



**Derbyshire Constabulary Independent
Advisory Group**

Stop Search Scrutiny Meeting

Date: Tuesday 19th May 2026

Attendance Police

Police Constable Jack Barlow – Police presenter (JB)

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

Police Constable Ollie Bates – Operational Trainer (OB)

Independent members

FK - independent member

TC - independent member

SP - independent member

KH - independent member

BC - independent member

Apologies

CJ-B - independent member

LN - independent member

AT - 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 a local police station for support to attend the online meeting. The chair reminded Independent Members (IMs) that they had signed a confidentiality agreement and the purpose of the scrutiny panel meetings. The chair also reminded IMs that they needed to be respectful, even if other members' opinions differed to their own. Attendees introduced themselves.

HC provided the link to the published stop search statistics for the force: [Stop and search | Derbyshire Constabulary](#). Police Constable JB provided an overview of the circumstances around the lead up to the Stop Searches. Police Constable JB presented the cases and Body Worn Video (BWV) for each of the Stop Search incidents. Police Constable OB from the Operational Training Team provided insight into authorised approved practice and trained tactics.

The cases have been randomly selected with no themes.

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

GOWISELYER+

Police officers use the mnemonic 'GOWISELYER+' 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.

Ethnicity (as the person their self-defined ethnicity)

Reassurance (Public Protection Notices for any vulnerable children or adults are completed)

+ the complaint procedure

BWV – Body Worn Video

DP - Detained person

FHQ – Force Headquarters

IAG – Independent Advisory Group

IM – Independent Member

JOG – Jacket Outer coat and Gloves

MTS – More Through Search

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

PMP – Project Management Plan

PWITS – Possession with Intent to Supply (Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (PWITS))

SSS – Standard Stop Search



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. No actions or feedback to discuss.

3) Use of Police Powers Scrutiny

Case 1:

Date	29/04/2026
Time	19:30
Location	Derbyshire Dales
Subject	Male B9. Any other Black background 26 years old
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	Standard stop and search (SSS)
Stop Search type	Person only Search



Incident summary

Police receive 999 call on [residential street], DARLEY DALE to report following: MAN WITH BAT GUY OUTSIDE SHOUTING COME OUTSIDE. HE HAS A BAT. LOOKS LIKE A BASEBALL BAT. FCC - IC1 [ethnicity code for white north European] MALE, BROWN HAIR, 20-30YRS, SLIM BUILD, NAVY BLUE TOP AND BLUE JEANS.

Police attend area and arrive on scene minutes after the call came in. A male matching this description exactly is located on [residential street], and begins to walk away from officers upon approach. The male has in his hand a brown bottle of beer. The male is asked to put the bottle down and stay where he is which he does. The male gives his details as [detained person (DP)]. DP has recent intelligence linking him to drug use and drug dealing.

A search also enabled officers to detail a potential suspect for a public order or offensive weapon offence until the informant was spoken to. Detaining the male enabled officers to maintain this male who was clearly the male reported for being in possession of an offensive weapon. This safeguarded officers and the public, as well as looking for any drugs.

; Observations: DP was caged with officers and clearly intoxicated through drink or drugs. The fact DP was potentially intoxicated boosted the ground for a search as he may have possession of drugs still. I could also see what I believed to be a drugs scale sticking out of DP's trouser pocket.

; Information/intelligence: As previously stated, [recent intelligence linking DP to drug supply]. Also recent information from members of public that DP was in possession of an offensive weapon

; Suspicion prior to search: Suspicion formed as DP gave his details [redacted recent intelligence linking DP to drugs supply].



Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Action - No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes.
Use of force used	Yes, handcuffed to the rear.
PPN completed	No; not applicable
Panel Observations	An IM commented that from viewing the BWV and reading the grounds provided on the stop search form that they had no issues when reviewing the stop search. An IM commented that on the BWV the officer could be heard asking the DP if the DP had drugs on him, the IM stated that they felt the officer could have asked a wider question to include any items that may cause harm to the DP or the officer. Police Constable JB highlighted in the BWV that the officers could be seen to provide distance between themselves and the DP and were not in the DPs fighting arc and noted that the officers allowed the DP space to be searched whilst managing the risk of the DP fleeing. Police Constable OB highlighted that the officer may not have needed to have had their hands on the DP because the DP was stable and not in a position to flee. Police Constable OB highlighted that this is an additional use of force that the officer must justify. Police Constable OB highlighted that the BWV did not capture the officers checking the handcuffs and was not able to comment if the handcuffs were double locked. Police Constable OB explained that officers are taught to follow "ask-look-feel" procedure when handcuffing a DP to ensure that the handcuffs are not causing pain or injury. Police Constable OB highlighted that the officers may have gone beyond when



