



**Derbyshire Constabulary Independent
Advisory Group**

Stop Search Scrutiny Meeting

Date: Monday 12th August 2024

Attendance Police

Police Constable Ade Miller – Police presenter (AM)

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

Independent members

SP - independent member

SPE - independent member

RT - independent member

AA - independent member

JS - independent member

DD - independent member

TC - independent member

PH - independent member

1) Welcome and Introductions

This meeting was held online via Microsoft Teams, but the facility was also there for Independent Advisory Group (IAG) members to attend Derbyshire Force Headquarters (FHQ) in person if they wished to do so. This meeting was scheduled to review the six Stop Searches that took place during the Derby Caribbean Carnival. Police Constable AM provided an overview of the event and the logistics surrounding the event.



IAG members had been invited to participate in Stop Search Scrutiny on the day of the Derby Caribbean Carnival but due to technical issues the cases could not be reviewed on the day. The Chair SP welcomed all independent members to the meeting. SP reminded members that they have signed a confidentiality agreement and the conditions around this. SP invited attendees to introduce themselves.

Police Constable AM provided an overview of the circumstances around the lead up to the Stop Searches. Police Constable AM 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

Police officers use the mnemonic 'GOWISELY' 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.

BWV – Body Worn Video

CCTV – Closed Circuit Television

DP - Detained person

FHQ – Force Headquarters

GP – General Practitioner

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

VI – Voluntary Interview

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.

3) Use of Police Powers Scrutiny



Case 1:

Date	21/07/2024
Time	17:45
Location	DERBY, DERBY CITY
Subject	Male 16 years A2. Asian - Pakinstani
PE Search Power:	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason:	Offensive weapons
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	Male positively identified as being involved in a violent disorder where weapons were used. Male suspected to have been in possession of a bladed article. ; Observations: Male seen taking in part in disorder from still images. ; Information/intelligence: Male seen taking in part in disorder from still images. ; Suspicion prior to search: Male positively identified as being involved in a violent disorder where weapons were used. Male suspected to have been in possession of a bladed article.
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	An Independent Member (IM) asked whether if it is normal for the police to attend large events and carry out Stop Searches. Police Constable AM explained for large events that the police will carry out risk



	<p>assessments to determine the level of police involvement required. The police have been involved in the planning leading up to the event. Police Constable AM explained that the start of the event has a family friendly focus and therefore it was important to have visible policing presence but with a focus on community engagement.</p> <p>An IM asked whether all the incidents the panel were reviewing at the meeting happened at the Caribbean Carnival. Police Constable AM confirmed that they did.</p> <p>An IM asked whether the form was going to be streamlined because there was a lot of duplication. HC explained that the form has been created to ensure that officers are capturing the observations, information/intelligence and suspicions prior to search to ensure that the force is compliant with Stop Search legislation and reporting. At this moment in time there are no plans to change the form. The forms used to present the information to the panel has been streamlined for consistency across the different scrutiny panel meetings.</p> <p>Police Constable AM reiterated that a new form was introduced in the last few months to ensure that officers are capturing the information required to ensure the force is compliant when reporting Stop Searches.</p> <p>An IM asked whether the officers found a weapon on the Detained Person (DP) under the Stop Search. Police Constable AM confirmed that a weapon was not found on the DP.</p> <p>An IM asked as to whether the incident was as serious as it was led to be believed because they had read about the incident in the paper. Police Constable AM explained that the officers have responded based on the information they have received at the time. Police Constable AM did not to</p>
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	<p>comment on the case investigated.</p> <p>An IM asked about the DP's recorded ethnicity based upon what the panel had viewed on the BWV. Police Constable AM explained that the ethnicity recorded on the Stop Search form is self-defined by the DP.</p> <p>An IM asked what the legal stance is for stopping and searching a 16 year old. Police Constable AM explained that an officer can Stop and Search a juvenile, but the police officer must make efforts to contact a family member or appropriate adult and make them aware that the interaction with the police has taken place. This could be over a phone call following the Stop Search if there is not an adult known the juvenile present. A safeguarding referral to youth services or social services is also made when conducting a Stop Search with a juvenile.</p> <p>An IM felt that the officers did well to prevent the escalation.</p> <p>An IM asked that if there was a possibility of the DP having a weapon the had not used handcuffs. Police Constable AM explained that this panel is not reviewing use of force but usually when searching for a weapon an officer would use handcuffs. However, in this instance, there were many officers present and because the DP was a juvenile.</p> <p>IM noted that an officer the panel saw in the BWV was wearing a blue cap. Police Constable AM explained that the officer blue cap helps to identify the role of the officer at the event. The officer was a tactical bronze advisor for the event.</p> <p>An IM asked whether the DP's age had been confirmed. Police Constable explained that the DP's sibling who was present for the Stop Search confirmed their age, as well as the DP providing their Date of Birth.</p>
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	An IM felt that the Stop Search was handled well by the officers present. The IM felt concern around the officer searching the DP for a weapon without handcuffing the DP for the search.
Panel Decision	The panel felt that there were justified grounds for the Stop Search. BWV gave evidence of compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer involved.

