



**Derbyshire Constabulary Independent
Advisory Group**

Stop Search Scrutiny Meeting

Date: Tuesday 22nd September 2026

Attendance Police

Police Constable Tom Bartup – Police presenter (TB)

Police Constable Ollie Bates – Operational Trainer (OB)

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

Katie Gallacher – Community Engagement Officer - police staff observing (KG)

Police Constable RM - observing

Independent members

SP - independent member

KH - independent member

PD - independent member

AT - independent member

Apologies

TC - independent member

MY - independent member

PH - independent member

BC - independent member

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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. The cases viewed by the panel had been randomly selected by the chair from a list of stop searches which involved detained persons (DP) who identified as Black heritage. This theme was requested by the Policing Powers Lead at the last Policing Powers Tactical Board meeting.

HC provided the link to the published stop search statistics for the force: [Stop and search | Derbyshire Constabulary](#). Police Constable TB provided an overview of the circumstances around the lead up to the Stop Searches. Police Constable TB presented the cases and Body Worn Video (BWV) for each of the Stop Search incidents. Police Constable OB answered questions about training and taught practice.

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).

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.

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

CCTV - Closed-circuit television

DP - Detained person

FHQ – Force Headquarters

IAG – Independent Advisory Group

IM – Independent Member

JOG – Jacket Outer coat and Gloves

NTE – Nighttime Economy

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

PCSO – Police Community Support Officer

PPN – Public Protection Notice

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

SSS – Standard Stop Search

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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	08/07/2026
Time	15:48
Location	Derby East
Subject	Male Black African inc. Black British 16 years old
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	Standard Stop Search (SSS)
Stop Search type	Person only Search
Incident summary	Subject sighted, walking with who I suspected to be an adult. The location is known for drug dealing. ; Observations: Subject made two attempts to walk from police during the interaction, stating he was going to Asda, however was walking in the opposite direction. Appeared to be on edge and nervous with police being present, making attempts to evade. With who appeared to be an older male, who I never seen him with before. ; Information/intelligence: Information that the subject is involved with drug dealing and county lines, and also known to smoke cannabis himself.; Suspicion prior to search

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	: All of the above
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Action - No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	Yes, handcuffing to the front.
PPN completed	Yes
Panel Observations	An Independent Member (IM) asked if the suspicious prior to search as above was referring to the detained person (DP) being in the area which is known to police for drug dealing. Police Constable TB stated that based on the information on the form he interprets the suspicion as being based on the location, and because of the DPs behaviour. An IM asked if the DP was known to the police prior to the stop and search. Police Constable TB stated that based on the information provided in the stop search form it appears that the officer did know the DP prior to the stop and search. An IM asked if a person known to the police in a street known for drug dealing would be stopped and searched by the police regardless of the DPs ethnicity. Police Constable TB explained that he would not be able to comment on this because the officer must explain the grounds in their own stop search form. An IM commented that the location being known for drug dealing, in their opinion is not enough grounds for the stop search. Police Constable TB presented the Body Worn Video (BWV) for the panel to review. Police Constable TB explained nothing is found on the DP and the aftercare is that a PPN was completed and the child was returned to his parents.

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	An IM commented that they were not comfortable with the stop search that they had viewed on the BWV. The IM commented that the grounds explained in the video footage was that the DP was with a male not known to the police. The IM commented that the grounds were not clear as described on the BWV. The IM commented that it was their opinion that the grounds captured in the stop search form does not specifically link to the DP as explained in the stop search form. An IM commented that the DP is described in the form as nervous, and in their opinion, this does not align to the BWV the panel reviewed. An IM commented that they were not convinced by what they read as grounds on the stop search form and this was further confirmed following viewing the BWV. An IM commented that there was no consideration to the dignity of the DP. The stop search took place in front of a play area, in front of a family with young children who were forced to walk around the officers and DP to cross the road. Police Constable TB acknowledged the panels comments on the lack of detail on the grounds documented in the stop search. An IM commented that in their opinion the officers didn't appear to have a sufficient need to stop and search the DP. Police Constable OB explained that the justification did not back up the explanation on the grounds and linking this clearly to county lines. Police Constable OB also noted issues relating to the thoroughness of the physical search. An IM commented that this was not a very good stop and search and in their opinion the grounds were very sketchy.
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Panel Decision	Consensus from the panel that the stop search form does not clearly outline the grounds for the stop search. It was noted that details were lacking to provide sufficient grounds for the use of policing powers. BWV supports the lack of grounds for the stop search. Feedback from training in relation to the physical stop search, with learning required.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the Policing Powers Lead for Stop Search and the officer involved.

