

Panel date:	25 th April 2024
Number of panel members in attendance:	10 panel members were in attendance
Constabulary attendees:	<i>4 representatives from Cambridgeshire Constabulary attended.</i>
OPCC attendees:	<i>2 representatives from the OPCC were in attendance.</i>
Agenda item 1	<p><u>Minutes from the previous meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes were shared with all panel members on email and no comments or amendments were raised. No additional comments were raised in the meeting. • The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
Agenda item 2	<p><u>Actions from last meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to all actions assigned at the last S&S meeting were presented to the panel for update. Updates are included below: • To include whether an item was found or not in the grounds, and what the item was - Does the panel need the outcome of the search before scrutinising due to the risk of the outcome influencing their scrutiny. The outcome of the search does not justify the means for the search. Agreement was reached with OPCC that this would be discussed at the next SnS session. All panel members were in agreement that it should not be known. • Evidence bags should be used when searching, the subject's change was put on the roof of the car - This has also been included in the Top Three Tips communications sent on General Orders to all officers in February 2024. • Officers to be reminded not to obscure the camera when recording -

	<p>Supervisors have been reminded of this and asked to remind their officers. If the problem persists it will be added to the Top Three Tips on General Orders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure officers use GOWISELY clearly and coherently in all stop and search instances - The Constabulary is aware that officers can go through GOWISELY very swiftly and have already sent out communication to officers and sergeants to “slow down and ask verifying questions to ensure the person understands what is being said”. This has also been included in the Top Three Tips sent to all officers in General Orders in February 2024. A training video is being produced internally on how to deliver the perfect GOWISELY at the correct PACE. This will be shared with officers during internal BWV audits. The force are happy to show this video at a panel meeting in the future. “Effective communication” is on the agenda for the annual SnS training that will take place in Summer 2024.
<p>Agenda item 3</p>	<p><u>Frequent searchers data</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data was presented to panel members on frequent searchers. The Chair of the panel raised that South Neighbourhood always features high on this data, he questioned why this might be. The Constabulary explained that neighbourhood teams have different priorities depending on the areas they are working on. It may be that certain areas are doing a lot of proactive patrols, for example drugs which is evident from the data presented at this panel. • A panel member questioned the prominence of south neighbourhood and asked whether the area was broader than others and whether this would explain the high rates. The Constabulary explained that there are a number of hotspots in the south neighbourhood area for who drugs are a priority. • Data on strip searches for the last month was presented. There were 4 (out of a total 266 stop searches) that took place and one was on a juvenile. All searches have been scrutinised by the Constabulary and all necessary additional authorisation took place and all were carried out in the appropriate locations.

Minutes & AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of the 8 S&S cases selected by the Chair and Vice Chair, BWV was available for all of them. • The new two new members were welcomed to the group and gave self-introductions. • Stop & Search Scrutiny – BWV Reviews • The scrutiny content for each BWV is captured in the sections that follow.
Date of next meeting	AGM - Tuesday 14 th May at Police HQ Use of Force – Thursday 23 rd May at Police HQ

Incident 1			
Review Date:	25/04/2024	BWV reference:	SS/2091718572/18
Incident Date:	06/03/2024	Incident time:	11:22

Grounds: Written Assessment	
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?	
Overview: The suspect has been seen on Oundle Road by officers approach 3 known class A drug users where a suspected drug deal has taken place, the drug users have then been seen to use the drugs.	
Comments: One panel member raised that they dislike the idea of someone visiting several shops forming part of the grounds because it doesn't make sense to them. Another added that visiting several shops is part of an officers job gathering intel.	
Grounds RAG rating:	Green (100%)

BWV
Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The subject seemed to have been told they could have a copy of the body worn video – the person wanted to video on their own phone, the officer said they would get a copy. The Constabulary commented that what they should have specified is that it

would be a record of the search and not a 'recording' of the search.

- Reasonable and proportionate given the behaviour and intel on the subject.
- Conversation took place re whether there was any additional evidence that the subject was involved with drugs, one member gave the example that they carry two phones (one work and one personal) so that should not be a prejudice that they are involved with drugs – the Constabulary confirmed that there are multiple factors to be considered and all are taken into consideration in decision making.
- One member questioned whether handcuffing subjects for S&S is force policy. The Constabulary explained that cuffing is a UoF and every officer has to justify this. Officers are taught to do a dynamic risk assessment before decision making and therefore not everyone has to be cuffed, it will be a risk based decision and would need to be justified.

Overall RAG rating:	Green (100%)
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Chair's comments and OPCC Summary:

Some good points were raised by panel members to enhance their understanding of what was seen. Overall, all were in agreement that this was a green incident for both grounds and BWV.

