



**Derbyshire Constabulary Independent
Advisory Group**

Stop Search Scrutiny Meeting

Date: Monday 11th November 2024

Attendance Police

Inspector Daniel Potts – Police presenter (DPo)

Heather Cunningham – Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Compliance Officer (HC)

Independent members

PW - independent member

TC - independent member

SP - independent member

LN - independent member

PH - independent member

JM - independent member

PD - independent member

JS - independent member

EE - independent member

1) Welcome and Introductions

This meeting was held online via MS Teams, but the facility was also there for Independent Advisory Group (IAG) members to attend a local police station in person if they wished to do so. Independent member LN was at a local police station with HC who facilitated their involvement in the panel. Inspector DPo provided an overview of the circumstances around the lead up to the Stop Searches. Inspector DPo presented the cases and Body Worn Video (BWV) for each of the Stop Search incidents.



These minutes contain numerous abbreviations. A description of them is explained below.

GOWISELY-R

Police officers use the mnemonic 'GOWISELY-R' to ensure the required information is given to members of the public when detained for the purpose of a search.

Grounds for search

Object of search

Warrant card (if not in uniform or requested)

Identify of officer

Station to which the officer is attached.

Entitlement to a copy of the search record

Legal power used.

You are detained for the purpose of the search.

Respect.

ANPR – Automatic Number Plate Recognition

BWV – Body Worn Video

DP - Detained person

FHQ – Force Headquarters

IAG – Independent Advisory Group

IM – Independent Member

JOG – Jacket Outer coat and Gloves

PACE 1984 (s1) – Police and Criminal Evidence Act (1984) Section 1

PPN – Public Protection Notice

PWITS – Possession With Intent To Supply

2) Feedback from previous meeting

Opportunity to discuss the previous meetings feedback. This can include actions taken by the Police to address any areas of concern or praise that have previously raised.

HC presented an overview of Stop Search data from 30/09/2023 – 30/09/2024. Inspector DPo explained that the decrease of Stop Search during August 2024 was due to officers being deployed to support other forces.

3) Use of Police Powers Scrutiny

Case 1:

Date	17/10/2024
Time	16:30
Location	BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE



Subject	9 years (this age was incorrectly recorded on the form) Female W1. White British
PE Search Power:	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason:	Bladed article
PE Search Outcome:	No - no object(s) found
PE Search Clothing Removed	No - outer clothes only (JOG)
Stop Search type	Stop Search-Person Only
Incident summary	<p>Police have attended the report of females bursting into a house and arguing. The report stated that there was a heated altercation between the parties in a house and there was a suggestion that there may have been a knife involved.</p> <p>Upon attendance two females are on the street outside the address and officers have spoken to a victim of assault inside the address.</p> <p>Females are searched under s1 PACE for bladed or sharply pointed articles</p> <p>; Observations: females very nervous upon being approached by officers and were sheepish in their demeanour which made officers think that they may have had something in their possession females when informed they were being searched however, were compliant</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: Police are aware of address involved as there has mutiple domestic incidents reported between parties but not involving the females searched</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: females involved in some sort of verbal altercation where two females are alleged to have been into another persons house and there has been</p>



	mention of a knife during the incident.
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	<p>Inspector DPo explained that the incorrect age for the detained person (DP) was recorded on the Stop Search form.</p> <p>There was a unanimous agreement from the Independent Advisory Group (IAG) that based on the detail included on the Stop Search form that the Stop Search was justified.</p> <p>An IM noted that on the Body Worn Video (BWV) they saw one of the DP put their hands in their pockets when the officer mentioned a knife and felt that the officer should have given clear directions to the DPs to keep their hands visible based on the information from the initial report.</p> <p>An IM commented that they felt the form was very comprehensive.</p> <p>An IM noted that the officers missed their collar numbers during GOWISELY-R.</p> <p>An IM felt that the officer had a polite, nice and calm approach but that the GOWISELY-R could have been a bit clearer.</p> <p>An IM commented on the good non-antagonistic tone of the officer throughout the Stop Search.</p>



Panel Decision	Agreement from all members that the form justified the grounds for the Stop Search. The BWV gave evidence of compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officers involved in the Stop Search and supervisors.