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Case 2:

Date	31/08/2026
Time	03:15
Location	Erewash
Subject	Male Black African inc. Black British 19 years old
PE Search Power:	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason:	Bladed article
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	Bar staff and others inside a club overhear multiple males making threats towards others stating they have knives. Bouncers inform officers outside that these threats have been heard and pointed the males out to the officers outside ; Observations: The male I searched had been identified and from the moment that officers made physical contact with him, his behaviour escalated and he was actively resisting officer's attempts to move him towards their vehicles, pushing them away with his handcuffs, requiring multiple officers to use restraint whilst he was searched ; Information/intelligence: Information provided was that the male had very recently made threats stating he was in possession of a knife, and therefore the information suggested a search was reasonable as to locate any bladed article to prevent any offences. ; Suspicion prior to search: I suspected that the male was possibly carrying a knife as it is

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	alleged he had threatened to use on members of the public on his person, and that it could be held in his waistband or other concealed areas of his clothing like trouser legs or inside his jacket.
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Action - No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	Yes – handcuffing to the front
PPN completed	N/A
Panel Observations	An IM commented in their opinion that there was more detail included on the form in relation to the grounds for the stop search. An IM commented that it was their opinion that the grounds were clear on the form. Police Constable TB presented the BWV for the panel to review. An IM commented that from viewing the BWV that the DP appeared to be putting on a facade. The IM commented that they felt from viewing the footage and reading the form that there were reasonable grounds to stop and search the individual. An IM commented from viewing the BWV that the other male and female who were present during the stop search were allowed by officers to be too close to the incident, including their proximity to officers. The IM raised a concern in relation to officer safety, had things kicked off. The IM commented that they felt it was a safety risk to the man and the woman being stood so close and being involved. The IM noted that items could have been passed to the individuals. Police Constable TB highlighted that on the BWV the three officers present could be seen dealing with the DP and noted that it was a busy evening during Nighttime

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	Economy (NTE). Police Constable TB explained that with the three officers taking control of the incident, that it would not have been possible for items to have been passed from the DP to the other individuals near the incident. Police Constable TB acknowledged the feedback and the IMs concern for officer safety. An IM commented that from viewing the BWV footage that the officer could be seen handcuffing the DP to the front, and noted it was their opinion that the officer may have had more control by handcuffing the DP to the rear. An IM commented from viewing the BWV that it was their opinion the officers handled the situation as best as they could and based on the information from the door staff. The IM noted the officers handcuffed the DP quickly, and noted that the officers were as safe as they could be during a busy NTE. An IM commented that they felt from viewing the BWV that the searching officer did a good job conducting the search, and felt it was all justified. An IM commented that in their opinion the female officer present did a good job managing and deescalating the situation. An IM commented from viewing the BWV that the officers were within the fighting arc of the DP and didn't allow for there to be distance during the stop search. The IM noted that this was a potential safety risk to the officers. Police Constable OB explained that due to the nature of the incident, and that there was a report of a bladed article officers needed to apply handcuffs sooner rather than later. Police Constable OB noted that officers could have moved the handcuffs to the rear at an appropriate point. Police Constable OB highlighted that from a training perspective there was a concern relating to the fighting arc, and that this
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	could have put the officers at risk of assault. Police Constable OB stated that based on the information provided, that there were the grounds for an arrest, and officers could have conducted a search under section 32 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (1984). An IM commented from viewing the BWV it was their opinion that the DP was provoking the officer throughout the incident, and they felt that the officers were very patient in handling the incident.
Panel Decision	Consensus from the panel that the stop search form outlined clear grounds for the use of policing powers. BWV gave evidence of compliance. IMs did suggest that using a rear handcuffing technique may have aided officers in gaining control of the DP, but acknowledged officers needed to apply handcuffs quickly based on the intel. Feedback from training in relation to officer safety and officer being stood within the DPs fighting arc.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer and their supervisor. Feedback to be shared with policing power leads, and at the next policing powers governance meeting.

