



**Derbyshire Constabulary Independent
Advisory Group**

Stop Search Scrutiny Meeting

Date: Friday 28th August 2026

Attendance Police

Police Constable Ade Miller – Police presenter (AM)

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

Representative from His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (AS)

Independent members

SP - independent member

TC - independent member

RW-B - independent member

DD - independent member

CB - independent member

BC - independent member

Apologies

MY - independent member

PH - 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, except for one case that took place at the Caribbean Carnival in July 2026.

The force is currently undergoing a His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) Police Effectiveness, Efficiency and Legitimacy (PEEL) inspection and a representative from HMICFRS attended the meeting to observe. The representative explained this to the panel. More information about PEEL inspections can be found on the HMICFRS website: [What is PEEL? - His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services](#)

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

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

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

MOP – Member of public

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

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PPN – Public Protection Notice

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	19/07/2026
Time	14:57
Location	Derby East
Subject	Male 41 years old Black
PE Search Power:	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason:	Bladed article
PE Search Outcome:	Yes - object other than that searched for
PE Search Clothing Removed	Standard stop and search (SSS)
Stop Search type	Person only Search
Incident summary	3 males sighted, one of which looked that they were concealing some type of weapon in their trousers. Purpose of the the search was to find any weapons/blades. ; Observations: Subject identified by other police officers present, stating he was with the 2 other subjects that had now walked off. ; Information/intelligence: Information passed that 3 males were sighted, one of which appeared to be concealing an item, described and believed to be a knife hidden

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	in his trousers. ; Suspicion prior to search: Subject was wearing a face mask and sunglasses with his hood up, concealing his identity.
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Action - No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	No
PPN completed	No PPN for child required
Panel Observations	Police Constable AM explained that this case took place at the Derby Caribbean Carnival which is a large community event that takes place in Derby every year. An IM commented that any suspicion of an individual carrying a bladed article in public is a justified reason for a use of stop search policing powers. An IM commented from reviewing the grounds that in their opinion that the stop search was justified. After watching the BWV an IM asked if the DP was suspected of having a bladed article why was the DP not immediately handcuffed. Police Constable AM explained that it is the officer's discretion for the use of force that they use but acknowledge that suspicion of a DP carrying a bladed article would be a proportionate use of handcuffs. An IM commented that it was their opinion the officers had tried to take the DP out of view from the main crowd and did not have any issues with the stop search. An IM commented that as a minor point, the officers had asked the DP their name during the stop search and felt that it may have been nicer for the officers to have asked this at the start of the conversation.

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	IMs commented that from viewing the stop search that in their opinion the stop search was fine. An IM asked about the DP's appearance and that from viewing the BWV that in their opinion they were clearly concealing their identity. Police Constable AM explained that the clothing the DP was wearing as well as the tools they were carrying may have added to the officer's suspicion around the DP's behaviour and the linked information. An IM commented that from viewing the BWV the officers may have sounded as though they were shouting, however, having attended a carnival it is a very loud event. An IM noted that the officer did not mention that the officer that the DP can request a copy of the stop search record. Police Constable AM explained that this was explained to the DP later on during the police interaction.
Panel Decision	Consensus from the panel that from reviewing the stop search form that the grounds justify the use of stop search policing powers. BWV gave evidence of compliance. Consensus from IMs that the officers conducted a good stop search with a few members raising a concern with the officer's decision not to use handcuffs when searching for a bladed article.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer and their supervisor. Feedback to be shared with Policing Power leads; including concern relating to officer searching for bladed article and choosing not to use handcuffs.