	questioning the DP about the possession of the money and the possession of the scales. Police Constable OB highlighted that this questioning is often more appropriate under caution, but acknowledged the importance of have opening communication with the DP to gain a rapport whilst conducting a stop search. Police Constable OB highlighted that the officer did not search the quadrant, which is searching the body in four sections to ensure a thorough search has been carried out but noted it was not a bad search. An IM asked if the handcuffs should have been applied to the DP under the circumstances. Police Constable OB explained that handcuffing as a tactic should be used and can be justified to prevent escape or for safety under the legal justification. An IM commented that in their opinion handcuffing the DP may have escalated the situation and the IM questioned whether it was the right tactic.
Panel Decision	Consensus from the panel that the stop search form provided the grounds for the use of policing powers. BWV gave evidence of compliance. IMs felt that the grounds for the stop search were clear on the stop search form.
Actions taken by Police	Note that the ethnicity captured on the BWV does not match the ethnicity recorded on the stop search form. Feedback to be shared with the officer and their supervisor. Feedback to be shared at the upcoming Policing Powers Governance meeting.



Case 2:

Date	27/04/2026
Time	09:44
Location	Ambervalley
Subject	Male W1. White British 53 years old
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	Standard stop and search (SSS)
Stop Search type	Person only Search
Incident summary	A member of the public reported that a suspicious male and female had entered the bushes at the side of RIPLEY GREENWAY in the direction of RIPLEY CEMETERY and that they were possibly smoking cannabis or taking other drugs. ; Observations: A male and female were both hiding in a secreted makeshift hut in deep undergrowth with no legitimate reason for being there. ; Information/intelligence: Information was provided to police by a member of the public that drug taking was occurring in the location. ; Suspicion prior to search: Due to the male and female being located in the exact area indicated by the member of the public, I was satisfied that they were the male and female involved. As they were hiding from public view, I suspected that they were engaging in illegal activity - drug taking, in this case.



Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Voluntary attendance
Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	No
PPN completed	No; not applicable.
Panel Observations	Police Constable JB highlighted that on the BWV the DP could be heard saying to officers that they had arrived too early. An IM questioned whether the female captured in the BWV was being searched by an officer and asked if the officer searching was a female officer. Police Constable JB explained that an officer can conduct a stop search on a detained person of the opposite sex. Police Constable JB highlighted that it is very dependent on the circumstances, and officers are lawfully entitled to search a DP if they have suspicion. An IM stated that they had a concern with an officer of the opposite sex conducting a stop search on a DP of the opposite sex and stated in their opinion the officer opens themselves up to risk of an accusation. An IM commented that in their opinion it was appropriate action from the police. The IM commented from viewing the BWV that the officer may have put themselves at risk by conducting a search in a bush. Police Constable OB explained that prior to searching an individual who is the opposite sex, the officer should request a female officer to support to conduct the search where possible. However, if it is not possible for a female officer to arrive on scene in an appropriate time frame, there is justification for an officer to search a DP of the opposite sex.



	Police Constable OB highlighted that from viewing the BWV the officer did not conduct a very thorough search. Police Constable OB highlighted that the officer allowed the DP to keep something in their hands during the search and that the search was more of a pat down and this is not taught in training. Police Constable OB highlighted it could have been a better search, because it was very superficial. Consensus from the IMs that the grounds were captured in the stop search form. Police Constable JB highlighted the officers did a good job locating the individuals in a bush, and highlighted although the officers had separated to conduct separate stop searches, they were captured on the BWV facing each other to ensure each other's safety.
Panel Decision	Consensus from the panel that there were clear grounds on the stop search form which justified the use of policing powers. BWV gave evidence of compliance. Safety concern raised by member regarding the officer conducting the stop search in a bush. Feedback from training that search was superficial and could have been more thorough.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer and their supervisor. Feedback to be shared at the upcoming Policing Powers Governance meeting.



