



**Derbyshire Constabulary Independent
Advisory Group**

Stop Search Scrutiny Meeting

Date: 16th May 2024

Attendance Police

Police Constable Steve Broadhurst – Police presenter (SB)

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

Independent members

SP – Independent member

DD – Independent member

AS – Independent member

PD – Independent member

GR – 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 provided an overview around the force's April Stop Search data. HC introduced Police Constable SB who provided an overview of Stop Search. Police Constable SB presented the cases and the Body Worn Video (BWV).

The cases for this scrutiny panel meeting focused on Stop Searches involving people from 0 - 17 years. After filtering the data by age, cases were randomly selected.

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.

ASB – Antisocial behaviour
JOG – Jacket Outer coat and Gloves
PACE 1984 (s1) – Police and Criminal Evidence Act (1984) Section 1
PPN – Public Protection Notice
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	16/04/2024
Time	15:30
Location	WORKSOP, DERBYSHIRE
Subject	Male 16 years 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 and Vehicle
Incident summary	The subject was seen by the searching officer on a local street, subject was riding a moped along the street and repeatedly coming to a stop at roadside appearing to wait for someone looking over his shoulder. Recent Intelligence has been submitted informing that a male is dealing drugs within

that particular estate by unknown means. The subject has then entered an industrial site at the end of a local road and after a few moments when the rider has seen a marked police vehicle he has swiftly left the area and ridden the moped in the opposite direction appearing to evade the officer approaching.

The rider was then stationary at the nearby Train Station. The rider stopped by the searching officer at the car park where he was alone. On first approaching the subject he asked why he had been stopped.

; Observations: Upon stopping the subject and requesting for driving licence; I observed that the male was in possession of a large quantity of bank notes concealed in his wallet; when asked why he had been stopping on a local road he stated that he had noticed an issue with the moped and wanted to inspect it. He stated he turned onto the industrial unit so he could do so and was just riding around Whitwell.

The subject also stated that he had 'mates in the area' but when asked who he had arranged to see he was unable to provide a name, causing further suspicion.

The continual stop starting, looking over his shoulder and then ridding onto two areas where there is not many pedestrians caused further suspicion that the subject may well be in possession of controlled substance and may well be looking to supply to other 'un named persons';

Information/intelligence: There is intelligence submitted in the last 10 days that a male of similar age is drug dealing in that particular area.

There is previous intelligence that a resident of Whitwell with the same surname is growing cannabis from their home address.

; Suspicion prior to search: Suspicion was formed after the male was seen repeatedly looking over his shoulder and appearing to wait for someone.

The subject was seen with a large amount of bank notes in his wallet.

The subject appeared to evade police once he realised that he had been monitored coming to a stop and had entered an industrial estate and informed that he had noticed a vehicle defect.

Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	An IM commented that the officer produced a clear report. An IM felt that the officer provided a good explanation. An IM commented that the calm initial interaction between the Detained Person (DP) and the officer helped the Stop Search to be carried out in a calm and respectful manner.
Panel Decision	Good grounds for the Stop Search and the officer clearly explained the reasoning and grounds for the Stop Search. BWV gave evidence for compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer involved.

Case 2:

Date	23/04/2024
Time	18:21
Location	CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE
Subject	Male 14 years 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	Male seen coming out of disused council building after reports of them breaking into the building. male has had to climb down some steps back into the carpark and then down a window frame. items looking for going equipped to steal. ; Observations: Male seen coming out of

	<p>disused council building after reports of them breaking into the building. male has had to climb down some steps back into the carpark and then down a window frame. items looking for going equipped to steal.</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: Male seen coming out of disused council building after reports of them breaking into the building. male has had to climb down some steps back into the carpark and then down a window frame. items looking for going equipped to steal.</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: Male seen coming out of disused council building after reports of them breaking into the building. male has had to climb down some steps back into the carpark and then down a window frame. items looking for going equipped to steal.</p>
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	<p>IMs felt that there were long periods of silence whilst the officer was waiting for a response on the radio and other officers to attend the incident.</p> <p>An IM asked whether officers alert the local council about insecure disused building's that have been broken into? Police Constable SB explained that it is down to the individual officer's discretion, and he was unable to comment in this case.</p> <p>An IM commented on the broken GOWISELY that was carried out.</p>
Panel Decision	<p>IM felt that the officer provided a good grounds the Stop Search.</p> <p>BWV gave evidence for compliance.</p>
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer involved.