Case 2:

Date	18/10/2024
Time	20:00
Location	BELPER, DERBYSHIRE
Subject	35 years Male W1. White British
PE Search Power:	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (PWITS))
PE Search Reason:	Drugs - other controlled drugs
PE Search Outcome:	No - no object(s) found
PE Search Clothing Removed	No - outer clothes only (JOG)
Stop Search type	Stop Search-Person and Vehicle
Incident summary	<p>Officers on proactive patrol in the Ashbourne Area. Area well known for individuals and vehicles bringing drugs into the area.</p> <p>Vehicle activities static ANPR [Automatic Number Plate Recognition] cameras in the area linking the driver and occupants to drugs/including supply. Vehicle not registered in the area.</p> <p>Vehicle followed at some distance, driver at times crossing the central line including on a solid white line system. Vehicle stopped, further checks carried out links the driver and occupants/partner to drugs supply</p>



	<p>including the vehicle being involved in the supply of controlled drugs.</p> <p>Recent intelligence, i.e. 1 day before being stopped. Based on the above, driver, passengers and vehicle detained for a search under section 23 of the misuse of drugs act.</p> <p>; Observations: Officers on proactive patrol in the Ashbourne Area. Area well known for individuals and vehicles bringing drugs into the area. Vehicle activities static ANPR cameras in the area linking the driver and occupants to drugs/including supply. Vehicle not registered in the area. Vehicle followed at some distance, driver at times crossing the central line including on a solid white line system.</p> <p>Vehicle stopped, further checks carried out links the driver and occupants/partner to drugs supply including the vehicle being involved in the supply of controlled drugs. Recent intelligence, i.e. 1 day before being stopped.</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: Officers on proactive patrol in the Ashbourne Area. Area well known for individuals and vehicles bringing drugs into the area. Vehicle activities static ANPR cameras in the area linking the driver and occupants to drugs/including supply.</p> <p>Vehicle not registered in the area. Vehicle followed at some distance, driver at times crossing the central line including on a solid white line system. Vehicle stopped, further checks carried out links the driver and occupants/partner to drugs supply including the vehicle being involved in the supply of controlled drugs. Recent intelligence, i.e. 1 day before being stopped.</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: Officers on proactive patrol in the Ashbourne Area. Area well known for individuals and vehicles</p>
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	<p>bringing drugs into the area. Vehicle activities static ANPR cameras in the area linking the driver and occupants to drugs/including supply.</p> <p>Vehicle not registered in the area. Vehicle followed at some distance, driver at times crossing the central line including on a solid white line system. Vehicle stopped, further checks carried out links the driver and occupants/partner to drugs supply including the vehicle being involved in the supply of controlled drugs. Recent intelligence, i.e. 1 day before being stopped.</p>
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	<p>An IM felt that the report was clear if repetitive.</p> <p>An IM felt that the information in the Stop Search form around the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) and intel meant the Stop Search was justified.</p> <p>An IM noted that from the report it was clear the driver was driving erratically, as well as there being a potential issue with drug use.</p> <p>An IM asked whether officers are supposed to introduce themselves with their Christian names. HC explained that it is decision of the officer as to how they introduce themselves, whether this is with their first name and/or surname. Inspector DPo explained that an officer using their first name can help build a rapport. The officer will observe the situation and surroundings to help inform the decision around what name they use. Inspector DPo gave an example of different circumstances where he has used both his first and/or second name with rank to introduce himself.</p> <p>An IM commented that the Stop Search was</p>



	wonderfully clear. An IM felt that the GOWISELY was applied thoroughly and that the officer was very calm and clear. An IM noted that to them, this was a textbook Stop Search.
Panel Decision	Unanimous agreement from the IAG members that the form explained the justification for a Stop Search and that BWV gave evidence of compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer and supervisor.

