

Stop Search Quarter 1 Report

July – September 2025

Overview

This report is to provide information about Stop Search Scrutiny Panels undertaken by Independent Stop Search Volunteers between 1st July and 30th September 2025.

Panels

In quarter 2, 1 Stop Search Scrutiny Panel was conducted, and a total of 15 cases were reviewed by the panel. This is split into 8 cases for the north of the county and 7 cases for the south of the county.

Cases	August
North	8
South	7
Total	15

Findings

The following table outlines information on the panel's findings into whether the description of the grounds justified the Stop Search, if Body Worn Video (BWV) was available for the cases and if the search was conducted appropriately.

Cases	Did the description of the grounds justify the Stop Search?	Was BWV available?	Was the search conducted appropriately?
North	8/8	8/8	8/8
South	7/7	6/7	6/7
Total	15/15	14/15	14/15

For one of the south cases viewed at the meeting in August, the panel could not confirm whether the search was conducted appropriately as the BWV couldn't be located.

Feedback, Causes of Concern and Good Practice

Examples of good practise

- Good practice from the officer to ask the detained person if she needs any referrals putting in place – panel commented that the officer was very observant
- The officer dealt with him calmly, sympathetically and didn't stress him out, asked if he wanted to go back to hospital – very thorough
- Very good search, panel commented that this was a 'textbook' example. They Liked the fact they checked with the detained person if he was happy with a female officer searching him

Causes of concern

- In some cases, the panel noted that the officers didn't advise the detained person that they were entitled to a copy of the search if they wished and also didn't ask for their self-defined ethnicity.

Summary

In summary, the panel concluded that:

- 15 descriptions of the grounds reviewed, did justify a stop search.
- BWV was available for 14 cases reviewed.
- 14 searches were conducted appropriately.