Case 3:

Date	25/04/2024
Time	12:42
Location	BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE
Subject	Male 17 years 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 found in enclosed premises this being council owned block of flats. Males x3 are located in the shared foyer at the rear of the flats and member of public alerts police to the male's smoking cannabis. Upon attendance males admit to smoking cannabis which they had pretty much finished nub end of a cannabis spliff left and stumped out by male admission of using cannabis prior to police arrival.</p> <p>; Observations: males clearly using cannabis and smell at the rear of the address emanating from the area they were was extremely strong.</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: local neighbourhood officers have been made aware that youths have been using the flats namely the communal area to smoke weed.</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: member of the public informed police that boys were smoking weed in a communal area of the flats. Police attend the door and smell of cannabis is extremely strong, 3 males seen propping the door open.</p> <p>; Observations: males clearly using cannabis and smell at the rear of the address</p>

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Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	<p>An IM felt that the officer should have explained the reason for the Stop Search before asking the DP if they understood why they were being Stop Search, and then explaining the reasoning.</p> <p>An IM raised a concern around the officer not identifying themselves because the DP has already encountered the officer prior to the Stop Search. The IM felt that the officer should still have identified themselves as part of GOWISELY.</p> <p>An IM felt that the Stop Search was brusque and disjointed. Parts of GOWISELY had been carried out but this should have been carried out prior to the Search.</p> <p>An IM asked about language the officer used during the Stop Search. Police Constable SB explained that this is street slang. The IM felt this could be a good way to gain rapport but that it could be confusing alternating between slang and policing terminology.</p> <p>An IM asked whether all juveniles who are stopped and searched are referred to social services. Police Constable SB explained that they are under a Public Protection Notice (PPN).</p>
Panel Decision	<p>Good grounds for the Stop Search.</p> <p>BWV gave evidence for compliance.</p>
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer involved.

Case 4:

Date	28/04/2024
Time	08:15
Location	CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE
Subject	Male 16 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 - outer clothes only (JOG)
Stop Search type	Stop Search-Person Only
Incident summary	<p>Report of 2 males fighting with mention of a knife. Both males ran from Police. First male found and detained by other officers. Second male located a short while later and detained and stop searched due to running off from Police and due to there being a mention of a knife.</p> <p>; Observations: Male ran from officers along with another male after reports of males fighting and a knife reported to have been seen. DP has ran from officers after other male has been caught. DP has later been seen walking along the bypass and stopped by officers and searched under Section 1 PACE.</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: Information in the report from a member of the public which stated that there was potentially a knife involved in the incident. No intelligence known during the incident due to not knowing who the males were that were involved.</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: Male had been seen running away from Police after arriving at the scene of a fight where a knife was potentially involved. Suspect carried on running until caught by police.</p>

Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	<p>An IM asked whether the form should have included more description about the males initially reported to the police. Police Constable SB explained that it depends on how much detail is provided on the initial report to the police.</p> <p>An IM commented on the speed of the search, that this was carried out efficiently and swiftly. An IM noted that the DP was cooperative and raised their arms before the search. Police Constable SB explained that this is likely to be a response from viewing mainstream media, often in American films when characters are stopped, they raise their hands to demonstrate cooperation.</p> <p>An IM raised a concern around the location of the search. Police Constable SB explained that the environment in which the officer conducted the search meant that it was more controlled for the officers.</p> <p>An IM asked why the DP was not handcuffed, based on the knowledge provided to the police and the grounds for the search should the DP have been handcuffed. Police Constable SB that it depends on the situation as to whether use of force is required. In this instance, the DP was calm.</p> <p>An IM felt that this is a good example of a Stop Search and that the BWV presented the good rapport the officer had with the DP.</p> <p>An IM felt that the officer provided a clear explanation for the Stop Search. GOWISELY was carried out.</p>
Panel Decision	Good grounds and explanation for the Stop Search. BWV gave evidence for compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer involved.

Case 5:

Date	30/04/2024
Time	17:10

Location	CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE
Subject	Male 13 years M9. Any other mixed background
PE Search Power:	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason:	Articles for use in criminal damage
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>Informant called in saying 2 males, one black male, one white male had smashed a window by throwing rocks at it and gained entry to an abandoned building. Officers attend and find the two males that match this description and were running away from the building and admit to breaking in and being inside. He was therefore detained for the purpose of finding any article used to commit the damage or crime in general or any item potentially stolen from the building.</p> <p>; Observations: Description of the 2 males passed matched those found upon officer attendance of one white male in black clothing and one black clothing. and they were running from the building at cut off by officers. They admitted to the damage and being inside.</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: Only known information was that the building is abandoned and secured with fencing around the perimeter, therefore anyone on site would be a trespasser. Paired with the two males running from the building and description given by the informant, the decision was made to stop search.</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: The male had admitted to coming from inside the building and breaking in, the informant stated they had broken a window with rocks and therefore suspicion was that they may have items on them from the building that are stolen or any other implement on them used in the commission of crime.</p>

Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	<p>An IM felt that the form provided a clear explanation around the grounds for the Stop Search.</p> <p>An IM felt that the officer provided a clear explanation and that the young person was cooperative.</p> <p>An IM commented on the good explanation and that it was a nice interaction between the officer and the DP.</p> <p>An IM felt that the officer had a calm approach to the Stop Search particularly as the second officer had handcuffed a second person at the incident.</p> <p>GOWISELY carried out.</p>
Panel Decision	Good ground for Stop Search and clear explanation provided. BWV gave evidence for compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer involved.

Case 6:

Date	16/04/2024
Time	10:45
Location	DERBY, DERBY CITY
Subject	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (Possession))
PE Search Power:	Male 16 years W1. White British
PE Search Reason:	Stolen goods
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>Subject has previously convictions and is actively involved in drug use and dealing. He also matched the description of an individual who may have been with others that were arrested a short while earlier in possession of weapons.</p> <p>; Observations: Subject had his face covered and was initially objecting.</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: He was in the area of where others were arrested with weapons and is a known drug offender.</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: It was suspected that he may be in possession of unlawful materials including either drugs or weapons.</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>An IM commented on the good description provided in the form.</p> <p>An IM noted that the DP asks the officer multiple times the reason for the Stop Search and this explanation is not provided until the end of the Stop Search.</p> <p>An IM felt that the DP was moving around quite a bit during the Stop Search, especially whilst handcuffed. Police Constable SB explained that it depends on the situation. In this instance the DP appeared agitated, and the officers maintained a bit of distance to provide space for the DP but enough to react if there was a risk of fleeing.</p> <p>An IM felt that the DP came across as being in control of the situation and had good knowledge around Stop Search.</p> <p>An IM felt that the Stop Search was very disjointed and that there seemed to be a lack of control from the officer conducting the Stop Search.</p> <p>An IM commented that GOWISELY was done too late during the Stop Search.</p>
<p>Panel Decision</p>	<p>Good grounds for the Stop Search.</p>
<p>Actions taken by Police</p>	<p>Feedback to be shared with the officer involved.</p>

Case 7:

Date	21/04/2024
Time	23:45
Location	DERBY, DERBY CITY
Subject	Male 16 NS. Not stated
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>I responded to a report of ASB (Anti Social Behaviour). Male found in stairway of flats that he does not live at. There was a smell of cannabis. He was with a female that I had searched only a week prior and found to be in possession of cannabis. Also, late at night. Male also has intel for drugs.</p> <p>; Observations: Parties sat in communal staircase of a building neither resided at, and therefore had no reason to be in except to be out of view.</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: Male has previously been stop searched and has intel for drugs and previous drugs possession.</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: Smell of cannabis in the stairwell and no others present. Male sat with female I know to have been in possession of cannabis last week.</p>
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	<p>An IM commented on the clear form.</p> <p>An IM felt that this was an example of a good Stop Search and that GOWISELY was done properly.</p>

	<p>An IM commented that the officer had communicated with the DP very clearly and that the explanation was not rushed.</p> <p>An IM felt that the Stop Search was well handled by the officer and that this is a good Stop Search.</p>
Panel Decision	Good grounds for Stop Search. BWV gave evidence for compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer involved.

Case 8:

Date	23/04/2024
Time	04:29
Location	DERBY, DERBY CITY
Subject	Male 17 years A9. Any other Asian background
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 - no clothes removed
Stop Search type	Stop Search-Person Only
Incident summary	<p>6 to 7 males were reported walking around a residential street in Littleover late at night, splitting off and going into gardens before coming back together as a group.</p> <p>; Observations: males were unable to provide a reasonable reason as to why they were in the area at such a late time.</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: males had been seen going into gardens.</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: males were unable to reasonably explain why they were there at that time</p>
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Arrest

Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	<p>An IM asked whether officers ask DP if English is a first language. Police Constable SB explains that an officer will ask if the DP understands and if the DP doesn't the officer will try to source a translator/interpreter. This can be very challenging to do so at an incident.</p> <p>An IM member commented on the number of officer present at the incident and how this potentially reduced the risk of the incident becoming explosive.</p> <p>An IM felt that the Stop Search was handled well by officers attending.</p>
Panel Decision	Good grounds for the Stop Search. BWV gave evidence for compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer involved.