Case 2:

Date	31/07/2026
Time	16:34
Location	Derby North
Subject	Male Not stated 19 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	male found in the river gardens sat next to a grinder filled with what was suspected to be cannabis ; Observations: male sitting near grinder full of cannabis ; Information/intelligence: river gardens is a high cannabis use are ; Suspicion prior to search: male sitting next to what was clearly drugs
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Resolution - Community
Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	No
PPN completed	No PPN for child required
Panel Observations	From viewing the stop search form, IMs commented that the grounds were all fine and no concerns were raised. An IM commented from viewing the BWV

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	that the officers were very friendly but remained polite and professional and the DP was very compliant. The IM commented from viewing the BWV that GOWISELY was completed in full. An IM commented that in their opinion from viewing the BWV that it was a very good stop search. An IM asked how much cannabis is accepted for personal use. Police Constable AM explained that it depends on the circumstances, rather than there being a particular visible amount or weight. If the DP is found with other items, that could indicate they are involved in the supply then this alongside previous offences may change the outcome. An IM commented that the officer's conduct was appropriate for the situation viewed on the BWV. An IM commented from viewing the BWV that in their opinion the stop search was well conducted and noted in their opinion the quantity of drugs found on the DP was high. An IM commented they felt that the stop search viewed on the BWV was all ok and overall a good interaction.
Panel Decision	Consensus from the panel that from reviewing the stop search form that the grounds justify the use of stop search policing powers. BWV gave evidence of compliance. IMs were happy the grounds were captured and a good stop search was seen to be conducted on the BWV. IMs noted the friendly interaction between the DP and officer.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer and their supervisor. Feedback to be shared with Policing Power leads.

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Case 3:

Date	31/07/2026
Time	01:00
Location	Erewash
Subject	Male White 39 years old
PE Search Power:	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason:	Offensive weapons (blades, sharp points)
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	Report made to police in relation to a subject armed with a hammer, Male not on scene and no desc of hammer made out, 3 males locsted laying low in a vehicle nearby. Due to proximity and no full details of persons involved all 3 subjects and vehicle within proximity. ; Observations: 3 males located within metres of the incident location. ; Information/intelligence: Weapons mentioned on incident ; Suspicion prior to search: Report made to police that a male was armed with a hammer trying to break into a property
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Action - No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	No
PPN completed	No PPN for child required

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Panel Observations	Following the review of the stop search form IMs noted no issues with the form. IMs commented that the stop search form was ok. Police Constable AM explained that the encounter with police involves more than one person in the vehicle, but the stop search focuses on the driver of the vehicle. Police Constable AM explained that there are other occupants of the car searched, and that there was a search of the car. The officer momentarily allowed the DP to sit back in the car due to health issues. An IM commented from viewing the BWV that the officer did not wear gloves when they were conducting a search. Police Constable AM responded that the usual practice is that an officer would wear gloves, for hygiene as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Police Constable AM noted that this is officer discretion. Police Constable AM explained that another reason an officer should wear gloves is that if something may be taken into the officer's possession as evidence there could be an issue with who has handled the items when forensically examined. An IM commented from viewing the BWV that the driver didn't appear to be there and the IM was surprised the officer did not breathalyse the DP. Police Constable AM stated he couldn't comment on whether a roadside test was carried out, and that this feedback had been noted.
Panel Decision	Consensus from the panel that from reviewing the stop search form that the grounds justify the use of stop search policing powers. BWV gave evidence of compliance. Consensus that IMs were happy with the grounds and stop search carried out.

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	Feedback from IM regarding physical state of the driver and concern raised for officer and subject safety on conducting a search with no gloves.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer and their supervisor. Feedback to be shared with Policing Power leads; including concern raised about officer searching without wearing gloves.

Case 4:

Date	29/07/2026
Time	18:32
Location	Derby North
Subject	Male White 22 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	Male located on [named street], DERBY smelling strongly of Cannabis. This male, identified as [detained person] was smoking a large rolled up cigarette with green matter inside. This rolled up cigarette was suspected to be a joint/spliff. The male was subsequently detained under section 23 of MDA [Misuse of Drugs Act] 1971 as it was suspected the male would be in possession of illicit substances.

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	; Observations: Please see above. ; Information/intelligence: Please see above. ; Suspicion prior to search: I suspected the male would be in possession of a Class B substance.
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Resolution - Community
Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	Yes – front handcuffing
PPN completed	No PPN for child required
Panel Observations	An IM commented that from reviewing the stop search form that it was ok in their opinion. An IM commented from viewing the BWV that the stop search was conducted in an appropriate manner. An IM commented that there was a bit of an altercation with the first officer, with the DP being defensive and additional officers initially may not have assisted with the deescalation. An IM commented that officer put the DPs mobile phone down face to the floor; and that this could have damaged the phone. An IM commented that the officers handled the stop search well and assisted in the deescalation.
Panel Decision	Consensus from the panel that from reviewing the stop search form that the grounds justify the use of stop search policing powers. BWV gave evidence of compliance. Overall consensus that a good stop search was conducted. IMs noted that the communication between the officer and DP helped to deescalate the incident.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer and their supervisor.

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	Feedback to be shared with Policing Power leads.
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Case 5:

Date	28/07/2026
Time	01:26
Location	Derby North
Subject	Male White 16 years old
PE Search Power:	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason:	Going equipped
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	Incident reported on [residential street] that 5 males have been seen trying to break into houses and have been garden hopping with one male wearing a blue shirt and bowl hair cut heading past seven stars public house. [detained person] was found in the immediate area and was detained under S1 search. He matched the description and was outside of the severn stars public house. Male also had grass and cuts on him. ; Observations: incident reported on [residential street] that 5 males have been seen trying to break into houses and have been garden hopping with one male wearing a blue shirt and bowl hair cut heading past seven stars public house. [detained person] was found in the immediate area and was detained under S1 search. He matched the description and was outside of the severn stars public house. Male also had grass and cuts on him.

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	; Information/intelligence: As above and below ; Suspicion prior to search: ncident reported on [residential street] that 5 males have been seen trying to break into houses and have been garden hopping with one male wearing a blue shirt and bowl hair cut heading past seven stars public house. [Detained Person] was found in the immediate area and was detained under S1 search. He matched the description and was outside of the severn stars public house. Male also had grass and cuts on him.
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Action - No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	Yes
PPN completed	Yes and child was taken home
Panel Observations	An IM commented from reviewing the stop search form that the grounds outlined justify the stop search. Police Constable AM explained that there is a period of time where the DP is detained in a police vehicle whilst the incident progresses. An IM commented that they felt from the clip the panel reviewed that they couldn't really provide a comment on the stop search as the IM felt they did not have enough context about the incident leading up to the stop search, and the handcuffs being applied. Police Constable AM explained that due to the time constraints and the number of cases to review, it is not possible to play the full BWV clips for all the incidents. Police Constable AM explained that for the cases the panel were viewing at the meeting he had prepared the footage to show the sections in which the stop searches too place

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	because the focus of the meeting is on reviewing the stop searches. Police Constable AM explained he could not present the clip prior to the search being conducted and the handcuffs being applied. Police Constable AM explained to the panel that the interaction between the DP and the officers goes on for 24 minutes. An IM commented that from viewing the physical search that in their opinion it was conducted well. An IM commented that in their opinion the stop search was conducted well.
Panel Decision	Consensus from the panel that from reviewing the stop search form that the grounds justify the use of stop search policing powers. BWV gave evidence of compliance. Overall, the IMs felt that the stop search was conducted well.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer and their supervisor. Feedback to be shared with Policing Power leads.

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Case 6:

Date	31/07/2026
Time	23:52
Location	Chesterfield
Subject	Male White 20 years old
PE Search Power:	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason:	Bladed article
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	officera have been called by a MOP [member of public] stating that multiple males were within his flat in balaclavas with multicoloured knives. One of these males have been reported had ginger hair. Once the MOP address had been checked as negative the MOP stated that the persons had moved to a different address. the ocupants of this new address refused to answer the door. a ginger male matching the previous description has then walked up the communal stairs to this address claiming he was looking to go into the address. ; Observations: was shocked to see officers and appeared nervous when seeing officers. ocupants of address refused to answer the door with the ocupants of this address hiding that other males were in the address that could be heard. ; Information/intelligence: information passed my MOP that a person matching the subject had a multi coloured knife on his person. recent issues in the area for organised crime and knife crime.

