

**Section 60 - Stop Search Scrutiny Panel**  
**Date of Meeting: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Attendance:**

**Police and OPCC**

Superintendent Rebecca Webster (RW)

Police Constable Steve Broadhurst (SB)

Phoebe Stott (PS) – Caseworker and Volunteer Coordinator (OPCC)

**Independent Panel Members**

*BM – independent panel member*

*LB – independent panel member*

*CB – independent panel member*

*LK – independent panel member*

*KG – independent panel member*

**1) Welcome and Introductions**

This scrutiny panel was held online via Microsoft Teams. PS welcomed all the panel members to the meeting and explained that this panel was slightly different to the usual stop search scrutiny panels as the panel members were scrutinising the recent use of Section 60 policing powers.

Superintendent RW provided the panel members with an overview of the circumstances around the lead up to the Stop Searches and an explanation around the use of section 60 policing powers. RW explained that the section 60 stop searching powers were authorised for use on 22/01/2026 and that the authorised powers were for just section 60 and not section 60A.

The panel then reviewed the internal briefing meeting video and the social media posts about the section 60 powers being utilised. Superintendent RW explained that social media posts and information were also shared with local partners and agencies and a map of the area, in which section 60 powers were authorised, were shared within the information on various platforms including social media. Superintendent RW explained that the force then shared a social media post following the section 60 powers.

PC SB then presented the cases and Body Worn Video (BWV) for each of the Stop Search incidents.

These minutes contain numerous abbreviations. A description of them is explained below.

### **GOWISELY**

Police officers use the acronym 'GOWISELY' to ensure the required information is given to members of the public when detained for the purpose of a search.

Grounds for search

Object of search

Warrant card (if not in uniform or requested)

Identity of officer

Station to which the officer is attached.

Entitlement to a copy of the search record

Legal power used.

You are detained for the purpose of the search.

**PACE 1984 (s1)** – Police and Criminal Evidence Act (1984) Section 1

**DP** - Detained person

**BWV** – Body Worn Video

**XXX** – Redaction

### 2) Section 60 Scrutiny

For the purpose of managing the minutes, feedback for cases 1 – 4 can be found at the end of case 4. This is because there was one BWV clip shown which captured all 4 searches.

#### **Case 1**

<b>Date</b>	22/01/2026
<b>Time</b>	17:36
<b>Location</b>	Derby North
<b>Subject</b>	Male 18 Any other ethnic group
<b>PE Search Power</b>	Criminal Justice and PO Act 1994 (s60)
<b>PE Search Reason</b>	Bladed Article
<b>PE Search Outcome</b>	No – no object(s) found
<b>PE Search Clothing Removed</b>	Standard stop and search (SSS)
<b>Stop Search Type</b>	Person only Search
<b>Incident Summary</b>	Section 60 in force to search for knives and other weapons in the Derby city centre the group were found in.  Observations: was part of a group that was loitering in Rivergardens which is an area where intelligence said males from Normanton in Derby may come for a pre-arranged knife fight with rivals.

	<p>The group explained they were ""chilling"" in the cold and dark and from Normanton area of Derby</p> <p>Information/intelligence: a knife fight was expected in the Derby city centre</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: that the group were linked to known individuals the section 60 was authorised to search and may be carrying knives and their presence was for the fight.</p>
<b>Outcome (i.e, arrested)</b>	Action - No further action
<b>Body Worn Video available</b>	Yes

## Case 2

<b>Date</b>	22/01/2026
<b>Time</b>	17:36
<b>Location</b>	Derby North
<b>Subject</b>	Male 15 Any Other Ethnic Group
<b>PE Search Power</b>	Criminal Justice and PO Act 1994 (s60)
<b>PE Search Reason</b>	Bladed Article
<b>PE Search Outcome</b>	No – no object(s) found
<b>PE Search Clothing Removed</b>	Standard stop and search (SSS)
<b>Stop Search Type</b>	Person only Search
<b>Incident Summary</b>	<p>Section 60 in force to search for knives and other weapons in the Derby city centre the group were found in.</p> <p>Observations: was part of a group that was loitering in Rivergardens which is an area where intelligence said males from Normanton in Derby may come for a pre-arranged knife fight with rivals.</p> <p>The group explained they were ""chilling"" in the cold and dark and from Normanton area of Derby</p> <p>Information/intelligence: a knife fight was expected in the Derby city centre</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: that the group were linked to known individuals the section 60 was authorised to search and may be carrying knives and their presence was for the fight.</p>
<b>Outcome (i.e, arrested)</b>	Action - No further action
<b>Body Worn Video available</b>	Yes

