

Use of Force Minutes

Panel date:	21 November 2024
Number of panel members in attendance:	10
Constabulary attendees:	<i>Caitlin Bones (CB), Steve Kerridge (SK)</i>
OPCC attendees:	<i>Heather Sheldon (HS), Charmaine Christie (CC)</i>
	<p>Previous Minutes and Actions</p> <p>Previous minutes agreed by the Panel as correct.</p>
	<p>October 2024 Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When 'Other' is selected under impact factors, a description must be provided. Can a breakdown of 'Other' be provided to the Panel? ACTION: Force will look into this and report back. ABD is selected as an impact factor based on officers' perception, rather than confirmed ABD. ACTION: Force will provide OPCC with the guidance for when ABD may be selected as a potential impact factor. This will be circulated with the Panel for awareness. Mental health marker is selected based on officers' perception, based on how the individual is presenting. Number of UoF records recorded this month is average.
	<p>Last 12-month data – Subject</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel raised that the term 'Mentally disabled' may be viewed as an offensive term and should be reviewed. The force appreciates feedback from the Panel on this and will consider, whilst understanding some elements of set forms are costly to alter.
	<p>Frequent user data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can the average number of UoF used for each 'unit' be provided alongside the frequent user data.

AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
Date of next meeting	19 December 2024 – Stop and search

Incident 1

Review Date:	21 November 2024	BWV reference:	UF/1237373994/23
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Background Information:

Subject Information: Unknown ethnicity, Female, officer perceived mental health.
Use of Force Techniques: Handcuffing - non co-operative.
Primary Conduct of Suspect: Aggressive resistance.
Impact Factors: Alcohol.
Reasons for Use: Protect subject from violence.
Background Information: Subject detained under Section 136 Mental Health Act.

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

Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:

- Was she taken to hospital or custody?
CS: Taken to hospital.
- The glasses should have been removed to reduce risk of harm to individual. Risk of injury to the individual.
- Individual said she was going to be sick but was restrained and strapped on her back. Should she have been in the recovery position? There may be a risk of choking.
- Can't see whether the officers have asked the person whether they may have been spiked or had been drinking. It would be useful to be able to see this.
CS: We can see if we can provide the lead up to the use of force to show what may have been asked by officers beforehand.
- Officers were being reassuring towards the individual when she was saying she was going to be sick – holding her hair/head, holding a bowl and saying something

along the lines of 'if you're going to be sick that's fine'.

- Officers could have been a bit calmer.
- Individual cuffed as clearly aggressive and threatened to self-harm.

RAG rating:

Green – 5

Amber – 3

Red - 2

Chair's comments and OPCC Summary:

Actions arising:

Feedback:

Name:

Date:

Incident 2

Review Date:

21 November 2024

BWV reference:

UF/1995265937/16

Background Information:

Subject Information: White British, Male, – officer perceived mental health.

Use of Force Techniques: Handcuffing - non co-operative.

Primary Conduct of Suspect: Passive resistance.

Impact Factors: Drugs; Mental health; Possession of a weapon.

Reasons for Use: Effect arrest; Prevent escape; Prevent offence; Prevent self-harm; Protect other officers from violence; Protect public from violence; Protect self from violence.

Background Information: Officers responding to male with a weapon.

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

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Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:

- The individual had blood over them. Should officers have put gloves on beforehand?
Force: It's the officers individual choice.
- Officers should have pulled up slower in the car as they could have scared him and made him react.
- Officers pulled up correctly in order to take control of the situation before the person had time to run or react.
- Officers did not pull up at great speed and not have sirens on. I would have reacted the same way as the officers and wanting to take control.
- The officers worked well together, one had the taser ready and one had the handcuffs ready.
- There was a good use of force used by officers.
- The individual was already walking past someone's garden and seemingly walking/running off.
- He did not have any weapon in his hands and was handcuffed quickly.
- The handcuffs prevented him from accessing a knife if he had one.
- Officers were in control of the situation very quickly.

RAG rating:

Green – 8
Amber – 1
Red – 0
Abstained - 1

Chair's comments and OPCC Summary:

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Actions arising:

Feedback:

Name:	Date:

Incident 3			
Review Date:	21 November 2024	BWV reference:	UF/1671924665/5

<p>Background Information:</p> <p>Subject Information: White British, Female, – officer perceived mental health.</p> <p>Use of Force Techniques: Handcuffing non co-operative, limb/ body restraints (inc. leg restr), other/ improvised, unarmed skills.</p> <p>Primary Conduct of Suspect: Active resistance.</p> <p>Impact Factors: Mental health.</p> <p>Reasons for Use: Effect arrest; Prevent self-harm.</p> <p>Background Information: Subject has court order not to be at Huntingdon Train Station at certain times.</p>

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

<p>Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual had lumps on their head. It is unclear as to whether she had banged her head on the floor. • She could have been pulled away from the wall in order to restrain her. KS: Officers have her in the recovery position. They are in a small space so there is limited space to manoeuvre. • Good verbal communication from officer. • Officer responded quickly when individual tried to run away. • Very well handled with good duty of care and empathy.
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RAG rating:	Green – 10 Amber – 0 Red - 0
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Chair's comments and OPCC Summary:

Actions arising:	Feedback:

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