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Case 3:

Date	30/08/2026
Time	03:05
Location	Erewash
Subject	Male Mixed White & Black Caribbean 20 years old
PE Search Power:	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason:	Bladed article
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	While on night time economy door staff of THE HARROW has approached officers and stated there were males inside the bar who had been making threats to stab. On their exit the door staff have identified the 3 subject males. Males were searched for a bladed article ; Observations: Door staff have told police males inside were making threats to stab ; Information/intelligence: No information prior to search ; Suspicion prior to search: Told by door staff males making threats to stab and subject identified by door staff
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Action - No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	Yes – handcuffing to the front
PPN completed	N/A

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Panel Observations	IMs commented that they were happy with the content of the form and that the grounds were covered. An IM felt that the stop search was handled well and the IM noted that the BWV audio captured the officer providing a clear explanation of the grounds to the DP. The IM also noted that GOWISELYER+ was carried out in full. An IM stated it was their opinion that the officers handled the bystanders present well and that there was clear considerations to officer safety and safety of others present. An IM commented that from viewing the BWV that they felt it was a well-handled incident. An IM commented that from viewing the BWV that they felt the officer conducted a good physical search. Police Constable OB stated from a training perspective that the officers demonstrated good subject management, and noted the DP became co-operative with the search following the firm clear tactical comms from the officer. An IM commented that in their opinion it was a very clear search, with the officer moving and searching both sides of the DP. An IM noted that the officers stood to the side of the DP outside of the fighting arc to conduct the stop search, and the assisting officer remained at the side. An IM commented that the second officer appeared to be looking around and focusing more on what had happened around the stop search. The IM commented that they thought the assisting officer was supposed to be focused on the stop search for both officer's safety. Police Constable TB explained that due to environment being a busy NTE that the officer may have been monitoring other
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	threats around. Police Constable TB noted that the BWV captured members of the public in the area. An IM noted that they felt officer stating they had to get through the explanation as part of the stop search was the turning point in the DP becoming compliant. An IM commented that the stop search was well done and the officers handled the situation well.
Panel Decision	Consensus from the panel that the form provided clear grounds for the stop search. BWV gave evidence of compliance. Positive feedback for the officer on a good stop search.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer involved and their supervisor. Feedback to be shared at the next policing powers governance meeting.

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Case 4:

Date	30/08/2026
Time	00:14
Location	Not Recorded
Subject	Male Black African inc. Black British 23 years old
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	Jacket, outer coat, or gloves (JOG)
Stop Search type	Person only Search
Incident summary	Reports received from town centre CCTV whilst on NTE [night time economy] patrols of two males smoking Cannabis. Descriptions passed for both males being black wearing a black jacket and grey jogging bottoms. NTE patrols are likely to have drug activity and the pub watch radio pass messages for officers to be proactive in their work. ; Observations: Message passed over Pub watch radio that two males were smoking Cannabis in the Church Yard. Descriptions passed and the two males were located. ; Information/intelligence: NTE patrols which includes positive action/news in relation to the use of drugs. ; Suspicion prior to search: Details passed regarding drug taking in the Church Yard specific to the use of Cannabis.
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Action - No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	No

