

**Stop & Search Reference Group (SSRG) Minutes**

**Date: 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 10:00 – 12:00 (University of Suffolk)**

**Chair: Franstine Jones (FJ)**

**Minute Taker: Travis Dickerson (TD)**

**Number in attendance: Travis Dickerson (TD), Phaniel Mutumburi (PM), Sharon Lee (SL), Carlos Walker (CW), Alisha Maycock (AM), Savi Tyndale-Biscoe (STB), Bella (B), Garfield Hunt (GH), Kate Fitzsimons (KF), Andy Pursehouse (AP), Lucy Cowling (LC), Glen Perkins (GP), Tom Ellingham (TE), Danny Gynn (DG), Vikki Marcus (VM), Alice Scott (AS), Naomi Lofthouse (NL), Simon Mills (SM), Stella Frangleton (SF), Franstine Jones (FJ)**

**20 Total**

Item	ISCRE Comments	Discussion	Comments	Action by whom & when
Welcome		Chair welcomed all.		
Introduction of the purpose of the meeting		<p>All members of the group introduce themselves.</p> <p>Phanuel discusses the SSRG's purpose and what we plan to achieve.</p> <p>SM added to Phanuel's discussion. Giving his experiences with the SSRG and the progress that has been made.</p>		
Former Actions:		Former actions have been actioned. No discussion.		
<p><b>Review of Forms:</b></p> <p><b>Form 1 – 375090/250623/132842</b></p> <p><b>Grounds –</b></p> <p>SEE I saw xxx in BURY TOWN CENTRE, when he lives in SUDBURY. KNOW Information that xxx attended the address of xxx in ST JOHNS STREET, BSE last night. The address had been quiet last night until a person matching xxxx description had turned up at which point there had then been lots of coming and going from the address for short periods of</p>	<p>SL - Could we view the BWV for this one. Why was this person stopped in the first instance? Was it solely based on him living in another town? At what point had the officer become aware of information (activities the night before) was it prior or after the person was stopped? It states, a person matching his description (Where did that information come from, and what was the description to be matched)? Why is there an hour between the stop &amp; the search? Why was force used? On what grounds was a strip search requested?</p>	<p>NL: Hour difference is due to spreadsheet error.</p> <p>NL: BWV not available as officer was not yet provided with body camera.</p> <p>PM: Can we evaluate what grounds we were given?</p>	<p>NL: The individual was recognised by my tutor, and he was known for drug dealing. The individual has been seen entering and leaving a well-known address for drug dealing.</p> <p>GP: Grounds must be formed before a Stop and search; in my opinion this form does not provide us with enough grounds.</p>	

<p>time consistent with drug dealing from the address.  <b>SUSPECT</b>  As a result of this information, I suspected that xxxx was in possession of class A drugs and as such I detained him for a search of controlled substances.</p>				
<p><b>Form 2 – 371245/020623/203754</b></p> <p><b>Grounds –</b></p> <p>Saw a WHITE MERCEDES index xxx parked on Nansen Road, Ipswich. There was a group of people playing basketball within 20 metres in a court. One of the males playing matched the description of heavy male in a blue tracksuit.  A call received by the Police stated a male in this car, with this description had put a handgun in the car. The male came to the police and identified himself as the owner of the car and that there was an air soft bb gun in the boot. The bb gun was a rifle, not a handgun.  Police were told that it was a handgun, these can be easily concealed on a person or car. The suspicion was there a handgun hidden.</p>	<p>SL - Can we view the BWV for this case please.  The grounds for this search are not clearly recorded. What information was exchanged before the man said there was an air soft bb gun in the boot?  Why is the stop recorded as the 11th of June and the search recorded as the 2nd of June?</p> <p><b>BWV was revied by ISCRE</b></p>	<p>SL: Provide an explanation of what ISCRE saw from the BWV provided. I wondered why the BWV was put on a little later into the situation. To summarise the video, the overall interaction between public and police was very good. The searching officer and individual had a calm dialogue going, the individual was compliant to the officers' requests and understood the reasoning for the search. No use of force.</p> <p>Other police in the area, handled the growing crowd very well, it could have gone either way, but the police kept the situation very calm with good communication.</p> <p>PM: This person was also flagged as a "heavy build" but was not put in handcuffs due to good communication between both parties.</p>	<p>SM: No See/Know/Suspect format used. Supervisor did pick this up in his comments.</p> <p>SM: Pre-record is something we are implying which means officers will have to start recording 30 seconds before any S&amp;S. The delay in turning on his BWV was feedback to the sergeant.</p> <p>SM: This specific BWV was a very good example of de-escalating a situation so it will be used for an example in future training. If only the form could have shared these positives.</p>	

