

Youth Scrutiny Session

St Neots and Cambourne Police Cadets

Session date:	21/03/2024
Number of attendees:	11

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	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Officer had a calm attitude which helped keep the situation calm. Dealt with the girl that intervened well. Stayed friendly and kept the situation light.• It would have been nerve racking for the male involved. Happy with how the officer spoke to the him.• Officer went through GOWISELY and then asked the male if he had any questions. This was good.
RAG rating:	Green (all).

Incident 2	
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 APPEYARD 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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Feedback
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Officers came across as quite aggressive at the beginning.• Use of language was not very professional at the beginning.

- The officer told them if they did not provide their details then they would be taken to the police station and would take their details there. Think this came across as a bit of a warning. Seemed the officers just wanted to get the situation over with.
- The way the officers said they could take their details there or at the station came across a bit threatening. Felt like the officer said this to trick them into giving their details.
- Officer took the person being searched to one side away from the rest of the group which made it a less intense situation for the person being searched.
- The officer conducting the search explained what he was doing as he was doing the search which was helpful.
- Think it was right for the group to be searched based on the grounds.
- When the boy said he didn't like being touched because he has ADHD the officer could have responded in more a more understanding way and explained that they still needed to search him.
- Use of handcuffs at the start was justified due to the fact they boy had run off.
- Officer de-cuffed the boy when they were back with the rest of the group which was reasonable.

RAG rating:	Amber (all).
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Incident 3

BWV reference:	-
Incident date:	-
Incident time:	
Background:	-

Feedback

- Officer spoke quite fast so was difficult to understand him.
- Good that the officer gave the male the opportunity to say whether they had something on them before conducting a search. Helps to prevent the person or the officer from being hurt as gives the person a chance to hand the item over.
- Good to have multiple officers to help keep control of the situation, however too many officers could appear intimidating to the person being searched.

- The decision to not use handcuffs depends on the officer. If I had been that officer, I would have used handcuffs when doing the searched based on the reason for the search was potential weapons, as I would have been smaller than the male being searched and potentially more vulnerable. However, this officer may have felt fine in the situation.
- Officer could have given more specific information as to why the male was being searched, although not necessarily all of the information in case it made the male try to hide the weapon.

RAG rating: Amber / Green (4).

Incident 4

BWV reference:	-
Incident date:	-
Incident time:	
Background:	-

Feedback

- Officers kept the situation calm. The person was compliant and the officers helped to keep it that way.
- Officers tried to open the locked moped box, the male didn't have any keys for it and officers did not find anything of note on the person, so think it was reasonable for the officers to leave it.
- Male seemed happy with the interaction with the officers and even asked for a photo at the end.
- The grounds for the search match BWV footage.

RAG rating: Green (all).