Case 3:

Date	22/10/2024
Time	16:00
Location	ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE
Subject	24 years Male B2. Black African
PE Search Power:	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (PWITS))
PE Search Reason:	Drugs - other controlled drugs
PE Search Outcome:	Yes - the object(s) searched for
PE Search Clothing Removed	No - no clothes removed
Stop Search type	Stop Search-Person Only



Incident summary	<p>Information was passed to the Police that a male from NOTTINGHAM had taken over an address of a vulnerable person and was selling drugs from the Property.</p> <p>; Observations: When Police attended the address, officers have witnessed the male run up the stairs out of sight of the Police when we have knocked on.</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: Intelligence suggest that a mixed race male from NOTTINGHAM had taken over an address of a vulnerable male. The intelligence suggests that he is selling drugs from within the property.</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: When Police attended the address, officers have witnessed the male run up the stairs out of sight of the Police when we have knocked on.</p>
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Arrest
Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	<p>IMs felt that the grounds identified on the Stop Search form justified the Stop Search. An IM commented that they were surprised this was just a Stop Search.</p> <p>An IM noted that the officer conducting the Stop Search handcuffed the DP to the front and noted that this is not recommended practice.</p> <p>An IM noted that on the BWV they saw a lot of officers at the incident. Inspector DPo explained that this was due to the nature of the call, in relation to Modern Day Slavery concerns. Moreover, Section 17 of the Police and Crime Evidence Act (1984) was likely to have been used to enter the address to protect life and limb due to the concerns. Section 23 of the Misuse Drugs Act (1971) was used to search the male. Following arrest Section 32 allows officers to search</p>



	<p>the address.</p> <p>An IM asked whether the searching officer should have asked the DP to remove their shoes and searched their socks. Inspector DPo explained that the DP was searched under the powers that involved no removal of clothing other than out coat, jacket or gloves. If a more thorough search needed to be conducted this would need to take place elsewhere or the custody search may include the removal of shoes and socks.</p> <p>An IM asked whether the officer changed the handcuffing from front stacked to rear when transporting the DP. Inspector DPo will follow this up to check.</p> <p>An IM asked what would happen to the individuals involved who are suspected victims of Modern Day Slavery. Inspector DPo explained that the investigation would be passed on to the force's Modern Day Slavery team to be reviewed.</p> <p>An IM asked whether the DP's headwear could be removed. Inspector DPo explained that an officer of the same sex can remove a DP's headwear as long as this is not outdoors.</p>
Panel Decision	<p>IMs agreed that based on the information provided on the form that there was justification for the Stop Search.</p> <p>BWV gave evidence of compliance.</p>
Actions taken by Police	<p>Feedback to be shared with the officers involved and their supervisors.</p> <p>Inspector DPo to check if the handcuffs were moved to rear stacking when transporting the DP to custody.</p>

Case 4:



Date	26/10/2024
Time	01:06
Location	CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE
Subject	19 years Male W1. White British
PE Search Power:	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (Possession))
PE Search Reason:	Drugs - other controlled drugs
PE Search Outcome:	No - no object(s) found
PE Search Clothing Removed	No - no clothes removed
Stop Search type	Stop Search-Person Only
Incident summary	<p>males were seen sharing a bag of suspected cocaine by undercover officers</p> <p>; Observations: males were seen sharing a bag of suspected cocaine by undercover officers</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: males were seen sharing a bag of suspected cocaine by undercover officers</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: approached males and instantly stood up to walk off</p>
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	<p>Inspector DPo explained that an incorrect phrase was used and that the officers were not undercover as described on the Stop Search form but were plain clothed officers.</p> <p>An IM noted that there didn't seem to be a lot of information on the Stop Search form around what is meant by sharing.</p>



