

Youth Scrutiny Sessions

Peterborough College

Session date:	23/04/2025
Number of attendees:	2 sessions of 150 approx. students

Incident 1	
BWV reference:	-
Incident date:	-
Incident time:	-
Background:	<i>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.</i>

Feedback
<p>Group 1</p> <p>Overall, students felt the officer remained calm and in control of the situation. The officer was heard to go through the GOWISELY information to the male being searched, however some students felt the information was given too quickly and the officer needed to give the male more time to understand what they were being told. Overall, students thought the search was fair.</p>
<p>Group 2</p>

Students felt the female subject who got involved in the situation made the situation worse than it was, but the officer conducted himself well during the search and the information he needed to provide was given. Overall, student felt that the search was good and useful as the officer found drugs.

RAG rating: Group 1: Majority Green. Few voted Amber due to not being able to understand the officer clearly when giving GOWISELY.
 Group 2: Split between Green and Amber. Amber votes due to the officer needing to give more of an explanation to the male subject as to why they were being stopped and searched.

Incident 2

BWV reference: -

Incident date: -

Incident time: -

Background: *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.

Feedback

Group 1

Students felt the main officer was using informal language and trying to fit in with the subjects too much. They also didn't like the officer swearing and noted that he seemed to be being wound up by the group, however students also recognised that the officer had had to run after someone and was on his own at first, so could understand it at the beginning. Students felt that the male shown to be being searched should have been able to answer their phone when his mum called given that he was 13, however noted that the officer was much calmer and used better language when conducting the search and dealing with the subject one-to-one.

Group 2

Overall, students felt that the main officer was quite aggressive towards the subjects after having to run after them and thought that the swearing didn't help the situation. Students felt that the officer seemed to have let the 13-year-old get under his skin. Students noted

that the officer was just doing his job and conducted a fair search, however it was not handled in the best way.	
RAG rating:	Group 1: Majority split between Amber and Red, due to officers' attitude. Few voted Green. Group 2: Majority Amber, due to officers' attitude. Rest split between Green and Red.

Incident 3	
BWV reference:	-
Incident date:	-
Incident time:	-
Background:	<i>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.</i>

Feedback
Group 1

Students felt the stop and search was proportionate due to there being a report of a knife involved, however some students felt that sending armed police may have been a bit excessive. Students were concerned that the male may have accidentally stabbed themselves if they had been carrying a knife, as they were told by officers to lay on the ground.

Group 2

Without knowing the background context, students felt that using armed police to conduct the stop could seem excessive, however after knowing why the subjects had been stopped, due to weapons being seen, students felt the officer response was understandable. Students felt that, if those officers were the quickest response available, then that was the correct response to use, to control the situation and make sure no one got hurt. Overall, students felt that the officers were nice and calm, so the subjects listened to them.

RAG rating:	Group 1: Majority Amber. Few green. Students were concerned as to whether the officer response was excessive. Group 2: Unfortunately, no vote was taken.
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