### Case 3

<b>Date</b>	22/01/2026
<b>Time</b>	17:36
<b>Location</b>	Derby North
<b>Subject</b>	Male 13 Any other ethnic group
<b>PE Search Power</b>	Criminal Justice and PO Act 1994 (s60)
<b>PE Search Reason</b>	Bladed Article
<b>PE Search Outcome</b>	No – no object(s) found
<b>PE Search Clothing Removed</b>	Standard stop and search (SSS)
<b>Stop Search Type</b>	Person only Search
<b>Incident Summary</b>	<p>Section 60 in force to search for knives and other weapons in the Derby city centre the group were found in.</p> <p>Observations: was part of a group that was loitering in Rivergardens which is an area where intelligence said males from Normanton in Derby may come for a pre-arranged knife fight with rivals.</p> <p>The group explained they were ""chilling"" in the cold and dark and from Normanton area of Derby</p> <p>Information/intelligence: a knife fight was expected in the Derby city centre</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: that the group were linked to known individuals the section 60 was authorised to search and may be carrying knives and their presence was for the fight.</p>
<b>Outcome (i.e, arrested)</b>	Action - No further action
<b>Body Worn Video available</b>	Yes

### Case 4

<b>Date</b>	22/01/2026
<b>Time</b>	17:36
<b>Location</b>	Derby North
<b>Subject</b>	Male 15 Any other ethnic group
<b>PE Search Power</b>	Criminal Justice and PO Act 1994 (s60)
<b>PE Search Reason</b>	Bladed Article
<b>PE Search Outcome</b>	No – no object(s) found
<b>PE Search Clothing Removed</b>	Standard stop and search (SSS)

<b>Stop Search Type</b>	Person only Search
<b>Incident Summary</b>	<p>Section 60 in force to search for knives and other weapons in the Derby city centre the group were found in.</p> <p>Observations: was part of a group that was loitering in Rivergardens which is an area where intelligence said males from Normanton in Derby may come for a pre-arranged knife fight with rivals.</p> <p>The group explained they were ""chilling"" in the cold and dark and from Normanton area of Derby</p> <p>Information/intelligence: a knife fight was expected in the Derby city centre</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: that the group were linked to known individuals the section 60 was authorised to search, and may be carrying knives and there presence was for the fight.</p>
<b>Outcome (i.e, arrested)</b>	Action - No further action
<b>Body Worn Video available</b>	Yes

### Feedback from Independent Panel Members

<b>Cases 1-4</b>	
<b>Panel Observations</b>	<p>The panel members agreed that the description of the grounds was clear, straightforward, and provided sufficient justification for the use of Section 60 powers.</p> <p>In relation to the BWV and the search itself, CB commented that the search appeared more cursory than a typical stop and search. In response, SB explained that under Section 60 powers officers are specifically searching for knives; therefore, searches are focused on areas where a knife could reasonably be concealed, such as the waistband. SB further advised that officers would not typically search smaller areas, such as pockets, as knives are not usually found there.</p> <p>KG then asked whether any drugs discovered during the search would have been dealt with appropriately. SB confirmed that if drugs had been found, officers could have proceeded to conduct a standard stop and search for drugs. However, he reiterated that during this Section 60 search, the primary focus was on locating knives rather than drugs.</p>

	<p>KG also raised concerns regarding officer safety, noting that although the officers were searching for weapons, none of the individuals were handcuffed. SB advised that officers will usually assess the need for handcuffing during the initial interaction, based on an individual's behaviour and body language. On this occasion, SB explained that following his initial engagement with the individuals, he assessed that handcuffs were not necessary, as there was no significant threat and none of the individuals appeared evasive or displayed behaviour suggestive of concealing a weapon.</p> <p>Finally, LK noted that while GOWISELY was not fully covered, specifically, the officer did not provide their collar number, he felt the search itself was conducted well and appropriately.</p>
<b>Panel Decision</b>	Overall, the panel thought that the stop search form clearly explained the grounds for the search under the use of section 60 powers and BWV gave evidence of compliance.
<b>Actions taken by Police</b>	Feedback to be shared with the officer involved.

## Case 5

Prior to reviewing this case, SB explained to the panel that this officer had not turned on their BWV until part way through the stop search. As such, SB showed the panel a written account of the stop search from the officer and then went on to play the BWV footage.