Actions arising:	Feedback:
<p><i>Eg – feedback to officer as the most basic</i></p> <p>None.</p>	<p><i>Eg - PC XXX & Sgt XXX emailed feedback 5/7/23</i></p>
Name:	Date:

Incident 2			
Review Date:	25/04/2024	BWV reference:	SS/0781273844/4
Incident Date:	03/03/2024	Incident time:	03:10

Grounds: Written Assessment	
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?	
Overview: Male has been seen on Burghley road in the early hours of the morning handing something out of his car window to a known drug user which was suspected to be drugs.	
Comments: None raised.	
Grounds RAG rating:	Green (100%)

BWV	
Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonable and proportionate to suspicion and behaviour. • 'you are starting to annoy me now' – this was an inappropriate comment from the officer as it could have escalated the situation. • GOWISELY seemed to come quite late into the interaction and the name and station was not given. • Panel in agreement that early cuffing was necessary due to risk element. • The officer could have been more courteous. • Does GOWISELY have to be to the letter? Yes, it is mandatory. The order doesn't have to be followed but all information must be provided. 	
Overall RAG rating:	Amber 85% Green 14%

Chair's comments and OPCC Summary:	
All panel members were in agreement that the lacking GOWISELY content and the comment made by the officer resulted in the overall amber grading.	
Actions arising:	Feedback:

<p><i>Eg – feedback to officer as the most basic</i></p> <p>None</p>	<p><i>Eg - PC XXX & Sgt XXX emailed feedback 5/7/23</i></p>
Name:	Date:

Incident 3			
Review Date:	25/04/2024	BWV reference:	SS/3697609588/51
Incident Date:	02/03/2024	Incident time:	22:40

Grounds: Written Assessment	
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>Overview: This male is suspected to be involved in the supply of drugs based on information held on police systems. He was seen late in the evening on a Saturday on Market Square in Cambridge City Centre, a time and location combination known to be associated with the supply of drugs.</p>	
<p>Comments: None raised.</p>	
Grounds RAG rating:	Green (100%)

BWV
Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great from start to finish • GOWISELY very clear • No cuffs and this was the right decision • Officer built and maintained a good rapport • Very professional

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The officer had an audience of a number of friends of the subject and remained calm and professional • A perfect example
Overall RAG rating: Green (100%)

Chair's comments and OPCC Summary:	
The whole panel were in agreement that this was a textbook S&S, they thought it was the most clear and precise S&S we have had as a panel in a while and agreed that the officer deserved recognition for this.	
Actions arising:	Feedback:
Feedback to be provided to officer that this was a great example of a very professional Stop and Search.	Feedback provided to officer and managers. The feedback was well received by all recipients.
Name:	Date:

Incident 4			
Review Date:	25/04/2024	BWV reference:	SS/2368419894/5
Incident Date:	03/03/2024	Incident time:	08:28

Grounds: Written Assessment
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?
Overview: Reports received of a young female trying car door handles at a location in Peterborough. Suspect matching description located and detained for a search.
Comments:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very comprehensive grounds. • One panel member raised the point that training could be provided to make grounds a

little more concise to save time writing them – detailed grounds are useful though for subjects when/if they request a copy.

Grounds RAG rating:	Green (100%)
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BWV

Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:

- Can subjects be asked to remove their shoes during a search? The Constabulary confirmed that it would be a 'MTS' (more thorough search) that should be done out of public view. The necessity for this is dependent on the intel and therefore what you are looking for. The level of search must be proportionate.

Overall RAG rating:	Green (100%)
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Chair's comments and OPCC Summary:

Everyone was in agreement that this was a good S&S. There was a point in the chat re the need for the young officer to have more confidence, however others disagreed and felt she was confident. Overall, a well-handled situation and the summary is reflective of this.

Actions arising:

Eg – feedback to officer as the most basic

None.

Feedback:

Eg - PC XXX & Sgt XXX emailed feedback 5/7/23

Name:

Date:

Incident 5

Review Date:	25/04/2024	BWV reference:	SS/2628743773/3
Incident Date:	04/03/2024	Incident time:	12:30

Grounds: Written Assessment	
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?	
Overview: A vehicle being driven has been linked to the supply of Class A drugs, there have been reports of the occupants of the vehicle being seen to make exchanges of drugs with known drug users.	
Comments: None raised.	
Grounds RAG rating:	Green (100%)

BWV	
Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handcuffs were used despite the subject being compliant? The Constabulary explained that this would have been as a result of the officers dynamic risk assessment decision. Without wanting to speak for the officer, the Constabulary gave the example that in this situation it is likely that the officer was significantly smaller than the subject and therefore it is likely it would have been for her own safety. 	
Overall RAG rating:	Green (100%)

Chair's comments and OPCC Summary:	
All in agreement and found the explanation given by the Constabulary useful.	
Actions arising:	Feedback:
<i>Eg – feedback to officer as the most basic</i>	<i>Eg - PC XXX & Sgt XXX emailed feedback 5/7/23</i>
None.	
Name:	Date:

Incident 6			
Review Date:	25/04/2024	BWV reference:	SS/3301067062/1
Incident Date:	22/03/2024	Incident time:	03:56

Grounds: Written Assessment	
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?	
Overview: A male has returned to a supported living house in possession of a class b drug which needs to be removed before they are able to enter the property.	
Comments: None raised.	
Grounds RAG rating:	Green (100%)

BWV	
Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First name given only and no collar number provided and other parts of GOWISELY came later on in the interaction • The officer seemed inexperienced and as though they were under guidance? The Constabulary confirmed this was a student officer under the guidance of a trainer. • The officer handled the situation respectfully • There didn't seem to be much rapport built with the subject 	
Overall RAG rating:	Amber 57% Green 42%

Chair's comments and OPCC Summary:
The Chair reflected that this could likely have been a first search this trainee officer had carried out, and that this would explain some of the areas to be worked on. The panel appreciated that everyone has to start somewhere and that being a trainee would explain some of the comments raised regarding the need to build rapport and get GOWISELY out seamlessly.

Actions arising:	Feedback:	
<i>Eg – feedback to officer as the most basic</i> None.	<i>Eg - PC XXX & Sgt XXX emailed feedback 5/7/23</i>	
Name:		Date: