

Panel date:	27 February 2024
Number of panel members in attendance:	14
Constabulary attendees:	<i>Robin Sissons, James Thorne, Caitlin Bones, Jodie Bolton, Leeza Phillips</i>
OPCC attendees:	<i>Matilda Pearson, Charmaine Christie</i>
Additional attendees:	<i>Aimee Birkhamshaw (Herts OPCC) Charlotte Clare (Beds OPCC) Bethany Coles (Beds OPCC) Samantha Denness (Beds OPCC)</i>
Agenda item 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acute Behavioural Disturbance - Constabulary gave a presentation on ABD and answered members questions.</li> </ul>
Minutes & AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An action raised in the minutes of the previous meeting regarding GOWISELY has since been addressed by the Constabulary.</li> <li>Minutes are signed off as correct.</li> </ul>
Date of next meeting	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March - Custody

**Incident 1**

Review Date:	27/02/2024	BWV reference:	UF/2064385927/21
Incident Date:	22/10/2023	Incident time:	15:30

**Background Information:** Subject with perceived mental health issues. Held down on

hospital trolley to prevent him from escaping the hospital.
Did the grounds provide sufficient evidence that a reasonable person would have concluded, on an objective basis, that the stop and search should be undertaken?

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

<b>Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officer whose BWV was viewed conducted himself well and handled the situation very well. I would be happy if that had been someone I knew.</li> <li>• A correct amount of force was used.</li> <li>• It's commendable that the police officer who took the lead demonstrated leadership and effective communication skills, qualities essential for maintaining order, resolving conflicts, and ensuring the safety of both the public and fellow officers. His effective communication helped in de-escalate a tense situation.</li> <li>• It looked as though it may have been painful for the subject being handcuffed whilst being moved around. Unsure whether this was needed?</li> <li>• Subject was trying to resist so I can understand handcuffs being used. The officers worked as a team. One of the officers went to use force at the start of the interaction however another officer told them not to and to instead give the subject some space and a moment to calm down, this was good.</li> <li>• Was entirely proportionate, I think PLANTER was solidly completed.</li> <li>• I thought the police handled the situation with tact and empathy.</li> <li>• Handled extremely well.</li> <li>• Well done to the officers.</li> <li>• All aspects satisfactory in every way.</li> </ul>	
<b>RAG rating:</b>	Green (14)

<b>Chair's comments and OPCC Summary:</b>	
OPCC: This was a well-handled interaction as can be seen from the panel members comments.	
<b>Actions arising:</b>	<b>Feedback:</b>
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

<b>Incident 2</b>			
Review Date:	27/02/2024	BWV reference:	UF/2386393339/6
Incident Date:	19/11/2023	Incident time:	05:00

<b>Background Information:</b>
Did the grounds provide sufficient evidence that a reasonable person would have concluded, on an objective basis, that the stop and search should be undertaken?
Subject with perceived mental health issues. Suspected Acute Behavioural Disorder; Alcohol; Drugs.

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

<b>Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officers handled as sensitively and competently as possible, in an extremely challenging situation.</li> <li>• Officers handled it very well, may have been able to give the subject a bit more</li> </ul>

time before restraining at the start, however understanding she was resisting and they may not have been able to.

- Officers handled it well and were concerned for the subject's comfort regarding the handcuffs.
- Could female officers had been called, as they may have been able to calm the subject easier?
- Officers were holding and handling the subject with respect. When officers are called, they do not know what they are going to be faced with.
- Force response: In future, when ABD is suspected MAGPAS should be called who can review the person, see if ABD is present and if needed administer an injection to sedate the person for a safe transfer to hospital, rather than officers having to use ambulance transfer equipment to help restrain the person.

**RAG rating:**

Green (13) – One member dropped out for remainder of meeting.

**Chair's comments and OPCC Summary:**

OPCC: another respectfully and well-handled incident by the officers involved.

**Actions arising:**

**Feedback:**

**Name:**

**Date:**

**Incident 3**

Review Date:	27/02/2024	BWV reference:	UF/0590811748/33
Incident Date:	31/01/2024	Incident time:	17:30

**Background Information:**

Did the grounds provide sufficient evidence that a reasonable person would have concluded, on an objective basis, that the stop and search should be undertaken?

Call from ambo with 17y/o male who lacked capacity being physically restrained in back of ambo. Query ABD. Upon arrival the male was being restrained by ambulance crewed. I immediately obtained control of his legs as he was kicking out. I also helped apply flexi-cuffs in order to stop him from lashing out. I continued to have control of the males legs for the entirety of the journey to Addenbrookes.

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

Comments from panel members:

**Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:**

- Paramedics are relying on police rather than the other way around, suggesting further training is required for the medical staff.
- Force response: Legislation covers the police for use of force, whereas ambulance crew aren't and therefore unable to.
- Another good example of police officers on the front lines dealing with the near impossible ramifications extremely challenging behaviour related to drug abuse. The behaviour might indicate learning difficulties but difficult to ascertain because of intoxication. The ambulance and police officers demonstrated awareness of breathing issues.

<b>RAG rating:</b>	Green (12) Amber (1)
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**Chair's comments and OPCC Summary:**

OPCC: all comments made by panel members regarding the officers were complimentary of their use of force. The panel did seem to go into conversation re the medical staff and were reminded that it is not our responsibility to scrutinise their interactions, only those of officers.

<b>Actions arising:</b>	<b>Feedback:</b>
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<p>Panel questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is ABD more common to only youths?</li> <li>• Is ABD becoming more common?</li> <li>• It would be interesting to know how ambulance staff are adapting to ABD since it seems to be putting the onus on Police, which is unfair, noting question of use of police in mental situations generally.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Force to find out and feedback at next UoF meeting.</i></p>
<p><b>Name:</b></p>	<p><b>Date:</b></p>

Incident 4			
Review Date:	27/02/2024	BWV reference:	Entry UF/3607225571/48
Incident Date:	18/11/2023	Incident time:	01:30

<p><b>Background Information:</b></p>
<p>Did the grounds provide sufficient evidence that a reasonable person would have concluded, on an objective basis, that the stop and search should be undertaken?</p>
<p>Force used to facilitate move to ambulance carry chair for transportation to hospital after threats to assault care staff and residents with a weapon and history of throwing furniture that day whilst barricaded in a room with other residents.</p>

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

<p><b>Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police Constable Jake demonstrated professionalism and skilful communication when faced with aggression and hostility.</li> </ul>

- Respectful conduct at all times, despite the difficult situation.

**RAG rating:**

Green (13)

**Chair's comments and OPCC Summary:**

OPCC: there were minimum comments from panel members on the interaction of officers in this incident as a lot of questions were asked about the medical team's interaction. They were reminded of their role re scrutinising the officers and not the medical team. The comments that were made about the officers were complimentary and no issues were raised.

**Actions arising:**

**Feedback:**

Panel question:

- Do we know how ABD presents in white and non-white people? Are there any differences?
- Would be good to actively take diversity into consideration when selecting the videos in the future.

*Force to find out and feedback at next UoF meeting.*

*For Chair to consider for future meetings.*

**Name:**

**Date:**