<b>Date</b>	22/01/2026
<b>Time</b>	17:36
<b>Location</b>	Derby North
<b>Subject</b>	Male 15 Asian
<b>PE Search Power</b>	Criminal Justice and PO Act 1994 (s60)
<b>PE Search Reason</b>	Bladed Article
<b>PE Search Outcome</b>	No - no object(s) found
<b>PE Search Clothing Removed</b>	Standard stop and search (SSS)
<b>Stop Search Type</b>	Person only Search
<b>Incident Summary</b>	Section 60 in place in relation to an arranged fight in the city centre involving knives. I have been directed to the male by a CCTV unit who have stated he is linked to the group involved in the fight.

	<p>Male has been seen to meet with two others before walking away towards the bus stop.</p> <p>Observations: Male seen to meet with two males wearing balaclavas believed to be linked to the group planning the fight for a short period before walking away towards bus stop where he was looking around and over his shoulder.</p> <p>Information/intelligence: That there was a planned fight in the city centre involving knives and members of the group were using younger associates to carry the knives</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: On speaking to the male he refused to engage in conversation with me or provide details. As i was talking to him he pulled his bag closer making me suspect he may have a knife in his bag.</p>
<b>Outcome (i.e, arrested)</b>	Action - No further action
<b>Body Worn Video available</b>	Yes

#### Feedback from Independent Panel Members

<b>Panel Observations</b>	<p>Panel were happy with the description of the grounds and stated that these were good.</p> <p>They were also happy with the search however, one panel member did ask whether parents are informed following a stop search of a juvenile. SB advised yes they are and a Public Protection Notice (PNN) is created too which helps gauge support form other agencies if needed, like yes,ial care for example.</p> <p>SB then informed the panel that the searching officer took the DP home following the search as a safeguarding response due to the age of the DP and because the DP had missed their bus home.</p>
<b>Panel Decision</b>	Overall, the panel were happy that the stop search form clearly explained the grounds for the search under the use of section 60 powers and BWV and statement from officer gave evidence of compliance around the stop search.
<b>Actions taken by Police</b>	Feedback to be shared with the officer involved.

For the purpose of managing the minutes, feedback for cases 6 – 12 can be found at the end of case 12. This is because there was one BWV clip shown which captured all 7 searches.

**Case 6**

<b>Date</b>	22/01/2026
<b>Time</b>	07:40
<b>Location</b>	Derby North
<b>Subject</b>	Not recorded 17 Not recorded
<b>PE Search Power</b>	Criminal Justice and PO Act 1994 (s60)
<b>PE Search Reason</b>	Searching for offensive weapons
<b>PE Search Outcome</b>	No - no object(s) found
<b>PE Search Clothing Removed</b>	Only outer clothing removed (JOG)
<b>Stop Search Type</b>	Person only Search
<b>Incident Summary</b>	<p>A section 60 was authorised in Derby City Centre due to intelligence received that a fight involving weapons was being organised around that location. The intelligence was received and mentioned certain individuals along with their associates whose details were not confirmed. Videos of previous fights have been found by Police involving the same individuals mentioned. In the videos of the fights, it can clearly be seen that weapons such as machetes and axes are being used.</p> <p>Derbion security made Police aware of a group they were viewing on CCTV who were directly linked to one of the persons linked through intelligence as involved in the fights.</p> <p>The group have previously been seen with the subject and are known associates. The group were acting suspiciously and appeared to be passing phones around and moving to different locations. They have been banned from the Derbion due to their behaviour. Intelligence also suggested that the subject was potentially asking associates to hold the weapons. The group were stopped whilst sat inside XXX on St Peters Street. They were searched to prevent serious violence and find dangerous or offensive weapons. All males were compliant and nothing found on their person.</p>
<b>Outcome (i.e, arrested)</b>	Action - No further action
<b>Body Worn Video available</b>	Yes

**Case 7**

<b>Date</b>	22/01/2026
<b>Time</b>	07:40
<b>Location</b>	Derby North
<b>Subject</b>	Not recorded 16 Not recorded
<b>PE Search Power</b>	Criminal Justice and PO Act 1994 (s60)
<b>PE Search Reason</b>	Searching for offensive weapons
<b>PE Search Outcome</b>	No - no object(s) found
<b>PE Search Clothing Removed</b>	Only outer clothing removed (JOG)
<b>Stop Search Type</b>	Person only Search
<b>Incident Summary</b>	<p>A section 60 was authorised in Derby City Centre due to intelligence received that a fight involving weapons was being organised around that location. The intelligence was received and mentioned certain individuals along with their associates whose details were not confirmed. Videos of previous fights have been found by Police involving the same individuals mentioned. In the videos of the fights, it can clearly be seen that weapons such as machetes and axes are being used.</p> <p>Derbion security made Police aware of a group they were viewing on CCTV who were directly linked to one of the persons linked through intelligence as involved in the fights.</p> <p>The group have previously been seen with the subject and are known associates. The group were acting suspiciously and appeared to be passing phones around and moving to different locations. They have been banned from the Derbion due to their behaviour. Intelligence also suggested that the subject was potentially asking associates to hold the weapons. The group were stopped whilst sat inside XXX on St Peters Street. They were searched to prevent serious violence and find dangerous or offensive weapons. All males were compliant and nothing found on their person.</p>
<b>Outcome (i.e, arrested)</b>	Action - No further action
<b>Body Worn Video available</b>	Yes

