

Panel date:	29 August 2024
Number of panel members in attendance:	13
Constabulary attendees:	<i>Robin Sissons (RS), Caitlin Bones (CB), Jack Priestman (JP), Sean Feline (SF)</i>
OPCC attendees:	<i>Matilda Pearson (MP), Charmaine Christie (CC)</i>
	<p>Previous Minutes and Actions</p> <p>Previous Use of Force meeting minutes agreed and approved by the Panel.</p> <p>CB provided feedback in response to actions of previous minutes.</p>
	<p>Frequent users of force</p> <p>Panel Chair agreed to ask the data group whether they would like to be provided with additional data in relation to officers who have used force most frequently to see whether any patterns emerge over a longer period of time. Will report back to the Constabulary.</p>
	<p>Explanation of the use of force incidents</p> <p>CB explained the panel will be looking at incidents where multiple officers have used force, therefore a selection of BWV will be shown for each of the officers to show their use of force within each incident.</p>
AOB	<p>There will be 2 custody meetings back-to-back due to current demands on the force.</p> <p>Thanks and well wishes to RS for his work within the Panel meetings as this is his last meeting.</p> <p>Well wishes to MP for her leave.</p>
Date of next meeting	26 September 2024 - Custody

Incident 1			
Review Date:	29/08/2024	BWV reference:	-
Incident Date:	CC-01072024-0008	Incident time:	1 st July 2024 – 00:49hrs

Background Information:

Responded to call re concern for welfare related to a very intoxicated female sitting in the driving seat of a vehicles, with engine on and moving small distances in the carpark. Ambulance had arrived on scene first and had female in recovery position on the floor next to the vehicle.

Additional Body Worn Video - from other attending officers at incident (please complete if applicable):

Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:

- Officer three’s entries were minimal compared to the other officers. I do not know whether that’s because they knew someone else was making entries. However I would say that if that was going to be the only entry that would have been very minimal. Hopefully something to think about as a best practice to fill out the entry as much as possible like the other officers.
- Think the officers dealt well with the situation given it was quite difficult and could not see that they did anything unnecessary.
- Think the police were very good.
- Think the officers were very sympathetic and extremely good with her. She made two requests of which one was to see her father, would it be normal for officers to tell her father the situation and ask him to attend the police station to help her? She also asked to go for a wee, should officers have found somewhere private for her to go?

RS: Urinating in a public place is an offence and we shouldn’t be encouraging it. When she first mentioned it, she was in the back of the ambulance where they would have had something she could have used. This may have been the opportune moment for officers to facilitate this. However, when people are unable to blow into the machine to be breathalysed due to being intoxicated, sometimes urine is tested instead. This may have been why officers were preventing her from

urinating beforehand. The person was an adult. If she had requested her father to be notified, they could manage this at custody, however, adults also have a right for people not to be notified.

- Excellent actions from the officers, very professional and respectful.
- The situation was managed very well and all the actions were reasonable.
- Officers were patient, but the woman was very distressed. Could there have been a different approach?

RAG rating:

R – 0
A – 0
G – 13

Chair’s comments and OPCC Summary:

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Actions arising:

Feedback:

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Name:

Date:

Incident 2

Review Date:	29/08/2024	BWV reference:	-
Incident Date:	CC-02072024-0122	Incident time:	2 nd July 2024 – 10:45hrs

Background Information:

Officers were dealing with a domestic incident where the subject was alleged to have assaulted her mother causing a head injury. Ambulance were already on scene. Whilst getting initial information, the father informed officers that the subject had jumped out of her bedroom window onto the kitchen roof then down into garden and was now in the

utility room.

Additional Body Worn Video - from other attending officers at incident (please complete if applicable):

Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:

- No gloves?
- I would query handcuffing her behind her back as a 14-year-old.
- Both officers very calm and reassuring, I'm sure this helped avoid escalating the situation.
- When were officers aware that the person was aged 14?
CB: They were made aware prior to attendance due to incident being phoned in.
- Did a parent go with her in the van?
CB: As both parents were involved in the incident neither parent went in the van, however an appropriate adult would be sought to attend in custody.

RAG rating:	R – 0 A – 0 G – 12 Not voted - 1
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Chair's comments and OPCC Summary:

Actions arising:	Feedback:

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Incident 3			
Review Date:	29/08/2024	BWV reference:	-
Incident Date:	CC-01072024-0175	Incident time:	1 st July 2024 – Between 11:00-13:00hrs

Background Information:

Officers were called to support bailiffs serving an eviction where it was anticipated there would be a breach of the peace incident as the male is a Free Agent and does not recognise the laws.

Additional Body Worn Video - from other attending officers at incident (please complete if applicable):

Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:

- Was not clear why the person was arrested and I felt that all the police piling on it wound up the situation.
- Standing all day with the person would be a waste of officer time.

RS: Bailiffs wanted to execute a warrant. The person didn't want to facilitate that and said something along the lines of 'there was no way they were going to allow that to happen' and was becoming increasingly aggressive. I would have liked to have seen the bailiffs try and then if the person had become involved to prevent the bailiffs, this would have then been a clear breach of the peace at which point officers could then intervene. Feedback will be given to officers that they should let bailiffs try to carry out what they're there to do and if the person then breaches the piece an officer could at that point become involved.

- There appeared to be quite a large number of officers involved for this type of incident. Is this normal?

RS: There were quite a number of people at the location meaning officers were quite vulnerable. There were four officers in total and multiple bystanders, so I believe this was proportionate.

- There was some saintly patience shown in this incident.
- I'm satisfied that PLANTER has been met.

RAG rating: R – 0

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Chair's comments and OPCC Summary:	
Actions arising:	Feedback:
Name:	Date:

Incident 4			
Review Date:	29/08/2024	BWV reference:	-
Incident Date:	CC-02072024-0582	Incident time:	2 nd July 2024 – Between 23:00-01:00hrs

Background Information:
Officers were responding to a call of a domestic incident where they could hear arguing on arrival. On entering the address, officers located the suspect and injured victim on the sofa.

Additional Body Worn Video - from other attending officers at incident (please complete if applicable):

Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Premature use of pava? <p>RS: Feedback will be given to officers on the range that pava should be used at. In</p>

this case it appears the officer used it too close. Although the person was resisting arrest, he was sat on the couch and not being physical towards officers.

- Do you usually have female officers attend incidents where females are involved?
RS: If there is an assault in progress called in, we send officers on an immediate grade. It will be random which officers are chosen to attend the scene. Once arrested and made safe, statements are taken and victim is asked who they would prefer to talk to at that point. We will then try to facilitate that if possible.
- The police were very patient.
- Concerns about the timing and application of the pava accepting that the alleged abuser was a real handful.
- I think the UoF was reasonable and proportionate, clearly necessary to effect the arrest. As said, the officers were very patient.
- I believe the pava came out too quick before any rapport had been established. In these matters we usually see officers trying to establish rapport and de-escalate the situation. As pava came out so quickly this escalated the matter further. I believe a little more patience should have been exercised.
- Pava was used close to the eye and possibly used too prematurely. Being pava'd is not a nice experience. This should be taken up with the officer.
- Pava used too soon. Could the female have been moved to another room earlier?

RAG rating:

R – 0
A – 10
G – 3
Not voted – 0

Chair's comments and OPCC Summary:

Actions arising:

Feedback:

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