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PPN completed	N/A
Panel Observations	An IM asked how the officers had got to the conclusion that the power to conduct the stop search was under possession with intent to supply (PWITS) based on the information on the form. Police Constable TB commented that officers may have suspected that the DP had been dealing drugs but stated that he couldn't confirm this information. Police Constable noted that the officer may have also recorded the stop search form under the wrong category and potentially it should have been possession. An IM asked how the CCTV operator could tell what the males were smoking from a CCTV control room? The IM pointed out that anything could have been in the roll up, and that it wouldn't necessarily have been an illegal substance. Police Constable TB explained that the CCTV operator or camera cannot differentiate or pick up on what is in the content of the roll up. An IM asked what is meant by 'NTE likely to have drugs activity'. Police Constable TB noted that often during NTE there are individuals either taking drugs recreationally, or it is a place which attracts drug dealing. An IM noted that it was their opinion that recreational drug taking is not justified grounds for a search for items with possession with intent to supply. An IM commented based on the information included in the stop search form that it was their opinion that there were not clear grounds for the stop search. An IM commented from reviewing the BWV that they felt the stop search was okay. An IM commented that it was the first time they had heard an officer ask a DP if they

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	wanted to provide their details but that they did not have to if they didn't want to. An IM commented that they still have concerns on the grounds for the stop search even after viewing the BWV. An IM noted that it was concerning that the officers prioritised the stop search when a woman could be heard screaming in the background of the BWV clip. An IM commented that they had concern the officers did not respond to a woman who could be heard screaming in the audio of the BWV and questioned whether the officers were stop and searching the correct pair of males. The IM noted that they felt the officers seemed to be searching for no reason. An IM commented that from viewing the BWV clip that they felt the stop search had been conducted well. An IM commented that it was their opinion from viewing the BWV that the officers had a human, polite and friendly approach. An IM commented the officers could have used handcuffs to conduct the stop search. Police Constable OB noted that the officer should have been wearing his earpiece. Moreover, Police Constable OB noted that the physical search was conducted well by the officer.
Panel Decision	There was a mixed consensus from the panel on whether there were sufficient grounds for the stop search explained in the use of force form. BWV gave compliance for some members for the grounds to the stop search. Positive feedback on the physical stop search.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be given to the officer involved. Feedback to be shared with the policing powers lead and presented at the next policing powers governance meeting. Case escalated to Force Improvement team for review.

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Case 5:

Date	29/08/2026
Time	19:08
Location	Not Recorded
Subject	Male Not stated 14 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	Jacket, outer coat, or gloves (JOG)
Stop Search type	Person only Search
Incident summary	Male sighted walking down the street appearing to cause damage to foam on scaffolding then pulling it to pieces and throwing it on the floor. Identified from a previous group of persons acting in an anti social manor. when spoken with eas evasive and dismissive detained for a S1 PACE search for articles linked to the criminal damage ; Observations: evasive behaviour confrontational ; Information/intelligence: none available ; Suspicion prior to search: sighted physically removing the foam.
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Action - No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	Yes – handcuffs to the rear

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PPN completed	No – escalated as part of review
Panel Observations	An IM commented that the stop search form in their opinion did not evidence clear grounds for the stop search. The IM noted that the didn't appear to be any items likely to be used in the criminal damage. Police Constable TB commented that the issue was in relation to criminal damage and that the officers could have arrested the DP and conducted a search if required under different powers. An IM commented that in their opinion that the stop search was a poor example of community policing. The IM commented that it was their opinion that there were no grounds, and there was a lack of professionalism from the police. An IM commented that it was their opinion that the police officers handled the incident well, and that there was no respect from the young people towards the police. The IM felt that the officers had patience. An IM commented that the officer could be seen on the BWV to hold the middle bar of the handcuffs, which they felt was not taught practice. Police Constable OB noted that the officers could have held the DP by the bicep to ensure the control of the DP, and that the officers shouldn't be holding the cuffs by the middle bar. Police Constable TB explained that the grounds changed throughout the stop search, initially articles to be used in theft, and then the areas were used as a hotspot for weapons. An IM commented that it was a poor example of community policing, and the officers were making grounds up as they went along, based over nothing. The IM noted that the officer calling the young

