

**Youth Scrutiny Session**  
**Cambridge Regional College**

Session date:	20/11/2023
Number of attendees:	24

<b>Incident 1</b>	
BWV reference:	SS/0397468423/4
Incident date:	1-Jul-23 in Cambridge
Incident time:	
Background:	This male was seen with a group of youths on CCTV exchanging packages on Parkers Piece. Officers have then engaged with one of the male ins the group who was then actively resisting being searched. There was a female as well who was obstructing officers when engaging with 1 of the males. This male was searched as he was seen to be involved with exchanging the packages with the other males on CCTV. This male demeanour was nervous during engagement when before being stop searched.

<b>Feedback</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positively handled.</li> <li>• Officer explained what he's going to do as he did it.</li> <li>• Officer was calm.</li> <li>• Was respectful but was explaining the grounds very fast.</li> </ul>
<b>RAG rating:</b>	Green (22). Amber (2) Due to how quickly the officer spoke whilst giving grounds.

<b>Incident 2</b>	
BWV reference:	SS/3655261309/7
Incident date:	12-Apr-23 in Peterborough
Incident time:	

Background:	<p>On the 11/04/2022 at 2200hrs myself and PC XXXXX were called to the APPLEYARD flats in Stanground to a group of youth breaking into a flat and causing a disturbance. As we was pulling up, we saw a group of youths, approx. 8, running down the stairs towards the front door of the flats. I and PC XXXXX ran towards the front door whereby we apprehended some of the youths. Two of them fled down an alley, one wearing a full grey tracksuit and one wearing a black hoodie. I apprehended a male who I later found out to be called XXXXX. I grabbed hold of XXXXX to try and prevent him from fleeing anymore and placed him in handcuffs for my safety. Upon engaging with the group of youths, there was a strong smell of cannabis coming from the group. I asked the group have you been smoking cannabis to which one of the males who I cannot recall the name said "No, but she has" and pointed at the female. With the information that the male provided that they had been smoking cannabis and also tried to flee the flats away from officers, this raised my suspicion that some of the youths may potentially still have drugs on them. Therefore with this information this built my grounds to stop search the group under section twenty three of the misuse of drugs act. XXXXX was the first male I stopped search, I explained the grounds to why I was stop searching him and explained I will be searching for any drugs or drug paraphernalia. I explained my name and where I'm stationed at and told him that he would be entitled to a copy of the search within three months. I gave XXXXX a chance to give me anything before I conducted the search but he disclosed he had nothing on him. I search his jacket, trouser pockets, in his shoes/socks and around his waistband. I also searched his bag but the proved negative. I explained that XXXXX was free to leave now, but delivered him some words of advice when asked to stop by Police and discussion around drugs.</p>
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<b>Feedback</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Officers were a bit aggressive and were swearing straight away.</li></ul>

- Can understand the officer shouting at the male as he ran away, but he should not have been swearing.
- Initially felt that it was OK for officers to say they could either handle the situation at the location or at the station, in order to get them to co-operate, however, after further consideration of whether this was appropriate given the age of the subjects, the view changed that this was not right as the officers were potentially taking advantage of the age of the subjects and that they may not know what their rights are. Feel this was an unfair ultimatum.
- Officers should have acted more respectfully.
- They didn't need to be that aggressive.
- Wouldn't have wanted to be treated like that.

**RAG rating:** Amber (15).  
Red (9).

### Incident 3

BWV reference: SS/1384126838/1

Incident date: 4-Mar-23 in Peterborough

Incident time:

**Background:** Subject was being identified by Peterborough CCTV following an incident of assault in the city centre CCTV continued to monitor the victim who joined a group of three persons in face coverings CCTV continued to monitor as there were concerns that this group were seeking the offenders from the previous assault during the monitoring one subject in a BLUE /GREY coloured jumper with their face covered was seen to be adjusting something in his waistband the subject was seen to raise his jumper and a black handle could be seen in his waist band this was believed to be a weapon by the CCTV operator was passed across the airwaves as such. This male was easily identifiable in his group as he was the only person wearing a different coloured clothing. The subject was in a high footfall area of town where there have been recent issues with younger people being involved in violent offences involving weapons.

Feedback	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Officer spoke to quickly – gave grounds to quickly.</li> <li>It was proportionate to use handcuffs as the subject was suspected of having a weapon and could use that on the officer.</li> </ul>
<b>RAG rating:</b>	<p>Green (21).</p> <p>Amber (2).</p> <p>Red (1) The subject may have had a legitimate reason for having the hammer.</p>

Incident 4	
BWV reference:	SS/1124614927/6
Incident date:	13-Jul-23 in Peterborough
Incident time:	
Background:	<p>Officers have been made aware of a fight in the Queensgate shopping centre cc-xxxxxxx-0535. The male named in the stop search <b>**X**</b> has been named as being involved in the fight. A member of the public has then reported to Queensgate staff that they believe they saw the male involved holding a knife. CCTV operators have monitored <b>**X**</b> through the city until police arrived.</p> <p>GOWISELY has been given.</p> <p><b>**X**</b> has been searched under section 1 of PACE looking for a bladed article. The search has been negative and an area search nearby has also come up negative.</p>

Feedback	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quick approach by officer which was good and proportionate to use handcuffs in case he had a weapon.</li> <li>Officer was calm throughout and kept speaking to him.</li> </ul>

- Officer explained what he was doing as he was doing it, explained that he has to search up the subjects leg.
- Once the handcuffs were on, the officer could've given the subject the option to move somewhere else to be searched so it was more private.
- Officer stayed calm and explained everything that was happening, officer was reassuring.
- Well done.
- Officer spoke clearly.
- Didn't feel rushed.
- Appears the subject understood what he was being told as he questioned the officer when he wasn't sure and then officer reassured him.

**RAG rating:** Green (24).