



Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner
Minutes of the Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel
Tuesday, 11 December 2019 at 10.00 am



Adam Harrold - AH	Director of Operations, OPCC (Chair)
Ade Bamgboye – AB	Independent Panel Member
Michael Cummings – MC	Independent Panel Member
Susan Gittins – SG	Independent Panel Member
Claire Seymour – CS	Independent Panel Member
Nathalie Sherring – NS	Independent Panel Member
Andy Taylor – AT	Independent Panel Member
Tom Smith – TS	Scrutiny Manager, Dorset OPCC
Conrad Astley – CA	Comms & Engagement Officer, OPCC
Pete Browning – PB	Chief Inspector, Stop & Search Tactical Lead, Dorset Police
Andy Dilworth – AD	Detective Chief Inspector, Deputy Director of Intelligence, Dorset Police
Emma Knipe – EK	Senior Performance Analyst, Corporate Development
Daniel Tamblyn – DT	Inspector, Dorset Territorial Policing, Critical Incident, Dorset Police
Julia Harrison - JMH	PA to SMT, Dorset OPCC

The minutes and the public facing summary of the meeting held on 10 September 2019 were agreed by the panel and the actions reviewed.

DCI Dilworth gave a presentation to the panel on County Lines. He referred to the partnership projects and meetings with partnership agencies which are aimed at tackling serious and organised crime. It was pointed out that Dorset Police continue to treat the safeguarding of vulnerable adults and children, who are involved in and are victims of County Lines, with the highest priority. Dorset Police will however not hesitate to deal robustly with those responsible for committing such crimes.

The panel reviewed the Stop Search Performance Pack for quarter 2 July to September 2019.

A total of 509 stop searches were carried out in the quarter, of which 70% were conducted on White British individuals.

Average arrest rates and positive search rates remained comparative to the same quarter last year. The average arrest rate year to date was 13%, whilst the average positive search rate is 30%.

In the last quarter, searches for drugs were the most common at 63%. In 37% of the cases, drugs were found on the individuals searched.

Nearly 40% of searches this financial year took place in Bournemouth. 21% of searches took place in Poole and 16% occurred in Weymouth.

Although 147 searches resulted in the suspect being arrested, the majority of stop searches resulted in no further action.

The panel was provided with independently selected examples of stop search cases for their scrutiny. The panel reviewed the body worn video of one case involving a male who was stopped and searched and found to be in possession of knives.

In regard to all the dip sample cases, the panel were satisfied that the use of stop and search powers by Dorset Police appeared to be appropriate, reasonable and proportionate.

For the next meeting, the panel agreed a twin theme for the dip sample cases of drugs and ethnicity. The thematic review in the in the performance report would be based on the item found as compared with the item searched for.

The panel were updated on proposed changes to the stop search form.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday, 3rd March 2020 at 10.00 am.