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	people feel doesn't improve trust and confidence in policing, particularly highlighting this within the black community. An IM commented that in their opinion the stop search was not good. The IM noted that the other young people present were filming the interaction and questioned how this would be interpreted by the wider community. An IM asked if the child who was stopped and searched was referred to support and safeguarding services. Police Constable TB noted that the officer did not complete a Public Protection Notice (PPN) and that this will be escalated as part of the review. Police Constable TB noted that this should have been completed, and the officer did not provide the appropriate aftercare to the child involved in the stop search.
Panel Decision	Mixed consensus from the panel in relation to the grounds provided in the stop search form. Majority of members felt that grounds identified were not sufficient. BWV gave evidence for majority of members that the grounds were not sufficient for the stop search. Review of the incident identified that the officer has not carried out appropriate safeguarding referral.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be provided to the officer and supervisor. Feedback to be shared with policing powers lead and escalated to force improvement team to review. Feedback to be presented at next policing powers governance meeting.

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Case 6:

Date	29/08/2026
Time	01:55
Location	North East & Bolsover
Subject	Male Not stated 14 years old
PE Search Power:	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason:	Bladed article
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	Police were called regarding an incident whereby it was alleged a group of males were seen on this road. there had been a report that these males were chasing a male up the street with a knife stopping outside the go local on [a residential road]. it is alleged they had something shiny in their hand, and this was being waved around, and there had been a potential robbery of a victim with this knife. they have then began to walk towards [local village]. This information has been passed over police airwaves, to which police have driven past the incident location. 4 males have been seen in close proximity to the incident location . these 4 males have matched the description given by the informant. the males have ran across the field upon seeing police to which police have found them walking down the road. These males matched the description and the number of males given by the informant. ; Observations: The males have ran off from police upon police driving past. These males have been out at an unusual time in the

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	evening without any carers. ; Information/intelligence: information was passed via police airwaves of the males descriptions. This being one male wearing black shorts and a black coat. one wearing a black coat and black joggers. These males were tracked by the informant which was passed over police airwaves. These males were found in close proximity to the last location given. ; Suspicion prior to search: There were 4 males which matched the description given by the informant. these males matched the clothing description given by the informant of black joggers and a coat. These males have ran off upon seeing the police car. The males being out walking in the middle of the night forms this suspicion.
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Action - No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	No
PPN completed	Yes
Panel Observations	An IM commented that they felt the form was okay because it was based on what someone else has reported into the police. An IM commented that they felt the form was good and provided clear grounds. Police Constable TB explained to the panel that he was moving the clip forward because the officers who initially stopped the individuals were waiting for more officers to arrive to support with the searches. An IM noted that the camera which captured the stop search was at a different angle. Police OB explained that from a training perspective that the officers had good subject management, and that the officers explained the stop search to the individuals stopped. Police Constable OB noted he has no concerns from a training point of view.

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	Police Constable TB explained where possible officers try and conduct stop searches with an officer of the same sex, which is why a male officer was conducting the stop search. An IM commented that from viewing the BWV in their opinion that the stop search seemed appropriate from the information provided in the stop search form. An IM commented that the second individual seen in the BVW did not match the description captured in the stop search form.
Panel Decision	Consensus from IMs that the form provided grounds for the stop search. BWV gave evidence of compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer involved and their supervisor. Feedback to be presented at the next policing powers governance meeting.

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Case 7:

Date	25/08/2026
Time	18:30
Location	Derby South
Subject	Male Any other mixed background 36 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 dumped in the middle of the road outside known drug users house, car contained drug users, tin foil and brilo pads seen inside the car, crack pipe located near to car. ; Observations: all occupants of car seemed nervous ; Information/intelligence: known drug users. ; Suspicion prior to search: car dumped outside drug users address.
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Action - No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	Yes, front handcuffing
PPN completed	N/A
Panel Observations	An IM commented that from viewing the BWV it appeared the officer has seen the DP in the vehicle, and then exit the vehicle and shortly afterwards spoke to the DP in the park. The IM noted that the officer stopped

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	the DP outside the address and stated that it was linked to drugs supply, and then conducted the stop search. The IM commented that the officer had made the decision to stop the DP outside of the house, and question whether this would have been relevant information for the stop search. Police Constable TB explained that the car the officers were concerned with was registered under a wanted person, who the police arrested. Police Constable TB explained that the DP had been seen in the vehicle, and exiting the vehicle. Police Constable TB explained that the grounds for the search as captured on the form were because the DP had been seen exiting a vehicle which contained items which could be seen through the vehicle's windows. Police Constable OB noted from a training perspective that the officer conducted a good quality search, and the form was completed well. An IM commented that the BWV is a good evidence tool, because the DP could be heard on the BWV to suggest that the officer had planted the wrap on him, when it could be seen on the video clip to fall out of the DPs coat.
Panel Decision	Consensus from the panel that the form identified grounds for the use of policing powers. BWV gave evidence of compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer involved and their supervisor. Feedback to be presented at the next policing powers governance meeting.

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Case 8:

Date	24/08/2026
Time	17:03
Location	Derby West
Subject	Male Mixed White & Asian 13 years old
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	Standard stop and search (SSS)
Stop Search type	Person only Search
Incident summary	Male had been seen with another male in a hotspot location known for drug dealing. Male fled from police when attempted to be stoped. Male stop searched following who he was with, hotspot drug location and fleeing from police. ; Observations: Both males were sighted together before making off from police. ; Information/intelligence: Recent intelligence around drug dealing and potential exploitation. ; Suspicion prior to search: Male had fled from Police prior to being stopped.
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Action - No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	No
PPN completed	Yes [following officer check]
Panel Observations	An IM asked if the DP was known to officers prior to the stop search. The IM commented

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	from viewing the BWV it was their opinion that the officers did not appear to know the DP. An IM noted that the officer had used the phrase 'hotspot drug's location' and noted that in their opinion more information could have been included on the stop search form to help clearly evidence the grounds for the stop search. An IM commented from viewing the BWV that this case is a good example of how a stop search should be conducted on a young person. The IM asked if the officers had completed the appropriate safeguarding referrals for the young person. Police Constable TB confirmed that the child was taken back to the care home and would check to ensure the safeguarding referral had been completed. An IM commented from viewing the BWV that there was recent intelligence and noted that the Sergeant had mentioned taking the DP back to the care home. The IM noted that they felt the grounds were captured in the audio of the BWV, and that the grounds on the stop search form were not detailed enough in their opinion to justify the stop search on their own. Police Constable OB noted that stop search form was lacking details to evidence the grounds for the stop search. Police Constable OB noted that it was a good quality stop and search and that the DP was compliant. An IM commented that the stop search in their opinion was good and noted that it was a compliant search which made it easier for all involved.
Panel Decision	Feedback from the panel that the stop search form required more detail to clearly evidence the grounds for the stop search.

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	IMs noted that the explanation to clearly explain the grounds for the stop search was captured in the audio of the GOWISELYER+ but this was not reflected in the stop search form. BWV gave evidence of compliance for the grounds.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer involved and their supervisor. Feedback to be presented at the next policing powers governance meeting.

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Case 9:

Date	24/08/2026
Time	16:55
Location	Derby North
Subject	Male Mixed White and Black Caribbean 13 years old
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	Jacket, outer coat, or gloves (JOG)
Stop Search type	Person only Search
Incident summary	Male has been sighted by officers on an e-scooter in a hotspot location known for drug dealing. Male has made off on an e-scooter and avoided police for almost an hour. Male stop searched following recent intelligence from missing episode in which he had been involved in drug dealing. ; Observations: Male had continuously avoided police. ; Information/intelligence: Recent intel for dealing drugs following a missing episode yesterday. ; Suspicion prior to search: Male had ran from police, after avoiding police for almost 1 hour.
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Action - No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	Yes – handcuffs to the front.