Case 9:

Date	24/104/2024
Time	15:45
Location	DERBY, DERBY CITY
Subject	Male 17 years 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 Only
Incident summary	<p>Information received that the driver of vehicle VRM: FXXX XXX was exploitation juveniles to deal drugs from the vehicle. The vehicle was spotted in Derby, with 1 older male driving and 4 younger passengers sighted. These passengers were ID by officers who knew them to be under the age of 18.</p> <p>The vehicle drove into a carpark at a local park, where 3 passengers decamped.</p> <p>; Observations: Information received</p>

	<p>regarding a vehicle was being driven by an older male, and under 18s were being exploited. Under 18s were sighted in the vehicle and older male driving. This vehicle had links to drug dealing. 3 passengers from the vehicle decamped from a car park.</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: Information received that the driver of vehicle VRM: FXXX XXX was exploiting juveniles by driving them around and dealing drugs from the vehicle. The driver was older. 3 males decamped from the vehicle once entered a car park. Passenger was asked his age and confirmed he was 17 years of age.</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: Intelligence was received prior to stopping the vehicle. Further suspicion was raised when 3 males decamped from the vehicle.</p>
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action.
Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	<p>An IM commented that the form provided clear information but was a little repetitive. Police Constable SB explained that this is due to the formatting of the form to ensure that officer provide as all the required information for a Stop Search.</p> <p>An IM asked why the DPs were initially kept in the vehicle after the officers had stopped them. Police Constable SB explained that the DP's were detained in the vehicle whilst the officers waited for other officers to assist with the incident and several people had fled from the vehicle.</p> <p>An IM felt that the officer provided a good explanation and did not make any assumptions around the DP's ethnicity. The IM commented on the good practice of the officer asking the DP's ethnicity by stating their own as an example.</p> <p>An IM felt that the officer had provided a good explanation for the Stop Search.</p> <p>Good GOWISELY carried out.</p>
Panel Decision	<p>Good grounds for the Stop Search with a clear explanation.</p> <p>BWV gave evidence for compliance.</p>
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer involved.

Case 10:

Date	16/04/2024
Time	08:08
Location	DERBY, DERBY CITY
Subject	Male 16 years W1. White British
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 - no clothes removed
Stop Search type	Stop Search-Person Only
Incident summary	<p>Officers attend ST MARYS WHARF POLICE STATION where a Suspected stolen motorbike attends (later confirmed to have been stolen), two up, driving around the station.</p> <p>Officers complete an area search when a call is made to Police about further nuisance motorbikes on a residential street in Derby where the offenders match the description of the riders who attended the Police Station.</p> <p>Officers attend the area and see three people walking near the area where the vehicle had last been seen. Again, they matched the description of the offenders which was previously passed. The three were extremely well known and prolific motorbike thieves from the local area.</p> <p>The decision was made to Stop Search the three, given prior knowledge, their description and being present in the area the vehicles were last seen. Upon stop searching them, Officer A has provided the initial grounds and Officer B has begin to complete the rest of the Stop Search procedure when the three produced 3 knives a screwdriver and cannabis between them. As such, they were arrested for going equipped to steal, possession of a bladed article and possession of class B prior to the completion of the Stop Search procedure given that this was superseding.</p>

	<p>; Observations: Overly confident prior to officer arrival, however changed to being on edge upon officer attendance.</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: Known intelligence and information about the three is that all three have previously been involved in motorbike thefts. One was on bail for approx 60 burglaries, one for a motorbike conspiracy of 67 motorbike thefts and the other was on bail for a recent series of thefts and motorbike thefts.</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: I suspected that they had been involved in the theft of motorbike given that they were in the area at the time the vehicles had been seen and are known bike thieves.</p>
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Arrest
Body Worn Video	Yes
Panel Observations	<p>An IM felt that the officer provided good description on the Stop Search form.</p> <p>An IM commented on the good GOWISELY carried out by the officer.</p> <p>An IM asked whether the DP should have been handcuffed for the officer's safety based on the information in the Stop Search form. Police Constable SB explained that the officers attending the incident were not expecting to find bladed articles but had initially search the DP for items linked to the theft.</p> <p>An IM commented on the calm demeanor of the officer upon finding the bladed article during the search.</p>
Panel Decision	Good grounds for Stop Search. BWV gave evidence for compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer involved.

4. Further actions

No actions.

5. Date of next meeting

17th July 2024