

Stop & Search Reference Group (SSRG) Minutes

Date: 27th March 2024 16:00 – 18:00 (The Hive)

Chair: Franstine Jones (FJ)

Minute Taker: Travis Dickerson (TD)

Presenting: Sharon Lee (SL)

Attendee Names: Travis Dickerson (TD), Sharon Lee (SL), Franstine Jones (FJ), Phaniel Mutumburi (PM), Cad Taylor (CT), David Brown (DB), Alex Suit (AS), Julie Baker (JB), Jemimah Chinoko (JC), Savi Tyndale-Bisco (STB), Holly Lennon (HL) Harry Humphry (HH), Simon Mills (SM), John Chapman (JC), Alice Scott (AS).

Welcome:	All welcomed
Introduction and purpose of the meeting:	PM spoke about the transition the group will be having following the next meeting. The group will now be able to scrutinise not only stop and searches but a wider range of police powers such as use of force and Taser. All attendees introduce themselves to the group.
Previous minutes and former actions	No former actions, previous minutes approved.

Review of Forms	ISCRE Comments	Scrutiny Discussion & Comments
<p>Form 1 - 375062/240124/202546</p> <p>xx was driving vehicle index xx and stopped by police on High Street, Yoxford and in his company was xx. xx has lots of recent intelligence linking him being involved in the supply of drugs, mainly cannabis and heroin. xx admitted to having smoked cannabis earlier that day and stated that he did not have anything on him. Drugs may have been potentially passed between xx and xx whilst the vehicle was in transit. Based on this information, xx and the vehicle were both detained under Section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act.</p>	<p>BWV requested.</p> <p>Why was this person stopped, was it intel relating to the car index? How recent was intel? The grounds for this search lack detail. Recording in correct format would have strengthened the clarity of grounds. Please update.</p>	<p>PM: We need to understand how the two individuals in the vehicle were identified. Are either of them registered to the vehicle? What was the initial suspicion to stop this vehicle?</p> <p>SM: It has been confirmed by the officer that the initial reason for the stop on this vehicle is that it was uninsured. Following this the two individuals were identified. The intelligence of the two Individual's is 9 months old and refers to drug trafficking of cannabis and heroin.</p> <p>To add some further context to in the BWV we would have seen multiple vehicles while the stop and searching was taking place. One of these vehicles was a pickup truck that would be there to take the uninsured vehicle.</p> <p>STB: Due to the driver admitting he had smoked cannabis earlier in the day was a drug test done on the driver at all?</p> <p>SM: From the BWV and response, I can see that no drug swipe was done of the driver. This is most likely due to a lack of drug swipes on the officers.</p>
<p>Form 2 - 370344/220124/181818</p> <p>See:</p> <p>I saw a male wearing a dark coloured fur hooded jacket, blue jeans and Nike trainers walking along Bramford Road Ipswich away from Hammersmith Road Ipswich.</p> <p>Know:</p> <p>I know that a male wearing a dark coloured fur hooded jacket, blue jeans and Nike trainers was seen to have a knife on his person and to walk away from Hammersmith Road towards Bramford Road Ipswich.</p> <p>Suspect:</p> <p>I suspected that this male matched the description of the subject described above and suspected that he could be in possession of a knife.</p>	<p>BWV requested</p> <p>We would like to review this as an innocent person was stopped and searched based on a description. We would like to know where the original call came in from and have clarity on what was seen/described against what we view on the BWV.</p>	<p>BWV was requested but was unavailable for ISCRE to review.</p> <p>SM: The initial report we had was from a member of the public who explained they had seen a male with the described clothing to be in possession of a knife. Based on the appearance of the individual and the way they were traveling we had suspicion this could be the individual with the Knife.</p>