Case 3:

Date	25/04/2026
Time	01:05
Location	Derbyshire Dales
Subject	Male W1. White British 20 years old
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	Standard stop and search (SSS)
Stop Search type	Person/Vehicle Search
Incident summary	Male driving vehicle with links to known drug users and drug dealers Strong smell of cannabis male admits to being a cannabis user and smoking half hour ago. suspected to still be in possession ; Observations: eyes were glazed strong smell of cannabis ; Information/intelligence: intel linking vehicle and driver to drug users ; Suspicion prior to search: Male driving vehicle with links to known drug users and drug dealers Strong smell of cannabis male admits to being a cannabis user and smoking half hour ago. suspected to still be in possession
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action; secondary outcome - arrest
Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	No



PPN completed	No; not applicable.
Panel Observations	Police Constable JB explained that the stop search was not captured on the BWV because the officer had not turned their camera on at the time of the stop search. Police Constable JB played the footage of the officer going through GOWISELYER+ and explaining to the DP why he was going through the stop search again because of his camera not being on. Police Constable JB highlighted that the officer was not captured on BWV asking the DP their self-defined ethnicity but said that this was likely because the officer was going through GOWISELYER+ for the second time having not captured the initial stop search on camera. An IM asked the officers what the item was in the officer's hand on the BWV. Police Constable OB explained that the device in the officer's hand captured on the BWV is a drugs wipe. Police Constable OB highlighted that officer's often conduct a drugs wipe and then conduct a section 32 search under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE 1984) rather than a stop search. Police Constable JB highlighted that if there is the suspicion it is proactive practice to do the drugs wipe as this can take 8 minutes for a result, and an officer can conduct a stop search whilst waiting for the outcome of the drugs wipe. An IM highlighted on the BWV that the driver could be seen walking away to relieve himself by the roadside. An IM highlighted that this could have been an opportunity for the driver to discard evidence. An IM asked what the reason for the stop in the first place was. Police Constable JB explained that it was the manner of driving,



	and when the vehicle was stopped there was intelligence, and the driver had admitted to smoking 30 minutes prior to being stopped.
Panel Decision	Consensus from IMs that the grounds provided on the stop search form justified the stop search. IMs were unable to comment on the stop search, as this was not captured on the BWV. BWV gave evidence of compliance of aspects of GOWISELYER+ being carried out following the initial stop search.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer and their supervisor. Feedback to be shared at the upcoming Policing Powers Governance meeting.

Case 4:

Date	24/04/2026
Time	12:45
Location	Out of force
Subject	Female W1. White British 38 years old
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	Standard stop and search (SSS)
Stop Search type	Person only Search



Incident summary	Vehicle sighted being driven by a female known as [detained person (DP)] with another female as passenger. vehicle known to officers as linked to the supply of class A drugs recently with a local nominal, [subject A] in the Heanor, Ilkeston, Eastwood area, Vehicle stopped and both detained travelling into EASTWOOD. ; Observations: Female was compliant on engaging to officers but passenger was shaking and appeared frightened. ; Information/intelligence: Recent info (21/4/26) to suggest vehicle is being used to supply drugs into the above areas. ; Suspicion prior to search: Suspected the female may be in possession of drugs and items involved in the supply of drugs.
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action; secondary outcome - arrest
Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	No
PPN completed	No; not applicable.
Panel Observations	An IM commented from viewing the BWV that the officer had their arm across the car door to prevent the DP from exiting the vehicle, and the DP questioned if this was trained. The IM commented in their opinion, this was an aggressive behaviour. An IM commented from viewing the BWV they felt that the stop search was good but questioned whether anything was found on the individual. Police Constable JB explained that a crack pipe was found in the purse. Police Constable JB explained that the driver was explaining to officers that she had not been drugs wiped before and was challenging it. Police Constable JB explained that there was a brown wrap found in the bag, and the