Case 2:

Date	21/07/2024
Time	17:50
Location	DERBY, DERBY CITY
Subject	Male 13 years NS. Not stated
PE Search Power:	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason:	Bladed article
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	Incident reported of group of males involved in a fight, where large knife has been seen. one of the males was a young white male wearing a black hoody and bottoms with a logo. Male was identified from video footage and has been followed by Police drone. ; Observations: Male followed by Police drone and identified ; Information/intelligence: May have a balded article on his person ; Suspicion prior to search: That he was involved in a fight with a bladed article.



	Video footage from witness viewed prior to stop search
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	<p>An IM asked whether the incident mentioned in the report is the same as the previous case. Police Constable AM explained that all the Stop Search cases reviewed in the meeting are in relation to information officers received about an earlier incident in the city.</p> <p>An IM commented that the drone evidence must be a significant improvement in capturing evidence and asked why the DP was not shown this evidence instead of letting the DP go. Police Constable AM explained that the drone was used to search for the individuals in the crowd at the event and did not capture the original disorder.</p> <p>An IM noted that the DP asked for the officer's name and that the officer did not provide their names or the station that the officers were attached to. Police Constable AM explained that this was also picked up the Stop Search review that is conducted internally and feedback from the panel will be shared with the officers.</p> <p>An IM noted that the officer calmed the DP down and took the DP to the side out of the way of the crowd for the Stop Search.</p> <p>An IM felt that the Stop Search was handled well by officers.</p>



	<p>An IM praised the officer for how they handled the Stop Search and kept the DP calm.</p> <p>IMs noted that the full GOWISELY was not carried out and that the officer did not provide their name, collar number or station.</p>
Panel Decision	<p>The panel felt that there were justified grounds for the Stop Search. BWV gave evidence of compliance.</p>
Actions taken by Police	<p>Feedback to be shared with the officer involved.</p>

Case 3:

Date	21/07/2024
Time	19:00
Location	DERBY, DERBY CITY
Subject	<p>Male 15 years W1. White British</p>
PE Search Power:	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason:	Bladed article
PE Search Outcome:	Yes - object other than that searched for
PE Search Clothing Removed	No - outer clothes only (JOG)
Stop Search type	Stop Search-Person Only
Incident summary	<p>Incident reported of group of males involved in a fight, where large knife has been seen. one of the males was a young white male wearing a black hoody and bottoms with a logo. Male was identified from video footage and has been followed by Police drone. ; Observations: Male followed by Police drone and identified ; Information/intelligence: May have a balded</p>



	<p>article on his person ; Suspicion prior to search: That he was involved in a fight with a bladed article. Video footage from witness viewed prior to stop search</p>
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	<p>No further action Police discretionary resolution</p>
Body Worn Video	<p>Yes</p>
Panel Observations	<p>IM noted that the officer did not provide their name and station as part of the GOWISELY.</p> <p>An IM noted that the officer removed a marijuana joint from the DP and asked what had happened to this as it was not clear from the BWV where the marijuana joint went. Police Constable AM explained that the officer seized the joint and that this has been dealt with through a safeguarding referral. Police Constable AM explained that there will be a consequence for possessing an illegal substance, but it would not be proportionate the arrest the DP at the event. An IM felt that the officers handled the Stop Search well.</p> <p>An IM noted that they were happy with the Stop Search but was concerned around the age of the DP's being stopped and searched.</p> <p>An IM noted that there was quite a bit of silence with the officers and the DP. Police Constable AM explained that with some of the incidents the panel are viewing today that officers will have been receiving updates and intel through their earpieces helping to direct their next steps.</p> <p>An IM felt that the DP was well handled.</p> <p>An IM noted that whilst there were a few</p>



	<p>Stop Searches taking place in close proximity which from the BWV appeared to encourage the DP's to act up in front of each other and their friends, particularly as juveniles. Police Constable AM acknowledged the point made, and explained that it is a balancing act for the officers to enable the privacy and distance for the Stop Search whilst conducting the risk assessment on completing the Stop Search and being prepared as to how best to act if officers were to find a weapon.</p> <p>An IM noted most of GOWISELY was completed, the officer just missed their name and station.</p> <p>An IM felt that the officers handled the Stop Searches very well, particularly under the circumstances.</p>
Panel Decision	The panel felt that there were justified grounds for the Stop Search. BWV gave evidence of compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer involved.

