



Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner

Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Wednesday 3rd October 2018



Attendees

- Martyn Underhill Police and Crime Commissioner – MU
- Paul Cashmore Member of the Public – PC
- Rachel Goodwin Staff Officer OPCC – RG
- Steve Plant Member of the Public – SP
- Stan Sadler Dorset Healthcare - SS
- Tom Smith Scrutiny Manager, OPCC – TS
- Supt Tracey Baker Dorset Police - TB
- Insp Mike Kynaston CJU, Custody – MK
- Sgt Andy Pasker Alliance Public Order and Personal Safety Training Lead, Dorset Police- AP
- PC Kerry Savage PST/ First Aid/ Taser Trainer, Organisational Development - KS

Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

Summary of Meeting

The minutes and public facing summary from the previous meeting were agreed.

The performance statistics on use of force were considered by the panel, including the breakdown of use of force incidents in the quarter by ethnicity. It was noted that the statistics help to support public confidence and the effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy all measures used by HMICFRS when assessing the force.

Reference was made to the category of 'Other' and the need to analyse further why this is the highest category for Reason and Location. The importance was stressed of officers properly completing use of force forms as it feeds through into the performance statistics.

The panel considered reports on personal safety training and the process and frequency of training was explained by the force. Additionally reference was made to the 2016 use of force report by the then IOPC and the recommendations therein. The panel noted the action taken to progress the recommendations.

The panel considered a dip sample of 3 cases on the chosen theme of young people in custody. A query was raised as to whether officers record how they feel at the time of the incident and whether they have the option of a debrief afterwards.

The latest position on information sharing with Devon and Cornwall over their panel meetings was noted.

The theme of use of force on women was selected as the theme for the next meeting. A presentation on spit hoods would also be given.

The next meeting date was confirmed for 28 November 2018.