	drugs wipe came back positive. An IM commented they felt from viewing the BWV that the stop search was conducted well. An IM asked why the officers didn't remove the DP's shoes because this would be an obvious place in their opinion for items to be concealed. Police Constable OB explained that officers cannot remove shoes under the stop search policing powers in a public place, and an officer can only ask for the removal of a Jacket, Outer Coat and Gloves (JOGs) if the search was being conducted in a public place. Police Constable JB explained if there was suspicion that a DP is concealing items an officer can take a DP to a station for an intimate search, or a strip search but Police Constable JB explained that this has to be authorised by an Inspector. An IM commented they felt it was good the officer searched with the back of her hand and commented that this was in their opinion respectful. The IM noted that the officer searched the rim of the DPs shoes. Police Constable OB explained that the officer should search with the front of the hand, because the front of the hand is more sensitive. Police Constable OB highlighted that the only two legal justifications for using handcuffs as a use of force are to prevent escape and safety (which can include drug swallowing) which is an example of a DP not having the opportunity to discard evidence. IMs felt that there were clear grounds on the stop search form that justified the stop search.
Panel Decision	Consensus from the panel that the officer conducted a good thorough stop search which resulted in a positive outcome. BWV



	gave evidence of compliance. IMs felt that there were clear grounds on the stop search form that justified the stop search.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer and their supervisor. Feedback to be shared at the upcoming Policing Powers Governance meeting.

Case 5:

Date	22/04/2026
Time	20:15
Location	Amber Valley
Subject	Male W1. White British 15 years old
PE Search Power:	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason:	Article(s) made, adapted or intended for use in criminal damage
PE Search Outcome:	No - no object(s) found
PE Search Clothing Removed	Standard stop and search (SSS)
Stop Search type	Person only Search
Incident summary	Police have been called to [a residential street], RIDDINGS, DERBYSHIRE following a report from a member of the public stating that youths were behind garages off of [a residential street] and down a side street whereby it was reported that they were damaging property, whilst screaming and shouting. Police have arrived to the incident location, identified the garages and upon exiting have heard what appeared to be banging/smashing of items behind the garages from the side street. Officers have been informed by a neighbour



	that the entrance to get into the compound was a metal gate which was ziptied, and which the zip tie was cut by officers to allow for access. Upon entering the compound five male youths have been seen at the far end of the compound, where some were walking in and out of a garage, and some were seen to be holding what appeared to be wood. The youths matched the description provided by the informat, which was dark clothing and wearing tracksuits. In total five youths were located in the compound, and who were detained for the purpose of a stop and search. The initial report came through as youths trespassing and damaging property, and officers have arrived - hearing what appeared to be banging and damaging of property. All persons have been seen and detained on scene, and they were searched as a result of being on property which they admitted was not theirs. They were searched for any articles which could be used to cause damage, powertools, heavy items and hand held tools as well as any stolen property which may have been taken from the site. ; Observations: Youths admitted that they did not own the property, however believed it was abandoned. One youth was slightly erratic in his behaviour, which caused the belief and further provided suspicion to their presence in the area and their reasoning for doing so. ; Information/intelligence: Information was provided by a member of the public stating that youths had entered an abandoned site and were still on scene, causing damage to the property and garages themselves. Officers arrived and located persons which matched the description of those reported by the member of the public, which was dark clothing and wearing tracksuits. ; Suspicion prior to search: With the information provided by the member of
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	public/informant, neighbours to the compound providing similar information as well as locating persons matching the description at the incident location.
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action.
Body Worn Video	Yes.
Use of force used	No
PPN completed	Yes
Panel Observations	Police Constable JB explained that the officer conducted referrals for all DPs because they were under the age of 18. An IM stated that they had seen the officer removing the hat from a DP on the BWV and questioned whether this was allowed under JOGs. Police Constable OB stated that there could be an argument on whether the enclosed abandoned space was classed as a public place. Police Constable OB stated best practice would be not to remove a hat. An IM commented from viewing the BWV that it was their opinion that everything was done by the book, and this was a good example of a stop search. An IM commented that they felt from viewing the BWV that the DPs were very co-operative, and the IM felt the officer dealt with the stop search in a good way by being firm but gaining rapport. An IM commented that in their opinion removing the hat was a logical action and was surprised that this is not allowed in a public place. Police Constable OB stated unless an officer is out of a public place, officers should not remove any headwear because this can lead to legal challenges based on the legislation



	and approved practice. Police Constable OB stated that if an officer had a concern that an item was being concealed under headwear, the officer should find a suitable place to conduct a more thorough search. An IM highlighted that there would have been more of a risk to the officer asking the DP to move into an enclosed space to be out of the public view to check under a hat. Police Constable OB explained that an officer would still have their BWV on as evidence, which could capture the audio of the search. An IM commented in their opinion that the officer did a good job, and that the DPs were compliant. Police Constable JB highlighted that the officer conducted the first search on the DP who stated they had autism and who was a bit animated. Consensus from IMs that there were clear grounds on the stop search form.
Panel Decision	Consensus that the grounds provided on the stop search form were clear and justified the use of policing powers. BWV gave evidence of compliance. Feedback to the officer around good use of tactical communication and good stop searches carried out.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer and their supervisor. Feedback to be shared at the upcoming Policing Powers Governance meeting.

Case 6:

Date	30/04/2026
Time	09:05



Location	Derby North
Subject	Male W1. White British 36 years old
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	Standard stop and search (SSS)
Stop Search type	Person only Search
Incident summary	known drug user found walking around with visible mamba on his clothing ; Observations: male could be seen with mamba on his clothing ; Information/intelligence: male known to police for heavy mamba use ; Suspicion prior to search: male known to police for mamba use and found with mamba on his clothing
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	No
PPN completed	No; not applicable
Panel Observations	An IM commented that from viewing the BWV that they felt the searching officer was a bit quick on the one handed leg search, stating that in their opinion that the officer did not conduct a thorough search. Police Constable JB highlighted that on the BWV it came across as an individual the officer interacts with regularly, and acknowledged the superficial search.



	Police Constable OB stated that the grounds were very complacent. Police Constable OB stated that the officer could have explained the reason for the grounds. Police Constable OB highlighted that the officer did not question the sum of money they found on the DP, and then handed this to the DP to hold during the search. An IM commented that from viewing the BWV that they felt it was not a professional search and was not conducted in a professional manner. An IM asked how the feedback from the panel is shared with the officer because there was a consensus view it was not a good stop search and that it was not a professional search. Police Constable JB explained that the feedback from the panel would be shared with the officer and their supervisor. In this instance, it would not be appropriate to escalate this to Professional Standards for review. HC reminded IMs that the feedback is also shared at the Policing Powers Board meeting, and the next meeting is scheduled to take place next week.
Panel Decision	Consensus from the panel that the stop search form could have provided more detail around the grounds. Consensus from the panel that the stop search was superficial and not conducted in a professional manner.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer and their supervisor. Feedback to be shared at the upcoming Policing Powers Governance meeting. Case was escalated for an internal review by the audit and assurance team.



Case 7:

Date	28/04/2026
Time	14:50
Location	Derby West
Subject	Male M3. Mixed White & Asian 35 years old
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	Jacket, outer coat, or gloves (JOG)
Stop Search type	Person only Search
Incident summary	Officers have attended an address where there is a current PMP [project management plan] in place due to reports of cuckooing at the address. The address is being used for drug taking and dealing. Occupant is vulnerable. When attending 4 occupants have been found inside and an overwhelmingly strong smell of mamba was present. Male was seen to be under the influence of mamba and was completely spaced out by the time officers had stop searched him. Stop searched under section 23 misuse of drugs act due to location found, people located with and tge state of the male being under the influence. Nothing found on his person, suspected to have consumed it all. ; Observations: Officers have attended an address where there is a current PMP in place due to reports of cuckooing at the address. The address is being used for drug taking and dealing. Occupant is vulnerable. When attending 4 occupants have been found inside and an overwhelmingly strong



	smell of mamba was present. Male was seen to be under the unfluence of mamba and was completely spaced out by the time officers had stop searched him. Stop searched under section 23 misuse of drugs act due to location found, people located with and tge state of the male being under the influence. Nothing found on his person, suspected to have consumed it all. ; Information/intelligence: Officers have attended an address where there is a current PMP in place due to reports of cuckooing at the address. The address is being used for drug taking and dealing. Occupant is vulnerable. When attending 4 occupants have been found inside and an overwhelmingly strong smell of mamba was present. Male was seen to be under the unfluence of mamba and was completely spaced out by the time officers had stop searched him. Stop searched under section 23 misuse of drugs act due to location found, people located with and tge state of the male being under the influence. Nothing found on his person, suspected to have consumed it all. ; Suspicion prior to search: Officers have attended an address where there is a current PMP in place due to reports of cuckooing at the address. The address is being used for drug taking and dealing. Occupant is vulnerable. When attending 4 occupants have been found inside and an overwhelmingly strong smell of mamba was present. Male was seen to be under the unfluence of mamba and was completely spaced out by the time officers had stop searched him. Stop searched under section 23 misuse of drugs act due to location found, people located with and tge state of the male being under the influence. Nothing found on his person, suspected to have consumed it all.
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action.



Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	Yes; handcuffed to the front.
PPN completed	No; not applicable.
Panel Observations	Police Constable JB explained to the group what a Project Management Plan (PMP) is and explained what cuckooing is. Police Constable JB explained that the officer did not find anything of concern in the DPs bag. An IM commented from viewing the BWV that if a police force is a professional service the officer should not have been swearing. Police Constable JB stated in some circumstances swearing is accepted but in this circumstance it may not have been appropriate. An IM asked if it was appropriate to administer naloxone to the DP who appeared 'out of it'. Police Constable JB stated that naloxone is a drug used to bring someone back around if there are signs that individual is going into a medical emergency. Police Constable JB stated he would not have used it in this situation. Police Constable OB highlighted it should be used when someone is nonresponsive and it is only suitable to be used if the individual has used opiates. An IM commented that they felt from viewing the stop search form that it was very repetitive and was just a copy and paste. Police Constable JB explained that the template for the stop search form was introduced to ensure that officer is capturing all the information to explain the grounds for the stop search. Police Constable JB explained that if the information is captured in the initial explanation, then the officer can copy and paste the information throughout



	the form. Police Constable JB acknowledged that can make the form very repetitive for the IAG to review during panels, but it is to ensure officers are providing sufficient information. An IM commented it was difficult to comment on the search because from reviewing the BWV not much of a search was conducted, commenting it was not very thorough but acknowledging that on the BWV the DP was not physically stable and needed physically supporting. Police Constable OB explained that the officer could have searched the DP whilst the DP was sat down. Police Constable OB stated that the officer should not have held on to the handcuffs by the middle bar, as seen on the BWV. Police Constable OB highlighted that this could cause pain and is not a taught practice. An IM highlighted that there were other officers present on the BWV. Police Constable OB stated that officers could have prioritised the searches in the room.
Panel Decision	Consensus that there were clear grounds provided on the stop search form, although noted it was very repetitive. Some IMs felt that the use of language (swearing) by the officer was not appropriate or professional. Consensus that the search was superficial but acknowledged challenges with an unstable DP.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer and their supervisor. Feedback to be shared at the upcoming Policing Powers Governance meeting. Case was escalated for an internal review by the audit and assurance team.



Case 8:

Date	26/04/2026
Time	11:35
Location	Derby North
Subject	Female W1. White British 39 years old
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	Standard stop and search (SSS)
Stop Search type	Person only Search
Incident summary	Female seen stumbling in the road. When approached she had tiny pupils. she denied having drunk alcohol and did not smell of it either but was clearly under the influence. Admitted to being a drug user. ; Observations: Small pupils. ; Information/intelligence: Nothing known prior to search. ; Suspicion prior to search: Suspicion was that she was under the influence.
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	Yes – handcuffed to the rear.
PPN completed	Yes – safeguarding referral.



Panel Observations

An IM commented from viewing the BWV that they felt the officers did an excellent job in helping a person in need. The IM stated that they had no concern with the stop search.

An IM commented they felt from viewing the BWV the officer did a very good job and handled it well and helped develop the rapport.

An IM commented that in their opinion it was good of the officer to help the DP by offering a lift, and offering to phone someone.

An IM asked if it would have been more appropriate to seize the e-scooter given the condition of the DP. Police Constable JB explained that the officer could not have seized the e-scooter because they had not seen the DP ride the scooter; Police Constable JB explained that the officer had highlighted this on the BWV when advising the DP not to ride the e-scooter.

Police Constable JB explained that the officers had done a referral as an additional safeguard based on the information the DP was sharing with the officers at the time of the search.