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	; Suspicion prior to search: I suspected that the subject was in possession of a knife or other weapons.
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Arrest
Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	Yes, rear handcuffing
PPN completed	No PPN for child required
Panel Observations	Consensus from the panel that the grounds outlined in the stop search form justify the stop search. An IM commented that from viewing the BWV that it was their opinion the stop search was conducted in an appropriate manner. An IM commented that from viewing the BWV in their opinion it was disjointed. An IM asked if a bladed article was found. Police Constable AM explained that a blade was found on the DP and that the search was conducted to ensure that there were no further items on the DP and that the DP was safely detained. An IM commented that they were pleased to see the DP handcuffed so soon based on the intel linking the DP to a weapon. An IM commented that the rapport wasn't built but noted that they couldn't under the circumstances. An IM asked about searching a DP on the floor and the process around this. Police Constable AM explained that the officers made the decision to take the DP to the floor due to the concern for the safety of the person and the safety of the officers. The officers made the decision to searching the DP on the floor, before moving him to a

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	seated position. An IM noted from viewing the BWV that in their opinion it was unusual for the DP to walk up to the police officers when he was in possession of a weapon and questioned whether this was a decoy. Police Constable AM explained that there were other officers in the area in response to the incident and wider intel. An IM commented that the information in the form read as though there was an issue relating to cuckooing. Police Constable AM commented that the clip shown is with the focus on policing powers but noted that there could be safeguarding issues that the officers will have considered as part of the wider context of the case. An IM commented that from viewing the BWV that considering all factors involved it was carried out well.
Panel Decision	Consensus from the panel that from reviewing the stop search form that the grounds justify the use of stop search policing powers. BWV gave evidence of compliance. Overall consensus that the officers carried out a good stop search. Positive feedback in relation to the proactive approach of applying handcuffs due to the intel about the bladed article.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer and their supervisor. Feedback to be shared with Policing Power leads.

Case 7:

Date	31/07/2026
Time	03:20
Location	Chesterfield
Subject	Male White 29 years old
PE Search Power:	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason:	Evidence of offences under the Act
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	Officers responded to a report of a male using counterfeit currency to make payment in a bar in CHESTERFIELD TOWN CENTRE. Upon attendance they were made aware by door staff that the male had left the scene. Officers were shown a photograph of an IC1 male [identity code based on officer's visual assessment] wearing a blue t shirt and backwards cap. [Officer A] conducted an area search and located a male matching the description a short distance away. The male was told that he was being detained for a search under S.1 of PACE and made off, being detained after around THIRTY SECONDS. A quantity of counterfeit cash and suspected class A drugs were found. ; Observations: The male made off from police when detained for a search ; Information/intelligence: The male matched the description shown by staff at the scene of the crime ; Suspicion prior to search: The male matched the description and was identical to the male in the photograph. He also made off from

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	police, adding to the suspicion.
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Arrest
Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	Yes, rear handcuffing
PPN completed	No PPN for child required
Panel Observations	An IM commented from reviewing the stop search form that it was their opinion that it was extremely good written grounds with a clear justification. Consensus from the panel that the grounds in the stop search form justify the stop search. An IM commented from viewing the BWV that in their opinion that was a good effort by the officer running with all his kit. An IM commented that it was difficult to comment because of all the commotion that not all of the stop search could be seen on the BWV, as well as the search being conducted on the floor. An IM commented that from viewing the BWV that the officer did an excellent job and that from what they viewed they were happy with the officer's response. An IM commented that from viewing the BWV that the DP being in the road was a bit of a risk, however, noted that in their opinion the stop search was ok. An IM noted that it is challenging for officers to spout all the legislation and required information whilst detaining an individual following a chase. And in their opinion the officer did a good job. Police Constable AM explained that officers have to caution individuals if they are arresting them.

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Panel Decision	Consensus from the panel that from reviewing the stop search form that the grounds justify the use of stop search policing powers. BVW gave evidence of compliance. Overall, the IMs felt the officer did a good job in conducting the stop search following the chase. Potential safety concern raised about the DP being stopped and searched in the middle of a road whilst on the floor.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer and their supervisor. Feedback to be shared with Policing Power leads.