	<p>An IM felt more of a description around the action that took place was needed on the form after the bag was seen being moved.</p> <p>There was a consensus amongst the IMs that there was not enough information included on the Stop Search form to justify the Stop Search.</p> <p>An IM felt that the GOWISELY-R was a bit casual and felt that it needed to be more formal and concise. Inspector DPo explained that the cases the IAG view involve officers with differing levels of experience. Inspector DPo also explained that in force officers are currently receiving training around Stop Search with an emphasis on GOWISELY-R. An IM suggested as part of the process that officers could watch their own BWV back alongside the Stop Search form and reflect on their Stop Search and recording of it.</p> <p>An IM noted that sometimes when the IAG view BWV during scrutiny panels that the officers come across as too overfriendly, like in this instance.</p> <p>An IM noted that they would have asked the DP to put out their cigarette whilst the officer was conducting the Stop Search.</p> <p>An IM felt that it was a waste of the police officers time, and the DP's time as nothing was found as a result of the Stop Search. The IM felt that the males being Stopped and Searched were laughing and being disrespectful to the officers.</p> <p>An IM felt that it wasn't a waste of time, and that the DP's appeared to be under the influence but compliant.</p> <p>An IM noted that the whole of GOWISELY-R was not done, but that the situation was kept calm.</p> <p>An IM noted that the DP was compliant and</p>
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	that the Stop Search was conducted politely, however, the GOWISELY-R could have been more clearly defined.
Panel Decision	IMs felt that the Stop Search form did not provide enough detail to justify the Stop Search. BWV gave evidence that the officer had a polite manner when conducting the Stop Search. IMs felt that the officer could have been more precise going through GOWISELY-R.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officers and their supervisors.

Case 5:

Date	31/10/2024
Time	23:11
Location	18 years Male W1. White British
Subject	KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE
PE Search Power:	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (Possession))
PE Search Reason:	Drugs - other controlled drugs
PE Search Outcome:	Yes - the object(s) searched for
PE Search Clothing Removed	No - no clothes removed
Stop Search type	Stop Search-Person Only



<p>Incident summary</p>	<p>Attended to assist colleagues who had a car stopped after it was linked to a criminal damage.</p> <p>colleagues had one male detained however 2 ran off. the subject has then presented himself from a dead end street shortly after police stopped the car and had driver detained.</p> <p>male has then refused to give his details and said he has just visited his grandmother however it was 2300 hours which is an unreasonable excuse.</p> <p>I suspected he was involved in the criminal damage so under s50 PRA I requested his name and he refused even with threat of arrest</p> <p>I have then took hold of him to arrest and then he stated he had cannabis</p> <p>I have then detained him for a s23 search but didn't get through yhr GOWISELY as he was argumentative.</p> <p>search was conducted and a single bag of cannabis was found</p> <p>male was arrested and still refused to give names until he was in the car.</p> <p>name was verified by biometrics and he was informed he would be summonsed</p> <p>; Observations: male was extremely obstructive and admitted he had cannabis on him.</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: no intel known prior to search</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: male told me he had cannabis on him and he was being very obstructive.</p>
<p>Outcome (i.e., arrested)</p>	<p>Postal requisition/postal charge/summons</p>
<p>Body Worn Video</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Panel Observations</p>	<p>An IM felt that the report was good.</p> <p>An IM asked why the Stop Search ended with</p>



	<p>a postal requisition or postal charge/summons. Inspector DPo explained that this is similar to being charged but it is without the bail conditions.</p> <p>Inspector DPo explained that an officer can arrest a person if they are refusing to provide their details such as their name. This is under Section of 50 of the Police Reform Act (2002).</p> <p>IMs felt that the form justified the Stop Search, and that the form tells a good story.</p> <p>An IM felt that the officer handled the situation well.</p> <p>An IM felt that the GOWISELY-R was done well.</p> <p>An IM noted that this was the second case during the evening where they felt the GOWISELY-R had been appropriately delivered.</p> <p>An IM felt that the GOWISELY-R was comprehensive, and that officer had a calm and appropriate approach.</p> <p>An IM asked if there was a potential safeguarding risk because the DP appeared in the BWV to want to speak a night in a cell. Inspector DPo explained that the BWV shows the officer trying to work with the DP so he didn't have to go to custody because this was an offence that could be dealt with outside of custody. Inspector DPo explained that all officers are trained on safeguarding and will complete Public Protection Notices (PPN) and work with local agencies to support vulnerable people.</p>
<p>Panel Decision</p>	<p>IMs agreed that the form justified the Stop Search.</p> <p>BWV gave evidence of compliance.</p>
<p>Actions taken by Police</p>	<p>Feedback to be shared with the officers involved and their supervisors.</p>