Police Constable OB stated that he felt the grounds were very thin, and that the officers could have provided more of an explanation on the grounds.

Police Constable JB highlighted that if the officers had included more in the grounds about what they were seeing at the time of the stop search with the DP, and the information the DP was providing then the grounds may have been clearer.

An IM questioned whether discussing the e-scooter was relevant as part of the review of the stop search.



Panel Decision	Consensus from the panel that the officer carried out a good stop search. Feedback from the training team on providing more detail to explain the grounds for the use of policing powers. Feedback to the officer on the positive comments from the group about assisting a person in need. Good use of tactical comms.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer and their supervisor. Feedback to be shared at the upcoming Policing Powers Governance meeting.

Case 9:

Date	24/04/2026
Time	15:20
Location	Derby North
Subject	Male W1. White British 39 years old
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	Standard stop and search (SSS)
Stop Search type	Person/Vehicle Search
Incident summary	[Subject A] was sighted loitering in the jitty between [residential street] and [residential street] and stated to officers that he was looking for cigarette ends. Whilst [subject A] was in the jitty, there was a vehicle, registration YXXXXXX parked up



	with the passenger door wide open and [detained person (DP)] sat in the drivers seat. From speaking to DP, who was from ASHBOURNE, he couldn't give a plausible explanation as to why he was there and gave the impression he didn't know [subject A]. DP did not appear to be under the influence of drugs, nor was there a smell of drugs, however as I was detaining him under S23 I noticed there was a crack pipe on DP's knee. [Subject A] stated that the crack pipe was his and admitted to using cocaine, but not today. Due to the area they were sighted, neither of them from the area and the fact they couldn't give a reasonable explanation for being there, they were both searched, along with the vehicle. Nothing of note found on search. ; Observations: [subject A] was seen loitering in a jitty that is known for the supply of drugs and the vehicle was parked up at the bottom of the jitty. ; Information/intelligence: Male was seen parked up next to a jitty that is known for drug supply and couldn't give a plausible explanation as to why he was there. Male is also not from the area. ; Suspicion prior to search: Male was seen parked up next to a jitty that is known for drug supply and couldn't give a plausible explanation as to why he was there. Male is also not from the area.
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	Yes – handcuffed to the front.
PPN completed	No; not applicable.
Panel Observations	Police Constable JB explained that nothing is found on the DP, and the officer conducts a thorough search of the vehicle.



	An IM commented they felt that the officers handled the stop search well. The IM hoped that the experience may have gone some way to changing the perception and experience the DP had with the police. An IM explained from viewing the BWV that they could hear the officer explaining the search, but noted that the male officer conducted the search. The IM asked if this is accepted practice. Police Constable JB explained that there is not an issue on who conducts the search but noted that there has to be the clear explanation through GOWISELYER+ prior to conducting the stop search. An IM asked about the man who could be seen on the BWV sat on the street, and what his involvement was as it could be seen on the BWV to be interfering with the stop search. Police Constable JB explained that there was suspicion that the man had been in the back of the vehicle, and when questioned by the officers the two stories presented by each of the men did not match or add up. An IM asked if the man on the street was searched or whether the man should have been in the confines of the area. Police Constable OB stated if there are grounds for one there were grounds for two stop searches if the man had been in the vehicle. Police Constable JB highlighted that the pipe was seen on the driver's leg by the police officer, and there is a balance between whether the officers should have searched the individuals separately when considering officer safety. An IM highlighted that they felt there was a risk in allowing the man captured in the BWV to wander away down the street and
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	highlighted that this would have been an opportunity to dispose of any incriminating evidence. Police Constable JB highlighted that the officers could have had more control over the individual and should not have allowed him to keep wandering away.
Panel Decision	IMs overall felt the stop search reviewed was good. IMs felt that there were clear grounds recorded on the stop search form. BWV gave evidence of compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer and their supervisor. Feedback to be shared at the upcoming Policing Powers Governance meeting.

Due to time constraints the final case was not reviewed by the panel.

4. Further actions

Police Constable JB to shared feedback to be shared with officers and their supervisors.

HC to raise feedback from the panel meeting at the upcoming Policing Powers Governance meeting.

5. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 14th July 2026, 1pm – 3pm, in person.