<p><b>Form 3 - 370848-290723-041333</b></p> <p><b>Grounds –</b></p> <p>Witnessed by town CCTV snorting drugs.</p>	<p>SL - These grounds lack detail. How was it identified it was drugs being snorted? How was the person identified from the cctv, were descriptions given or did the cctv operator lead police to the suspect? What communication was there between the officer and the cctv operator, did the cctv operator have continuous sight on the person? Poor recording as these grounds, they do not tell us anything to help scrutinise if it was a fair and lawful stop &amp; search.</p>	<p>SL From BWV we believe the handcuffs were used for a little too long after the search was completed. The officer states “I don’t want you to peg it”.</p>	<p>SM: Provided some more detailed grounds. This form relates to one individual being searched from two different males. I feel that GOWISLEY was not given to both individuals. As he was giving GOWISLEY to one of the males the other was being handcuffed by another officer, was he able to catch GOWISLEY?</p> <p>Grounds lacked detail; feedback will be given.</p>	
<p><b>Form 4 – 370589/250623/044523</b></p> <p><b>Grounds -</b></p>	<p>SL - Grounds for this S&amp;S are not clear. The reason for the stop was to enforce a traffic violation, how has the officer moved from road traffic offence to misuse of drugs? Was the intelligence known before the stop?</p> <p>Grounds are poorly written, lacking detail.</p>	<p>Not reviewed at this meeting, request written update.</p>	<p>.</p>	<p>CC &amp; SM A written update from this form please.</p>
<p><b>Form 5 - 370661-120723-234157</b></p> <p><b>Grounds -</b></p>	<p>SL - Grounds are not clearly written. The form lacked detail to ascertain a fair stop and search.</p> <p>We can see the use of force was applied, however there are no details about this from the officer. The supervisor has re-written the form giving more detail and clarity, we have however highlighted this form as an example of the grounds not clearly being recorded for us to scrutinise if it was a fair and lawful stop &amp; search.</p>	<p>Not reviewed at this meeting, request written update.</p>		<p>CC &amp; SM A written update from this form please.</p>

<p><b>Form 6 - 371325-190723-212510</b></p> <p><b>Grounds -</b></p>	<p>SL - Good stop &amp; search, well recorded.</p>			<p>Give officer positive feedback</p>
<p>AOB</p>		<p>SF: We have set up a focus group with force leavers from a BME background. Further to this we have been developing the race action plan. I think it would be nice to have as many young people from the BME background as possible as they will be most affected from this.</p> <p>CW: Landmark house. Provides a personal story of an interaction with a police officer in the carpark of his workplace. Asked by officers "Can I help you". Once they saw his lanyard they drove off and moved on.</p> <p>Are all persons stopped inf lanyard isn't seen regardless of colour?</p>	<p>Circulate information</p> <p>Due to the location of where the police floor, individuals of Landmark House must have their lanyard out and it should be clear. Officers will be wanting to check who they are / what they are doing / Can they provide ID.</p> <p>Discussion.</p>	<p>SF – Circulate information</p>
<p><b>Next Meeting:</b></p> <p><b>29<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Northgate High School 10.00 -12.00</b></p>				