



**Derbyshire Constabulary Independent
Advisory Group**

Stop Search Scrutiny Meeting

Date: 14th March 2024

Attendance Police

Sergeant James Hunt (JH) – Police presenter

Sergeant Kate O'Connell (KO)

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

Independent members

TC – Independent member

PW – Independent member

RT – Independent member

DM – Independent member

JM – Independent member

SP – Independent member

1) Welcome and Introductions

This meeting of the panel was held virtually on Microsoft Teams'. HC welcomed all independent members to the meeting and introduced Sergeant JH and Sergeant KO who provided an overview of Stop Search. All Independent Members were invited to introduce themselves and Independent Member SP was appointed Chair for the meeting.

Sergeant LH presented the cases and the Body Worn Video (BWV).

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)

Identity 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.

FTS – Failed To Stop

JOG – Jacket Outer coat and Gloves

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

PCSO – Police Community Support Officer

DP - Detained person

BWV – Body Worn Video

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	18/02/2024
Time	09:58
Location	Ilkeston, Derbyshire
Subject	24 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

<p>Incident summary</p>	<p>On Sunday 18th February 2024 an incident was called in stating that there is a drug deal happening on a local street in Ilkeston.</p> <p>I attended the location within 10 minutes and saw two people. Subject A who I know to be heavily reliant on drug use and regularly buys drugs. The other person I now know to be Detained Person (DP). I have seen DP every time I have enforced drug related or safety related actions. DP has regularly been walking away from the locations as I've approached them and enforced.</p> <p>There is regular intelligence stating that drug related incidents and specifically dealing are occurring in this location. I also arrested two males on the 12th of February as they had been seen with two drug dependent people along this alley way. I suspected that because of these reasons, Subject A had attended this location to purchase from DP and that both of them would be in possession of a large quantity of drugs.</p> <p>Observations: two known drug dependents waiting on street corner that is well known for drug dealing.</p> <p>Information/intelligence: call into police stating that a drug deal was happening on the street/alleyway.</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: I suspected that both Subject A and DP would be in possession of a large quantity of drugs.</p>
<p>Outcome (i.e., arrested)</p>	<p>No further action.</p>
<p>Body Worn Video</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Panel Observations</p>	<p>Members of the panel felt the officer carried out GOWISELY well and that there were good grounds for the Stop Search.</p> <p>An independent member commented on the good interaction between the officer and DP.</p>
<p>Panel Decision</p>	<p>Good ground for Stop Search.</p> <p>BWV gave evidence for compliance.</p>
<p>Actions taken by Police</p>	<p>Feedback on the Stop Search to be shared with officer involved.</p>

Case 2:

Date	20/02/2024
Time	19:05
Location	Derby, Derby City
Subject	26 Male A2. Asian - Pakistani
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 and Vehicle
Incident summary	<p>FTS vehicle. Decamp and make off on foot. Male detained admitted possessing drugs, reason for him making off.</p> <p>Observations: FTS vehicle. Decamp and make off on foot. Male detained admitted possessing drugs, reason for him making off.</p> <p>Information/intelligence: FTS vehicle. Decamp and make off on foot. Male detained admitted possessing drugs, reason for him making off.</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: FTS vehicle. Decamp and make off on foot. Male detained admitted possessing drugs, reason for him making off.</p>
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Arrest.
Body Worn Video	Yes.
Panel Observations	<p>An independent member felt that the ground for the search were not very clear on the case report but felt that this was clear on the BWV.</p> <p>Independent members noted GOWISELY was carried out. Members of the panel felt that there were good grounds for the Stop Search. An independent member commented on the good dialogue with the</p>

	DP.
Panel Decision	Good ground for Stop Search. BWV gave evidence for compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback on the Stop Search to be shared with officer involved.