Case 8:

Date	29/07/2026
Time	16:45
Location	Chesterfield
Subject	Male Black 18 years old
PE Search Power:	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason:	Stolen article(s)
PE Search Outcome:	Yes - the object(s) searched for
PE Search Clothing Removed	Jacket, outer coat, or gloves (JOG)
Stop Search type	Person only Search

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Incident summary	Low pavements cctv shout over the radio that two black males are seen on a bench in Chesterfield Town Centre cutting foil into squares. CCTV operator thought the behaviour was potentially linked to drug dealing and continued to observe them on camera. The two males entered JD sports and whilst in store, put various items into their rucksacks to steal. JD staff reported on shop watch that they had stolen and CCTV followed them. [Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) A] gave chase but the males got away. A member of public reported to PCSO A that they had overheard them wanting to go to the train station. I went to the train station and waited for the males to arrive. They were picked up again at the entrance of the train station however continued to walk back towards the town centre. The two males were stopped by council enforcement officers and when I caught them up, I detained them both under S1 PACE for stolen goods. Both were searched and both were found with stolen items from JD in their back packs. The tags had been wrapped in tin foil. ; Observations: as above ; Information/intelligence: as above ; Suspicion prior to search: as above
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Voluntary attendance
Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	No
PPN completed	No PPN for child required
Panel Observations	An IM commented that from reviewing the grounds that they are ok. An IM noted that it was a little confusing as to why the search was not conducted at the train station but acknowledged that this may

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	be clearer when viewing the BWV. Police Constable AM explained that the stop search form could have been clearer, and he interpreted the information on the form to mean that some of the movements are being monitored by a CCTV operator. An IM commented that the grounds were clear and detailed in the form and questioned whether the prompts were required in the stop search form. Police Constable AM explained that the prompts were introduced to ensure that officers are capturing all the details relating to a stop search to evidence clear grounds. Police Constable AM noted that some officers use the prompts whereas others feel they do not need them. Police Constable AM explained that the subject relating to the case that was being reviewed is the subject with the hooded top and hat in the presented BWV. IM commented from viewing the BWV that the officer should not have handed the second officer the phone and backpack and that the officer could have put it on the floor in case the incident escalated. Police Constable AM explained that the phone was passed to a community protection officer not a police officer, but acknowledged and noted the feedback. An IM commented that the officer just checked one part of foil from the backpack and didn't check the second foil and highlighted that the DP could have concealed items in the foil. Police Constable AM explained that the search of the foil was for it being used to wrap around security tags, rather than hiding small items, but acknowledge the officer could have searched both bits of foil.
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	An IM questioned why the officers didn't search under the DP's hat. Police Constable AM explained that officers cannot remove a hat during a search in a public place and that officer must follow the acronym JOG; jacket, outer coat and gloves; which are the only items of clothing that can be removed and searched during a stop search in a public setting. An IM commented that from viewing the BWV it was their opinion that the interaction between the officer and DP was good, including the communication.
Panel Decision	Consensus from the panel that from reviewing the stop search form that the grounds justify the use of stop search policing powers. BWV gave evidence of compliance. Overall, the stop search conducted was good. Good feedback from an IM in relation to the communication between the officer and the DP.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer and their supervisor. Feedback to be shared with Policing Power leads.

Case 9:

Date	29/07/2026
Time	15:00
Location	Chesterfield
Subject	Male White 18 years old
PE Search Power:	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (PWITS))

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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	Police were called by a child reporting that her friend was having a medical episode after smoking cannabis. It was reported that a the child had asked a named male adult if she could try some of his joint. After trying the cannabis, she had a medical episode. Named male remained at the scene and was identified to officers. The male explained the same account. He was detained for a search for any further cannabis under S23 misuse of drugs act. ; Observations: As above ; Information/intelligence: As above ; Suspicion prior to search: As above
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Action - No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	No
PPN completed	No PPN for child required
Panel Observations	Consensus from the panel that the grounds recorded justify the stop search. An IM commented from viewing the BWV the officer conducted the stop search appropriately. An IM asked about the safeguarding processes relating to the child who ingested the drugs. Police Constable AM explained he wasn't able to provide information relating to this specific case but officers would follow safeguarding procedures.