Case 4:

Date	21/07/2024
Time	17:40
Location	DERBY, DERBY CITY
Subject	Male 14 years M3. White & Asian
PE Search Power:	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason:	Offensive weapons
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	group of males sighted on park as being involved in an affray on [a residential street] prior to attending Caribbean Carnival event ; Observations: group were lingering within carnival, observing police and their movements ; Information/intelligence: a knife was mentioned as being involved as part of the affray so search conducted to look for knife ; Suspicion prior to search: same clothing and group that had been sighted from CCTV
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	<p>An IM commented on the good observations included on the Stop Search record.</p> <p>An IM felt that the officer demonstrated an exemplary GOWISELY. An IM noted that the officer acknowledged the DP disclosing their ADHD diagnosis.</p> <p>An IM asked why the officer was asking the DP to confirm their General Practitioner (GP). Police AM explained that this is part of the safeguarding process, Public Protection Notification (PPN) can be shared with key workers, GPs, and other agencies. This information is collected in case the GP does need to be informed.</p> <p>An IM felt that the officer handled the Stop Search well.</p> <p>An IM comment that it was a 5* Stop Search and was absolutely perfect.</p>
Panel Decision	The panel felt that there were justified grounds for the Stop Search. BWV gave evidence of compliance. There was a consensus that this was an excellent Stop Search.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer involved.



Case 5:

Date	21/07/2024
Time	17:30
Location	DERBY, DERBY CITY
Subject	Male 14 years W1. White British
PE Search Power:	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason:	Bladed article
PE Search Outcome:	Yes - object other than that searched for
PE Search Clothing Removed	No - no clothes removed
Stop Search type	Stop Search-Person Only
Incident summary	report of large disturbance where weapons used. cctv shows large group and some with distinct clothing. Group seen later that day wearing similar clothing. searched person matched description. ; Observations: information passed by control room that group involved in violent disorder where knife used ; Information/intelligence: large scale violent disorder reported earlier ; Suspicion prior to search: matched description involved in large disorder.
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action Voluntary attendance: Small amount of cannabis found, peso all use. Planned to deal with Voluntary Interview (VI) before van off. Once calmed down, planned for VI
Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	An IM asked for confirmation what slow time means. Police Constable AM explained that slow time is where the officer deals with an



	<p>offence at a later date. This is likely to involve the young person attending the police station with an appropriate adult in the week following the event.</p> <p>An IM commented that the Stop Search was handled well by officers despite the confrontational DP around their possession of cannabis.</p> <p>An IM noted that the DP was notably irate, but the officers handled the situation well. Police Constable AM confirmed that the DP was not arrested by escorted from the event and returned home.</p> <p>An IM felt that the officers handled the Stop Search really well and that the officers had a great deal of patience.</p> <p>An IM felt that the Stop Search was handled well.</p> <p>An IM noted that the GOWISELY was spot on and that the officer had the patience of a Saint.</p>
Panel Decision	The panel felt that there were justified grounds for the Stop Search. BWV gave evidence of compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer involved.

Case 6:

Date	21/07/2024
Time	18:10
Location	DERBY, DERBY CITY
Subject	Male 14 years 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 - no clothes removed
Stop Search type	Stop Search-Person Only
Incident summary	<p>report of violent disorder earlier in the day. distinctive clothing of a male in purple bottoms being involved. This male was present with others who were involved a d wearing purple bottoms</p> <p>; Observations: present with others who were searching and/or arrested</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: male part of group involved in violent disorder</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: male with group who matched description of those involved and wearing distinct purple clothing</p>
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	<p>No further action</p> <p>He was later arrested for the violent disorder once further cctv was established – [occurrence number]</p>
Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	<p>An IM noted that the officer did not search the DP's hat, and that the DP could have concealed a weapon under their hat. Police Constable AM explained that because the officer was conducting the Stop Search in public in the open the officer can only ask the DP to remove their Jacket, Outer Coat and Gloves (JOG).</p> <p>An IM commented on the age of the DP that the panel had viewed on the BWV. Police Constable AM explained that the cases the panel viewed during the meeting involved juveniles because of the intel officers had received about the incident that had happened earlier in the day.</p> <p>IM felt that the Stop and Search was handled</p>



	well. An IM felt that there is a lack of respect from the DP for the officers conducting the Stop Searches and felt that the officers allowing the DP to vaped during the Stop Search process does not encourage a respectful relationship between the police and the DPs.
Panel Decision	The panel felt that there were justified grounds for the Stop Search. BWV gave evidence of compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer involved.

4. Further actions

No further actions.

5. Date of next meeting

Thursday 19th September 2024.