Case 3:

Date	23/02/2024
Time	09:10
Location	Swadlincote, Derbyshire
Subject	32 Male 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	Male seen sat outside his address smoking a joint. During search small amount of cannabis recovered. Observations: Male seen smoking a joint. Information/intelligence: See above. Fresh smell of cannabis and male accepted smoking cannabis. Suspicion prior to search: See above. Fresh smell of cannabis and male accepted smoking cannabis.
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Community resolution.
Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	Members of the panel commented on the excellent rapport between the officer and the DP.

	<p>An independent member felt that the officer handled the Stop Search well and provided a good explanation.</p> <p>An independent member noted that GOWISELY was carried out.</p> <p>Members of the panel agreed that there were good grounds for the Stop Search.</p> <p>An independent member raised a question around Red Snapper referrals. Sergeant LH explained that Red Snapper are a company that deliver courses for first time offences.</p>
Panel Decision	<p>Good ground for Stop Search.</p> <p>BWV gave evidence for compliance.</p>
Actions taken by Police	<p>Feedback on the Stop Search to be shared with officer involved.</p>

Case 4:

Date	26/02/2024
Time	16:40
Location	Derby
Subject	20 Male M1. White & Black Caribbean
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>Vehicle seen at an address with recent Intel to drugs. Vehicle is then seen at short distance away on a local road with 3 males inside. Vehicle is then stopped. All males inside have links to drug supply.</p> <p>Observations: Driver appears to try and distract officers while other occupants are seen acting furtive inside.</p>

	Information/intelligence: sensitive Suspicion prior to search: Formed after stop of the vehicle.
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Voluntary attendance
Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	<p>An independent member raised the question as to why the information on the case report had been recorded as 'sensitive'. Sergeant JH and Sergeant KO were unable to answer specifically regarding this incident but explained that it could be due to an ongoing operation in the area.</p> <p>Members of the panel agreed that there were good grounds for the Stop Search.</p> <p>An independent member felt that the officer had a good rapport with the DP and that the officer provided a good explanation of why the search was taking place.</p> <p>An independent member commented that GOWISELY was carried out.</p>
Panel Decision	<p>Good ground for Stop Search.</p> <p>BWV gave evidence for compliance.</p>
Actions taken by Police	Feedback on the Stop Search to be shared with officer involved.

Case 5:

Date	27/02/2024
Time	18:15
Location	Derby, Derby City
Subject	42 Male W9. Any other white background
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>Approached 2 males in the stairwell of the intu centre. Asked the males what they were doing, and one turned and said I'm rolling some cannabis.</p> <p>They were then informed we are police and searched for further drugs.</p> <p>Observations: males sitting in stairwell of intu carpark sighted by plain clothes officers believed to be engaging in drug use.</p> <p>Information/intelligence: males rolling items. When asked what they were doing told police rolling cannabis.</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: males admitted to having cannabis and that they were in the process of rolling a joint when approached by officers.</p>
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action.
Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	<p>An independent member felt that the briefing of the search to the DP by the office was calm and clear.</p> <p>Members of the panel agreed that there were good ground for the Stop Search.</p> <p>An independent member noted the effective GOWISELY.</p>
Panel Decision	<p>Good ground for the Stop Search.</p> <p>BWV gave evidence for compliance.</p>
Actions taken by Police	Feedback on the Stop Search to be shared with officer involved.

Case 6:

Date	15/02/2024
Time	15:15
Location	Ripley, Derbyshire
Subject	29 Female 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>Officers have attended the address and entered under S17 of PACE to arrest a wanted male inside. Whilst inside lawfully officers have noticed large amounts of drugs paraphernalia including used syringes, empty wrappers usually used for crack cocaine and heroin in the near proximity of the two occupants. The two occupants were obstructive and clearly under the influence of drugs.</p> <p>Observations: both occupants were acting shifty and obstructive keeping their hands hidden and not engaging due to being under the influence of drugs.</p> <p>Information/intelligence: recent reliable graded intel suggest involvement in the supply of drugs recently.</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: due to the nearby drug paraphernalia it increased suspicion alongside the recent reliable intel.</p>
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action.
Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	Sergeant JH made independent members aware prior to the BWV being played that the BWV was under the plain clothed