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	HC explained that as part of the scrutiny; supervisors review stop searches, and that there has been an additional check to ensure that Public Protection Notices (PPNs) have been completed, particularly in relation to incidents that involve children in ensuring relevant agencies are involved. An IM commented from viewing the BWV that the stop search was appropriate and fine in their opinion. An IM commented that they felt from viewing the BWV that the stop search was fine.
Panel Decision	Consensus from the panel that from reviewing the stop search form that the grounds justify the use of stop search policing powers. BWV gave evidence of compliance. Overall IMs felt that the stop search was appropriate.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer and their supervisor. Feedback to be shared with Policing Power leads.

Case 10:

Date	29/07/2026
Time	10:30
Location	Chesterfield
Subject	Male White 44 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

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PE Search Clothing Removed	Jacket, outer coat, or gloves (JOG)
Stop Search type	Person only Search
Incident summary	Reports of male injecting drugs On Dock walk, Chesterfield. male located with drug paraphernalia and had information relating to him in regard to drugs. ; Observations: Males observed laying on grass surrounded by drug paraphernalia, reported by members of the public to be using drugs in the area. ; Information/intelligence: Information relating to the male linked to the supply of controlled drugs. ; Suspicion prior to search: suspected male had drugs in possession that he was intending to use or distribute.
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Action - No further action
Body Worn Video	Yes
Use of force used	No
PPN completed	No PPN for child required
Panel Observations	An IM commented that the stop search form was completed well. An IM commented that the grounds and form were all fine. Consensus from the panel that the grounds are explained and justify the stop search. Police Constable AM explained that he would show two BWV clips to the panel from two different officers because of the number of individuals involved in the incident. Police Constable AM explained that the DP the stop search related to is wearing a hat in the BWV. Police Constable AM explained that the officer searches the DP's bag and doesn't find anything.

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	An IM asked if a DP has a needle on their possession, would it be more appropriate to ask the DP to take the needle out rather than the officer searching to find it. Police Constable AM explained that if an officer asks for the DP to remove the needle that this then allows the DP to have some control over the incident. And that if there is a change in demeanour of the DP there is the potential that they may use this as a weapon. Police Constable AM explained that there are risks associated with both approaches and that there is not a wrong or right approach and that the officer will assess the risk. An IM commented that the BWV captured the officer finding a lighter on the DP and then the officer put this back in the DP's pocket. The IM stated they felt the officer should have put the lighter on the floor until the stop search had been concluded as it caused some confusion later on during the search, and the lighter also had the potential to be used to cause harm. An IM noted that they felt the officer made a prejudice comment when asking the DP if he was known to the police and then responding, 'you probably are'. The IM highlighted that the comment leads into the perceptions and biases and that being a known drug user is not grounds for a stop search. Moreover, the IM state that BWV did not capture the full GOWISELYR+. An IM commented from viewing the BWV that it was their opinion the officer carried out a thorough search and did this carefully in view of the needles risk. An IM commented that they felt it was a well dealt with stop search. An IM asked if there are grounds for officers to carry metal detectors to assist officers to conduct stop searches. Police Constable AM explained that when detainees are taken to custody that there is
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	a metal detector used for a full search in a custody setting. However, officers do not currently carry metal detectors to use whilst on response or in the community.
Panel Decision	Consensus from the panel that from reviewing the stop search form that the grounds justify the use of stop search policing powers. BWV gave evidence of compliance. Mixed feedback from IMs with some commenting that it was a good stop search. Feedback from a member relating to the prejudice comment about the drug user probably being known to police and that the officer did not carry out the full GOWISELYR+.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback to be shared with the officer and their supervisor. Feedback to be shared with Policing Power leads and case escalated to Force Improvement team for review.

4. Further actions

Police Constable AM to shared feedback to be shared with officers and their supervisors (actioned 29/08/2026).

HC to raise feedback from the panel meeting with Policing Powers Lead and Force Improvement team where appropriate for further review (actioned 01/09/2026).

5. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 22th September 2026, 6pm – 8pm, MS Teams.

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