Case 6:

Date	16/10/2024
Time	10:15
Location	DERBY, DERBY CITY
Subject	55 years Male W1. White British
PE Search Power:	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (Possession))
PE Search Reason:	Drugs - other controlled drugs
PE Search Outcome:	No - no object(s) found
PE Search Clothing Removed	No - outer clothes only (JOG)
Stop Search type	Stop Search-Person Only
Incident summary	<p>2 known drug users seen walking from a male who was under threat bridge in the river gardens. when spoken to the male had on him a man bag and stated he had a grinder so suspicion of possession arose</p> <p>; Observations: male seen under brige known ro be used for drug dealing. 2 known drug users seen walking away from him</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: the river gardens is an area frequented by drug users amd dealers</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: male sighted in area known to be frequented by drug dealers and 2 known users walking away from him. male had a manager on and appeared to be waiting for someone.</p>
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action



Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	<p>An IM felt the form justified the Stop Search.</p> <p>An IM felt that there were good ground identified on the form for the Stop Search.</p> <p>An IM felt that there were good grounds for the Stop Search because the DP had a grinder.</p> <p>An IM felt that from viewing the BWV the officers were polite and gave the DP all the information they needed. The IM noted that the DP appeared to be compliant.</p> <p>An IM noted that on the BWV the uniformed officer passed the DP's bag to the plain clothed officer for it to be searched and questioned whether this would lead to a lack of continuity. The IM asked why the outer jacket wasn't removed. Inspector DPo explained that there would be continuity as the back search would be captured on the other officer's BWV.</p> <p>Inspector DPo said that he will confirm the guidance around officers conducting Stop Searches on bags with the force's training team and HC will update the IAG. Inspector DPo explained that on the BWV the officer could be seen to checking the pockets and around the outer jacket.</p> <p>An IM felt that the Stop Search was well handled.</p> <p>An IM noted that they felt the officer was polite and handled the Stop Search well. The IM felt that the BWV showed that the suspect knew the drill.</p>
Panel Decision	<p>IMs agreed that the form provided good details around the grounds for the Stop Search.</p> <p>BWV gave evidence of compliance.</p>



Actions taken by Police	<p>Inspector DPo said that he will confirm the guidance around officers conducting Stop Searches on bags with the force's training team and HC will update the IAG.</p> <p>Feedback to be shared with the officer involved and their supervisors.</p>
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Case 7:

Date	18/10/2024
Time	18:20
Location	MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE
Subject	18 years Female W1. White British
PE Search Power:	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (Possession))
PE Search Reason:	Drugs - other controlled drugs
PE Search Outcome:	Yes - the object(s) searched for
PE Search Clothing Removed	No - no clothes removed
Stop Search type	Stop Search-Person Only
Incident summary	<p>female was stopped in vehicle that flagged up on ANPR [Automatic Number Plate Recognition] with intel for being involved in drug dealing, specifically cannabis. female was observed in the vehicle with two other occupants, driver of the vehicle admitted there was cannabis in the vehicle and so all members of the car were searched too under S23. Female admitted to being a cannabis user.</p> <p>; Observations: Female was observed pulled up in an area the car was known to be active dealing. Driver had already stated female</p>