	<p>officers' jacket which had an impact on the visual footage and the audio.</p> <p>An independent member commented on the detailed, clear information provided on the case form.</p> <p>An independent member said that GOWISELY was okay and demonstrated reasonable grounds for the search.</p>
Panel Decision	<p>Good grounds for Stop Search.</p> <p>BWV audio gave evidence of compliance.</p>
Actions taken by Police	<p>Feedback on the Stop Search to be shared with officer involved.</p>

Case 7:

Date	17/02/2024
Time	17:50
Location	Alfreton, Derbyshire
Subject	34 Male W1. White British
PE Search Power:	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason:	Going equipped
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>A male had been reported to be acting suspiciously at two nearby houses. He had been trying door handles and car door handles in order to gain access to the houses/cars. This was witnessed by an occupant of the house, who had taken photos of the male.</p> <p>Another call regarding the male acting suspiciously, same description given, had been made by staff at a local pub. In this report the male had also been trying to access external locked doors of the pub and</p>

	<p>looking in many windows of the cars in the car park.</p> <p>Observations: multiple members of the public had seen the male acting suspiciously. This involved trying multiple external doors of two properties and the cars nearby. The male had also been looking into multiple vehicles in a pub car park.</p> <p>When the male was pointed out to me in the pub, he matched the description (including clothing) given by both witnesses and the photos that had been provided by one witness.</p> <p>Information/intelligence: the description of the male and the clothing he was wearing was given by multiple members of public, as well as a photo.</p> <p>The male was pointed out by a member of staff at the pub to me.</p> <p>The male was sat in a pub without any means to pay as he had tried to buy drinks and his card declined.</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: due to the male trying to access numerous locked doors and vehicles at two separate sites I suspected that he was trying to gain entry to these private areas without permission or legitimate reason.</p>
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	<p>Independent members commented on the excellent thorough case report. An independent member felt that the officer handled the incident well.</p> <p>Independent members noted that the officer moved the DP to a more private and quieter location before carrying out GOWISELY.</p> <p>Members of the panel agreed that there were good grounds for the Stop Search.</p> <p>An independent member stated that the officer was professional and polite throughout the incident.</p>
Panel Decision	<p>Good grounds for Stop Search.</p> <p>BWV gave evidence for compliance.</p>

Actions taken by Police	Feedback on the Stop Search to be shared with officer involved.
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Case 8:

Date	21/02/2024
Time	03:00
Location	North Wingfield, Derbyshire
Subject	19 Male M1. White & Black Caribbean
PE Search Power:	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason:	Going equipped
PE Search Outcome:	Yes - the object(s) searched for
PE Search Clothing Removed	No - outer clothes only (JOG)
Stop Search type	Stop Search-Person Only
Incident summary	<p>Area search for burglary, taxi stopped, and two males decamped, subject male remained in the taxi.</p> <p>Observations: the subject male was with two other males who decamped and fled the scene once the taxi they were in had been stopped.</p> <p>Information/intelligence: time was 03:00 hours and we had just received a burglary in progress, area search commenced and taxi near occurrence area was stopped, and two males decamped the taxi but subject male who was with them remained in the taxi. Subject male also has previous intel for burglaries.</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: the male was near the occurrence area at 03:00 in a taxi with two other males who decamped when stopped. Subject male also has previous intel for burglaries.</p>
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Arrest

Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	<p>An independent member commented on the well written and detailed case report.</p> <p>An independent member noted that the officer responding to the incident questioned the ground of the stop search and checked with a more senior officer present whether it was appropriate to proceed. The independent member stated this demonstrated a keenness to develop and was impressed by the officer asking questions when they were unsure. Sergeant KO explained that the officers involved in this incident were very new officers in force.</p> <p>Member of the panel agreed that there were good grounds for the Stop Search.</p> <p>An independent member observed that the officer did not complete GOWISELY and that the officer remained polite and professional throughout the incident.</p>
Panel Decision	<p>Good grounds for Stop Search.</p> <p>BWV gave evidence for compliance.</p>
Actions taken by Police	Feedback on the Stop Search to be shared with officers involved.