<p>Form 3 - 372837/291223/143349</p> <p>The male was seen walking on the A143 towards Highpoint prison carrying a black bag and wearing a man bag. His hood was up. This area is where the prison get a lot of throw overs at this time of day and the suspects present exacty as this male did. When I swung the car around to go and find the male he was now walking down the road adjacent to the prison that leads to the solar farm at the rear of the prison where the majority of throwovers happen.</p>	<p>This search lack detail. Nothing was found in the search. What were the suspicious behaviours for the stop and search? What was the man doing/going? Is everyone walking in that area with a backpack stopped?</p>	<p>PM: Is it common practice that when anyone is seen walking around in the area that is referenced in the grounds that they are there to take place in a throw over? If not, why was this individual stopped?</p> <p>SM: It is appropriate for the prison staff to have suspicion when seeing anyone walk in the area as this individual did, due to the chance of throw overs. The time of day and the bags being carried would have raised further suspicion.</p>
<p>Form 4 - 370195/071223/152343</p> <p>see male approach morrisons shop on mcaulaay road and approach a known drug user that appeared to be hanging around at the shop. There was a short interaction between the two males and then the male walked away from the location. On approaching the male he stated that he was from Crawley and was currently sleeping rough in Ipswich and gave no reason for being in the area. know there is current intelligence that suggest that the xx county line is using defoe road as a current location for dealing and that the male involved is not ipswich based suspect the male was suspected as possibly linked to county lines dealing due to not being local and also intereacting with known drugs users searched under the misuse of drugs act</p>	<p>This search does not give clarity on why this person was stopped in the first instance. What were the behaviours that the officer suspected of the person to carry out a search.</p>	<p>Update from officer:</p> <p>see male approach Morrisons shop on McAulay road and approach a known drug user that appeared to be hanging around at the shop. There was a short interaction between the two males and then the male walked away from the location. On approaching the male, he stated that he was from Crawley and was currently sleeping rough in Ipswich and gave no reason for being in the area. know there is current intelligence that suggest that the xx county line is using Defoe Road as a current location for dealing and that the male involved is not Ipswich based suspect the male was suspected as possibly linked to county lines dealing due to not being local and interreacting with known drugs users searched under the misuse of drugs act</p> <p>JC: male was seen to interact with a known drug user in an area that we had intelligence that a drug line was operating.</p>

<p>Form 5 - 375102/050124/135036</p> <p>See- Seen and received information on call report on SC-04012024-265 and spoken to member of staff regarding the individual being in possession of a knife.</p> <p>Know- Searched male has been named as a person that has been bringing a knife into school, this has been confirmed by three independent people and referenced in CAD SC-04012024-265 and police received further information whilst at the school from a teaching assistant, confirming the information on the above CAD.</p> <p>Suspect – Due to the above information police suspected that the male has a knife on him and there may be a knife in his bag.</p>	<p>The grounds for this search would benefit from more clarity. If the school saw student with a knife and they were searched and no knife found, where was the knife? Did the school have the student in their sights from the time a knife was seen until the police arrived? the 3 independent people who have seen him with a knife previously, were they peers or teachers? Was permission sought to search this 12-year-old in school? Was GOWISELY fully utilised.</p>	<p>HL was the officer directly involved in the search and provided an update to the group.</p> <p>HL: We were directly contacted from a mother whose child attends the same school. We were told this mothers child saw the individual with a knife a felt threatened to go to school. Upon arriving at the school, we were also informed by a member of the staff that this individual has a knife on their person. As the group is aware no knife was found. It is important for contextual reasons that the group knows this individual identifies as transgender. From a conversation with the individual, they explained how they have never brought a knife into school. We have suspension that this young person may be being bullied and this was a malicious call.</p> <p>Panel discussed how individuals can at times try to get the police to do their work for them when they have an issue about a person.</p>
<p>Form 6 – 370659/260124/213820</p> <p>Selected by the police to review this BWV due to others not being available.</p>	<p>This was not a form selected by ISCRE to be scrutinised</p> <p>BWV was reviewed by ISCRE.</p> <p>No issue with the BWV review.</p>	<p>ISCRE and members from the police who viewed the BWV gave quick summary of what was seen to the group.</p> <p>FJ: Why was this individual not arrested? They were suspected of shop lifting and after being stopped and searched, they had these stolen items.</p> <p>This person could have been arrested as they had shown the officer the item they were walking out of the shop with.</p>

AOB:

Dates for next meetings - June 05th, July 31st, September 25th, November 27th