



# Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner

## Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel

Thursday 21 March 2019



### Attendees

- Maggie Ayre Panel Member – MA
- Garfield Charles Chair – GC
- Michael Cummings Panel Member – MC
- Garry French Panel Member – GF
- Julia Harrison PA to SMT, Dorset OPCC – JMH
- Simon Bullock CEO to Dorset OPCC - SB
- Tom Smith Scrutiny Manager, Dorset OPCC – TS
- Paul Marsh Performance & Productivity Manager, Corporate Development - PM
- Daniel Tamblyn Dorset Police – DT

### Apologies

PCC Martyn Underhill, Jane Healy, Romaana Kanamia, Conrad Astley and Chief Inspector Browning.

### Summary of Meeting

The panel were informed that further Panel members had been appointed following the recent recruitment campaign.

The minutes and the summary from the previous meeting were confirmed as a true record. The action list was reviewed and updates provided.

Some members of the panel reported they had been on an observer patrol, which they found to be very useful. Other panel members were waiting to take up this opportunity.

The panel reviewed the performance data, which is publicly available. The panel agreed that the revised format of this data was easier to read and understand. Out of 554 searches carried out in the quarter, 28.2% were positive searches. It was noted that these figures are less than the previous year for the same quarter. The panel were advised that drug searches account for the most common reason of all searches and drugs were actually found on the individual searched in 27.7% of cases. It was noted that in 398 out of 554 searches in Q3 no further action was taken.

The disproportionality rate in Dorset stop and searches to the end of Q3 was noted as having increased to 23:1. Although BAME searches are low in volume, white British searches have the lowest arrest rate of all ethnicities. The arrest rate for individuals with a BAME background was the

highest in the quarter at 27%, although it is for a relatively small sample. Positive search rates are relatively consistent across most ethnicities.

The panel reviewed a sample of stop and search cases and found them all to be appropriate. In one of the cases, the use of body worn video was viewed by the panel and the panel agreed it was very helpful and enlightening.

The panel were provided with a report from the Criminal Justice Alliance and agreed there were no concerns to be addressed, aside from continuing to strive for greater diversity in panel membership. It was confirmed that efforts are being made to address this.

Revised Terms of Reference were provided for the panel.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday, 12 June 2019.