	<p>was a cannabis user too.</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: Vehcule female was passenger in had previous intel from recently that it had been in and around the area it was stopped dealing cannabis. Before searching the female I had spoken to the driver who had admitted to having cannabis in the car and stated the female also used cannabis.</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: Female would be in possession of cannabis.</p>
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Caution - simple/conditional
Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	<p>Inspector DPo explained to the IAG that after checking the incident the outcome was not a caution but a referral, and therefore, the information was recorded incorrectly on the form.</p> <p>An IM felt that the Stop Search was justified based on the grounds outline in the Stop Search form.</p> <p>An IM noted they felt the form provided good intel and therefore good grounds for the Stop Search.</p> <p>An IM felt that the suitable intel on the vehicle justified the grounds for a Stop Search.</p> <p>An IM felt that the BWV showed that the Stop Search had been carried out well and that everybody kept calm. An IM felt that the officers were seen as polite and clear on the BWV.</p> <p>An IM felt that GOWISELY-R was carried out clearly.</p> <p>An IM noted the friendly tone of the officers and felt that a Good Stop Search was conducted.</p>



	<p>An IM noted that they felt the officer demonstrated the R clearly for GOWISELY-R.</p> <p>An IM highlighted that the officer advised how he wanted it to go and the DPs appeared on the BWV to be happy to comply.</p>
Panel Decision	<p>Consensus from the IAG that the Stop Search from justified the Stop Search based on the detail and information provided around the grounds.</p> <p>BWV gave evidence of compliance.</p>
Actions taken by Police	<p>Feedback to be shared with the officers involved, and their supervisors.</p>

Case 8:

Date	20/10/2024
Time	15:41
Location	DERBY, DERBY CITY
Subject	19 years Male W1. White British
PE Search Power:	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (PWITS))
PE Search Reason:	Drugs - other controlled drugs
PE Search Outcome:	Yes - the object(s) searched for
PE Search Clothing Removed	No - outer clothes only (JOG)
Stop Search type	Stop Search-Person and Vehicle



Incident summary	<p>information from MOP [member of public] that males in vehicle have been seen smoking a spliff and passing it around, on arrival strong smell of cannabis coming from within car</p> <p>; Observations: males observed to be shuffling around in car as I pulled up behind them and seen by MOP to be passing 2 cigarette between them, which were described as "spliffs"</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: please see above</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: report of cannabis use and strong smell of cannabis not present outside the vehicle but from within the vehicle</p>
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Drugs warning
Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	<p>An IM felt that the information on the form justified the Stop Search.</p> <p>An IM felt that the grounds were justified as a 'spliff' was seen being used by the DP.</p> <p>An IM noted that they were unsure if the cigarette looking like a spliff was grounds for a Stop Search. Inspector DPo explained that this was in addition to the strong smell of cannabis.</p> <p>An IM commented that they felt the officer carried out the search in a pleasant manner and began well with GOWISELY-R but then seemed to have lost herself during the GOWISELY-R.</p> <p>Inspector DPo noted that the officer mentioned out of date outcomes on the BWV for the offence.</p> <p>An IM noted that there wasn't a full GOWISELY-R carried out by the officer on the BWV of the Stop Search.</p>



	<p>An IM raised a concern for the female officer conducting the Stop Search on her own with 3 male DP in a secluded area. Inspector DPO reassured the IM that the officer is an experienced officer from the Dogs Unit and would have used training tactics including use of force if the DP's had presented as a threat. Inspector DP explained that the officer could be heard on the BWV to be regularly checking in on her radio and had requested a back up team to support with the Stop Search.</p> <p>An IM asked whether the officer could have used the dog, and would the officer needed to have justified letting the dog out of the van. Inspector DPo explained that using a police dog is classed as a use of force and the officer would need to justify this as it is considered a high level of force.</p> <p>An IM felt that the officer did very well, but didn't follow GOWISELY-R.</p>
Panel Decision	<p>Agreement from the IAG that the information on the form provided justification for the grounds for the Stop Search.</p> <p>BWV gave evidence of compliance, but highlighted that GOWISELY-R was not fully carried out.</p>
Actions taken by Police	<p>Feedback to be shared with the officer involved and their supervisor.</p>

