



**Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner**  
**Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel**  
**Tuesday, 3 March 2020**



Simon Bullock - SB	Chief Executive, OPCC (Chair)
Michael Cummings – MC	Independent Panel Member
Susan Gittins – SG	Independent Panel Member
Jane Healy – JH	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
Pete Browning – PB	Chief Inspector, Stop & Search Tactical Lead, 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
Martyn Underhill – MU	Police & Crime Commissioner
Conrad Astley – CA	Comms & Engagement Officer, OPCC
Rachel Goodwin – RG	Staff Officer
Chloe Livadeas – CL	Police Oracle (observer)

The minutes and the public facing summary of the meeting held on 11 December 2019 were agreed by the Panel and the actions reviewed.

The Panel considered the Stop Search Performance Pack for quarter 3 (October to December 2019).

The Panel noted the number of stop searches carried out in the quarter, of which 70% involved White British individuals, resulting in a disproportionality rate of 22:1.

66% of all searches on White British individuals were for drugs and 34% resulted in the object being found. 85% of all searches on Black and Black British individuals were for drugs, of which 30% resulted in the object being found. The overall find rate for all White British searches was 30%, compared to 28% for all Black and Black British searches.

The majority of searches took place in Bournemouth, Poole and Weymouth.

The Panel noted that disproportionality remained high in Dorset according to the statistics, but that a large proportion of stop searches are on non-resident individuals.

The Panel was provided with independently selected examples of stop search cases for their scrutiny, including body worn video of a case involving two males and a female who were stopped, the male was found to have a large number of individual wraps of crack cocaine, deemed not to be for personal use. All were arrested and taken to the police station where they were searched.

In regard to all the dip sample cases, the Panel was 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 theme for dip sample cases of individuals who are repeatedly stopped and searched. The thematic review in the performance report would be based on age and ethnicity for drug searches of those stopped who do not state where they live.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday, 2 June 2020 (meeting cancelled due to coronavirus pandemic).