Case 9:

Date	23/02/2024
Time	21:30
Location	Bolsover, Derbyshire
Subject	42 Female 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	Yes - partial strip
Stop Search type	Stop Search-Person and Vehicle

<p>Incident summary</p>	<p>Vehicle parked in known spot associated with drug use and drug dealing.</p> <p>Passenger in the vehicle was furtive when speaking to her through the car window from our marked vehicle. Whilst speaking to her, another female was seen coming out the tree line. She identified herself as the vehicle owner (Detained Person DP) and she was waiting for her partner to return to the vehicle.</p> <p>Due to passenger' furtiveness, it aroused suspicion. Her hands were then seen to be moving inside the vehicle by Officer A, potentially concealing items. Passenger female searched by Officer A/Officer B. Vehicle was in known drug use hot spot, female passenger became extremely argumentative and uncooperative. Suspicions aroused that drugs may have been concealed within the vehicle or on her person. Or drugs in the car to be used by occupants.</p> <p>Due to the search of the passenger (Subject A) by Officer B and the significant amount of empty foil wraps consistent with drug use, being found on her person, it heightened my suspicion that DP may have drugs on her and that her over cooperativeness in allowing a voluntary search was in an attempt to disguise her carrying items. Also due to negative search of vehicle and empty drug wraps on the passenger, there was potential for her to have drugs on her person.</p> <p>Observations: passenger was furtive, argumentative, uncooperative, empty drug wraps on passenger / friend. Suspicion that DP may be carrying drugs and her over cooperativeness was to disguise this.</p> <p>Information/intelligence: known drug use / dealing location.</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: suspicion of passengers' activities within the car. Suspicion of why the vehicle was parked in a countryside carpark associated with drug use.</p> <p>Passenger had empty drug wraps on her which showed clear drug use, suspicion was that DP may also have drugs on her.</p>
<p>Outcome (i.e., arrested)</p>	<p>No further action.</p>
<p>Body Worn Video</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Panel Observations</p>	<p>Independent members commented on the detailed and descriptive case form which provided an explanation of the clear ground for the Stop Search.</p>

	<p>An independent member noted that the GOWISELY ended a little short, finishing with how the DP could obtain a copy of the search.</p> <p>An independent member questioned why there was a delay in the search of the DP when a female PCSO was present. Sergeant KO and Sergeant JH explained that PCSO's are not trained to conduct Stop Searches.</p>
Panel Decision	<p>Good grounds for Stop Search.</p> <p>BWV gave evidence for compliance.</p>
Actions taken by Police	<p>Feedback on the Stop Search to be shared with officer involved.</p>

Case 10:

Date	25/02/2024
Time	21:14
Location	Bolsover, Derbyshire
Subject	23 Male 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 - outer clothes only (JOG)
Stop Search type	Stop Search-Person and Vehicle
Incident summary	<p>Drove past vehicle where the windows were down and a smell of cannabis was coming from inside, spoke to passenger who was smoking a joint and admitted to being in possession of Cannabis.</p> <p>Observations: Officers smelt Cannabis and Passenger was smoking it inside car.</p> <p>Information/intelligence: Previous intelligence of occupants smoking inside vehicle.</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: Intelligence that Cannabis was being smoked in the vehicle on the Road in Bolsover.</p>

Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Voluntary attendance
Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	<p>Independent members commented on the good rapport and interaction between the DP and officer.</p> <p>An independent member noted that GOWISELY was carried out in full. Member of the panel agreed that there were good grounds for the Stop Search.</p> <p>An independent member felt that the officer offering a referral for support for drug use was good practice.</p>
Panel Decision	<p>Good grounds for Stop Search.</p> <p>BWV gave evidence for compliance.</p>
Actions taken by Police	Feedback on the Stop Search to be shared with officer involved.

4. Further actions

No actions.

5. Date of next meeting

Thursday 16th May 2024.