Case 9:

Date	27/10/2024
Time	14:30
Location	LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE
Subject	25 years Male NS. Not stated



PE Search Power:	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (PWITS))
PE Search Reason:	Drugs - other controlled drugs
PE Search Outcome:	No - no object(s) found
PE Search Clothing Removed	No - no clothes removed
Stop Search type	Stop Search-Person Only
Incident summary	<p>On Sunday 27th October 2024 I was on Mobile patrol with Officer A. we noticed a male sat in the passenger side of a vehicle parked at the side of the road. The vehicle had damage to it. we decided that we would speak to the passenger.</p> <p>he could not provide any Identification other than a screen shot of an immigration bail breach letter.</p> <p>the driver of the vehicle turned up. he could not explain why he was in Long Eaton, or what his intentions were. he stated he was just at a shop, however there are no shops in the direction he walked from.</p> <p>there are a large quantity of cannabis grows in erewash connected to Albanian nationals and therefore I suspected that this male would be assisting in some manner of a cannabis grow locally.</p> <p>; Observations: male sat alone in a damaged vehicle. can not provide a full ID. PNC [Police National Compute] shows he should be wearing a TAG, but wasn't</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: no tag. no ID, no reason for being in Long Eaton from Manchester</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: I suspected that the male would be In possession of cannabis.</p>
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video	No



Panel Observations

Inspector DPo explained that this case did not have BWV to accompany the Stop Search form which goes against force policy. [Inspector DPo followed up on this following the Stop Search scrutiny panel meeting and was informed that the officers BWV camera was broken and being repaired].

An IM questioned whether the officers had more information than the information they had recorded on the Stop Search form. The IM highlighted that they were unable to clarify the conversation between the plain clothed officer and the DP because there was no BWV.

An IM felt that the Stop Search was not justifiable based on the information recorded on the form and that the officer appeared to be suspicious about something but hadn't clearly explained this on the form.

An IM felt that the justification for the Stop Search was doubtful and that the officer may have been making an assumption based on the DPs ethnicity and the intel about the local area but the officer does not provide enough detail about this in the form.

An IM commented that there was not enough detail in the report, including the damage to the vehicle.

An IM felt that there was a lack of detail in the report and that the positive search on the DP because they should have been wearing a tag. The IM felt that because the form was inconclusive the Stop Search was originally justified but without the BWV the IAG are unable to comment any further without speculating.

An IM asked whether the officer has breached rules by not having a BWV to capture the Stop Search. Inspector DPo explained that BWV is evidence and that there are occasions where an officer may not



	<p>capture an incident such as a Stop Search on their BWV.</p> <p>An IM commented that they were not happy with the grounds on the form or the lack of cameras.</p> <p>An IM asked whether officers carry BWV in their vehicles. Inspector DPo explained that BWV is worn on the body of an officer. Uniformed officers are able to clip this to their vest, but from experience, plain clothed officer have historically worn a harness to carry BWV, and this can be discretely worn under plain clothes (e.g. such as a jacket).</p> <p>An IM felt that a uniformed officer could have been called to support with the Stop Search and capture it on their BWV.</p> <p>An IM noted that the plain clothed officer should provide identification that they are a police officer, but without the BWV the IAG are unable to comment on this case.</p>
Panel Decision	<p>IMs unanimously agreed that they were unable to agree that there were the grounds for the Stop Search based on the information provided on the form. Because there was no BWV available, the IAG were unable to view any evidence of compliance.</p>
Actions taken by Police	<p>Feedback to be shared with the officer involved and their supervisor. There were questions around the lack of BWV and detail included around the grounds for the Stop Search on the form.</p>

4. Further actions

DPo to clarify the training around officers passing bags to be searched during a Stop Search.
 HC to update the IAG on the response from the training team.

5. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 21st January 2025, MS Teams.

