

Youth Scrutiny Session

East Cambridgeshire Police Cadets

Session date:	27/11/2023
Number of attendees:	10

Incident 1

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.

Feedback

- Officer was polite.
- Went through GOWISLEY too quickly, however there was a lot of movement so BWV may not have picked up what the officer was saying clearly.
- Officers reassured the subject when he thought he was going to be arrested and taken to the station.
- Think the officer dealt with the female well, however the other officer in attendance could have responded to her so the officer conducting the search could carry on uninterrupted.

RAG rating: Green (10).

Incident 2

BWV reference:	SS/3655261309/7
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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>

Feedback

- The officer had an attitude and appeared to have a power trip. Seemed like he had a big ego.
- The officer’s approach would make the subjects more aggravated. He should have acted calmer.
- Wouldn’t expect officers to use that type of language with the age of the subjects as they were 13 years old.
- The officers weren’t de-escalating. They could have spoken to the subjects better and acted calmer and maybe the subjects would have responded to them better.
- During the search officers had control over the situation by separating the subjects, however, it was a bit chaotic before the searches started when the subjects were all grouped outside the building. The officers should have remained calm and asked clear questions like ‘What are you doing here?’ rather than going on at them.
- Don’t think it was right that they searched the males for saying the female smoked cannabis. Should have at least started the search with the female if all were going to be searched.
- The officers mocked the male who asked them to use a breathalyser on him and told him that’s for alcohol not drugs. They could have explained it to him rather than mocked him.
- The officer’s demeanour changed for the better once he had taken male to the side for a search.
- Mixed views as to whether handcuffs were initially needed. The subject may have had a weapon that the officer didn’t know about and therefore right to have used the handcuffs. Appreciate they were removed once with the group which was the right thing to do.

RAG rating:	Amber (9). Red (1) Due to the attitude of the officers.
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Incident 3

BWV reference:	SS/1384126838/1
Incident date:	4-Mar-23 in Peterborough
Incident time:	

Background:	<p>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.</p>
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Feedback	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good written grounds. All in agreement that they would search based off the information provided in the grounds. • Officer was calm. • Think he was right to use handcuffs. • Could hear the officer give his details however not everything else was said clearly. May have been because he moved to arrest powers once seeing the hammer. • Think it was good that the officer gave the subject a chance to admit whether he had anything on him – ‘Do you have anything you shouldn’t have?’. This also helps protect the officer. • The officer didn’t act in a patronising way, thought his attitude was good. • Think it’s good for officers to offer to show their warrant card, whether or not they’re in uniform. 	
RAG rating:	Green (10).

Incident 4	
BWV reference:	SS/1059437496/11

Incident date:	18-Jul-22 in Peterborough
Incident time:	
Background:	<p>Officers were on patrol on Occupation Road in Millfield, an area which has seen recent incidents involving weapons being carried in the street. Officers sighted **X** stood on occupation road in a group of males. Officers turned onto occupation road and upon sighting the Police vehicle, **X** immediately ran away from officers meaning that they could not stop him due to driving down a one way. There is recent and specific information linking **X** to the supply of drugs and weapon carrying in the PETERBOROUGH area and there are concerns that **X** is getting involved further in this activity when he is a misper which happens frequently. **X** is believed to be associated with the males involved in the recent violent incidents with weapons. Due to the information known about **X** carrying weapons and selling drugs, and the fact that **X** was in an area with recent incidents with weapons and the fact that **X** immediately fled from officers, even though he doesn't normally run away when officers attempt to engage with him, officers had reasonable grounds to suspect that **X** was carrying an offensive weapon</p>

Feedback
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonable to search based off the written grounds. • The officers seemed respectful towards the subject and seemed to care about him as the female officer says she went to his school to check why he wasn't in school. • They made unnecessary comments about the subject usually acting soft when not in front of his mates, which they didn't need to say. That would've annoyed me. • The officers seemed to act more in a parental role, rather than speaking down to him which was good. • It was reasonable for the officers to ask his friends to move back. • Good that the officers picked up on the people in the background swearing and addressed it. • Reasonable to use handcuffs as they suspected the subject may have had a knife and he was in a public space.

- Happy with how the officer spoke to the subject and could understand him.

RAG rating: Green (8).
Amber (2) Didn't finished GOWISELY.

Incident 5

BWV reference: SS/1825309172/2

Incident date: 16-Feb-23 in St Neots

Incident time:

Background: Officers were conducting patrols in St Neots, when seeing a marked police vehicle, officers noticed a Silver Vauxhall Corsa drive erratically. Making left and right turns without indicating before pulling out onto a main road. Officers caught up to the vehicle and requested it to stop. Upon doing so it pulled off and I went to speak with the occupants, asking what they were up to. All three individuals in the vehicle appeared nervous and I was hit by an overwhelmingly strong smell of cannabis. Noticing items typically used for smoking cannabis and a large carrier bag on the floor, typically where cannabis is located I asked the occupants if there was cannabis inside the vehicle to which Harry and another occupant stated yes we've got cannabis. Therefore I informed xxx he was going to be detained under Section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act.

Feedback

- Happy with the written grounds and would search based off these.
- Officer was calm and went through GOWISELY well.
- Officer was respectful. Happy with how he spoke.
- The subject was compliant and respectful in return so reasonable no handcuffs were used.
- Think it was good the officer gave the subject the opportunity to "Fess up" by asking him to put everything he had on him on top of the car before the search.

RAG rating: Green (10).