak to an individual from the crisis team. PS Hawksworth provided background context to the panel. Powers/Policy Common law, section 117 PACE Panel views:	PS Hawksworth	Action Complete	26.5.2024 update – From PS Hawksworth. In relation to the simplification of the Use of Force forms it is not currently possible to simplify the forms automatically within NICHE and this may have to be accepted as a limitation of the system. However, PS Hawksworth will continue to do review this and will simplify the forms if it is possible to do so in the future. In respect of the specific incident reviewed and the outcome sufficient reasoning was provided to this group at the meeting on 5th June 2024.

		The panel agreed that the completed forms seemed complicated. PS Hawksworth will check if there is an option to only print what is required for the panel to view. The panel agreed that the officers tried to deal with the situation as best they could. The panel thought the outcome of this incident was not recorded clearly on the form and queried what was the outcome of this incident. A query was raised as to whether the police have access to their medical records. PS Hawksworth explained that an officer would not have access to their medical records. Action: In respect of the Use of Force forms, some information is a duplication and therefore PS Hawksworth will check if the force is able to print only what the Scrutiny Panel needs to view. Action: The panel request feedback as to what was the outcome of the situation in respect of use of force record 2 was.			
01	SSUoFP/05062024/01/N	Stop & Search record 1. Grounds for Stop & Search Detail	Noted		

		The subject of this search was a named suspect in an incident where weapons had been used to cause damage to a vehicle and threatened the driver. The subject was located and searched to establish whether or not they were in possession of any such weapons. Panel view The panel agreed that this record was fine. Body worn Video Clip not shown to panel as they agreed that there was no need to view it.			
02	SSUoFP/05062024/N	Stop & Search record 2. This Stop & Search Record 2 was not shown because PS Hawksworth informed the panel that this record came under Use of Force.	Noted		
03	SSUoFP/05062024/N	Stop & Search record 3. Body Worn Video Clip shown to the panel. Grounds for Stop & Search Detail. Report received of a missing person who had disclosed to a support worker that they have been self-harming by cutting	Noted		

		and burning themselves. Police attended their home address and based on intelligence receive, the subject is known to carry razor blades and they have referred to hurting themselves therefore decision made to Stop & Search under section 1 of PACE to look for bladed article. The panel raised a query in respect of how Body Worn Video cameras work. PS Hawksworth explained how they work and that they have to be turned on when a Stop & Search is carried out and then they can turn it off when the encounter is finished. Panel View. The Panel agreed that record 3 was acceptable.			
04	SSUoF/05062024/04/A	Stop & Search record 4. Body Worn Video Clip shown to the Panel. Grounds for Stop & Search Detail. Force received an emergency telephone call from subject who informed the police that they were in possession of a knife for their own safety because they thought people were following them.	PS Hawksworth		

		Panel view The officer had a long conversation with the person to assess the person. The person was searched under Section 1 of PACE. The panel agreed that the person should have been cautioned before officer looked in their bag although removing the knife was the right thing to do. PS Hawksworth explained that reviewing the knife was the right thing to do but it is the context as to how the officer went about this. The officer needs to think about why they were there first, to help a person in a mental health crisis and as the knife was in a locked bag, it was secondary to the situation. A discussion ensued about mental health and social workers. When right care right person project goes live this situation would be directed to mental health service. Tom Walters raised a query, given the risk factors and the disclosure of mental health they noticed when watching the body worn video clip that the officer was walking in front of the person, but the other officer did not seem to be behind the person. Would this be considered as a risk factor with their training in Stop & Search etc. PS D. Hawksworth advised			
--	--	--	--	--	--

		that this is a judgement call from the officer based on their training. The panel thought that the officer handled the person very well in a difficult situation. Officer looked for the knife and whilst doing so moved persons personal paperwork out of the way, not intrusive in respect of the persons personal items. A query was raised as to the outcome of the situation. PS Hawksworth advised that the individual was taken home, and the officer submitted a vulnerable person notification, the support services would pick this up and contact the individual. Action PS Hawksworth to feedback to the officer to think about the situation, why they were there first to deal with a mental health situation and the knife was secondary to this situation as it was locked away securely.			
05	SSUoF/05062024/05/	Stop & Search record 5. Not reviewed.	Noted		
6	SSUoF/05062024/06/	Stop & Search Record 6. The body worn video clip was shown to the group.	PS Hawksworth	New Action	

		Stop & Search Grounds Detail. A PCSO noticed multiple people in a lane. They did not provide a reason why they were loitering around the back lane of this road therefore they informed the officer who was on patrol locally. The area concerned is marked as a red zone. The officer spoke to all persons present and one person stated they had a needle on them and having dealt with this person on numerous occasions where class A drug heroin has been found, and due to the mention of needles, the person was detained for a Section.23 search under the Drugs Misuse Act, initially a clean packaged portable spoon was found, however they did not have any drugs within their property. Officer completed GOWSLEY and explained that they could have a copy of the Stop & Search if they wished to do so. Panel View. The group thought that the officer was polite. The panel requested feedback in respect of what is a red zone. Action:- PS Hawksworth to feedback to panel the meaning of red zone.			
--	--	--	--	--	--

7	SSUoF/05062024/07	Use of Force Records. An issue was raised in respect of the use of force retracted records, on this occasion they did not contain details about the scenario of the situation. The panel agreed they need to view the information noted on the use of force justification section of the form in order to provide feedback on the situation. Action: Miranda Bryant to ensure that this is included on the records provided at the next Stop & Search Use of Force panel meeting.	Miranda Bryant	New action	18.10.2024 Update. PS Dave Hawksworth has created a new format for the display of the S & S and UoF records to the panel. This includes scenario and supervisor comments.
8	SSUoF/05062024/08	Use of Force Record 1. Body worn video clip presented to the Panel. Person assaulted 2 officers. A query was raised as to why there were so many officers restraining the person. PS Dave Hawksworth explained that when there are more officers available the lesser force for restraining is used. A query was raised in respect of if someone was spitting, is an officer able to turn that person over to avoid the spit. PS Hawksworth explained that the protocol is no, the individual is not turned over because this may cause breathing	Noted		

		constriction. An Officer is authorised to use spit hoods if required. Panel View. Situation handled very well by the officers involved.			
09	SSUoF/05062024/09/N	Use of Force Record 3. Body worn video clip shown to the panel. Scenario The background is that a call was received that a person was suicidal and needs help. Upon arrival the person does not want the police to help. The outcome of the situation is that the person was handed to the Crisis Care Team. A discussion ensued in respect of Section 136 and Autism. PS Hawksworth explained to the group that a person is not arrested because they are a criminal, they are detained for help & safety – for their own safety or the safety of the public. The panel agreed that it would be good when right care right person goes live. Panel View.	Noted		

		The group agreed that the officers arrest was justifiable. If the person had engaged with the officers, there would not have been a need to arrest them.			
10	SSUoF/05062024/10/N	Use of Force Record 4. Not reviewed.	Noted		
11	SSUoF/05062024/11/N	Use of Force Record 5. Not reviewed.	Noted		
12	SSUoF/05062024/12/N	Use of Force Record 6. Not reviewed.	Noted		

Date of next meeting:- 18th September 2024 at Powys Command Centre, Llandrindod Wells or join on-line.