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PPN completed	Yes
Panel Observations	An IM asked what is meant by a missing episode. Police Constable TB explained that it is when someone has been reported as missing to the police. Police Constable TB explained that when the missing persons investigation is conducted a lot of information comes from partner agencies. Police Constable OB stated that from a training perspective it was a poor stop search form. An IM commented that there were concerns relating to the stop search, in that the DP was vulnerable due to the link to county lines. The IM commented that on the BWV that the DP could be seen looking around. Moreover, the IM noted that the aftercare, in their opinion needs to be thorough based on the demeanour of the DP and that this highlighted their vulnerability. An IM commented that the BVW captured the officer failing to complete GOWISELYER+ adequately, the IM noted that this is likely to have been down to the adrenaline. An IM noted that on the BWV the officer could be seen to hold the middle bar of the handcuffs. Police Constable TB noted that the DP was taken home following the stop search, and all the safeguarding referrals were completed. Police Constable OB noted that there was no justification for the female officer to conduct the search as there was a male officer present. Police Constable OB noted that officers should have slowed down their response. This would have meant that the male officer could have conducted the search, and to ensure that the grounds could

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	have been clearly explained to the DP. Police Constable TB noted that the explanation for the search was not initially clear, and when the male officer asked the DP if he knew why he was being searched, when the DP responded no, neither of the officer's present provided a further explanation.
Panel Decision	Consensus from the panel that the stop search form required more information to clearly explain the grounds. BWV gave some evidence of compliance; however, it was noted that the officer did not conduct a full GOWISELYER+ and the female officer conducted the stop search when there was a male officer present.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer involved and their supervisor. Feedback to be presented at the next policing powers governance meeting.

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Case 10:

Date	23/08/2026
Time	17:53
Location	Derby North
Subject	Male Any other Black Background 29 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	PCSO's [Police Community Support Officers] have been informed by a member of the public that there were a group of youths stood smoking drugs outside a property. The PCSOs have attended the location and located the youths and there was also a strong smell of cannabis present. The youths have admitted having a spliff with them, it was lit and they were passing it around. The person involved in this stop search did inform officers prior to search that he had approached the group asking for some papers and that he did not know them. ; Observations: Strong smell of cannabis. A spliff was lit and being passed around the group of youths. Youth admitted having cannabis on them. ; Information/intelligence: No intelligence known prior to stop and search. ; Suspicion prior to search: Information and observations reported to us from the PCSOs. Strong smell of cannabis.
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Action - No further action

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Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	No
PPN completed	N/A
Panel Observations	An IM commented that it was their opinion that the stop search form was detailed, with a clear summary and explanation for the stop search. An IM commented that it was their opinion that the stop search form was fine. An IM commented noted that the officer on the BWV mentioned the DP would be entitled to a copy of the form but didn't state how long the DP had to get a copy of the form. An IM commented it was their opinion from viewing the BWV that the officer had a nice demeanour and noted the officer checked with the DP that he was okay and provided verbal consent for a female officer to search him. The IMs noted the BWV captured the nervous giggles from the officer and questioned whether the officer was new in service. Police Constable OB noted the BWV captured the officer mentioning to the DP 'you know the drill' which could have been considered or interpreted as presumptuous that the DP has been stopped and searched before. Police Constable TB highlighted that the comment could have been based on the DP having seen the other stop searches being carried out prior to being searched.
Panel Decision	Consensus from the panel that the stop search form clearly evidenced the grounds to the use of policing powers. BWV gave evidence of compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer involved and their supervisor. Feedback to

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	be presented at the next policing powers governance meeting.
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4. Further actions

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

HC to raise feedback from the panel meeting with Policing Powers Lead and Force Improvement team where appropriate for further review.

5. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 18th November 2026, 1pm – 3pm, in person.

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