## Case 8

<b>Date</b>	22/01/2026
<b>Time</b>	07:40
<b>Location</b>	Derby North
<b>Subject</b>	Not recorded 17 Not recorded
<b>PE Search Power</b>	Criminal Justice and PO Act 1994 (s60)
<b>PE Search Reason</b>	Searching for offensive weapons
<b>PE Search Outcome</b>	No - no object(s) found
<b>PE Search Clothing Removed</b>	Only outer clothing removed (JOG)
<b>Stop Search Type</b>	Person only Search
<b>Incident Summary</b>	<p>A section 60 was authorised in Derby City Centre due to intelligence received that a fight involving weapons was being organised around that location. The intelligence was received and mentioned certain individuals along with their associates whose details were not confirmed. Videos of previous fights have been found by Police involving the same individuals mentioned. In the videos of the fights, it can clearly be seen that weapons such as machetes and axes are being used.</p> <p>Derbion security made Police aware of a group they were viewing on CCTV who were directly linked to one of the persons linked through intelligence as involved in the fights.</p> <p>The group have previously been seen with the subject and are known associates. The group were acting suspiciously and appeared to be passing phones around and moving to different locations. They have been banned from the Derbion due to their behaviour. Intelligence also suggested that the subject was potentially asking associates to hold the weapons. The group were stopped whilst sat inside XXX on St Peters Street. They were searched to prevent serious violence and find dangerous or offensive weapons. All males were compliant and nothing found on their person.</p>
<b>Outcome (i.e, arrested)</b>	Action - No further action
<b>Body Worn Video available</b>	Yes

## Case 9

<b>Date</b>	22/01/2026
<b>Time</b>	07:40
<b>Location</b>	Derby North
<b>Subject</b>	Not recorded 17 Not recorded
<b>PE Search Power</b>	Criminal Justice and PO Act 1994 (s60)
<b>PE Search Reason</b>	Searching for offensive weapons
<b>PE Search Outcome</b>	No - no object(s) found
<b>PE Search Clothing Removed</b>	Only outer clothing removed (JOG)
<b>Stop Search Type</b>	Person only Search
<b>Incident Summary</b>	<p>A section 60 was authorised in Derby City Centre due to intelligence received that a fight involving weapons was being organised around that location. The intelligence was received and mentioned certain individuals along with their associates whose details were not confirmed. Videos of previous fights have been found by Police involving the same individuals mentioned. In the videos of the fights, it can clearly be seen that weapons such as machetes and axes are being used.</p> <p>Derbion security made Police aware of a group they were viewing on CCTV who were directly linked to one of the persons linked through intelligence as involved in the fights.</p> <p>The group have previously been seen with the subject and are known associates. The group were acting suspiciously and appeared to be passing phones around and moving to different locations. They have been banned from the Derbion due to their behaviour. Intelligence also suggested that the subject was potentially asking associates to hold the weapons. The group were stopped whilst sat inside XXX on St Peters Street. They were searched to prevent serious violence and find dangerous or offensive weapons. All males were compliant and nothing found on their person.</p>
<b>Outcome (i.e, arrested)</b>	Action - No further action
<b>Body Worn Video available</b>	Yes

## Case 10

<b>Date</b>	22/01/2026
<b>Time</b>	07:40
<b>Location</b>	Derby North
<b>Subject</b>	Not recorded 17 Not recorded
<b>PE Search Power</b>	Criminal Justice and PO Act 1994 (s60)
<b>PE Search Reason</b>	Searching for offensive weapons
<b>PE Search Outcome</b>	No - no object(s) found
<b>PE Search Clothing Removed</b>	Only outer clothing removed (JOG)
<b>Stop Search Type</b>	Person only Search
<b>Incident Summary</b>	<p>A section 60 was authorised in Derby City Centre due to intelligence received that a fight involving weapons was being organised around that location. The intelligence was received and mentioned certain individuals along with their associates whose details were not confirmed. Videos of previous fights have been found by Police involving the same individuals mentioned. In the videos of the fights, it can clearly be seen that weapons such as machetes and axes are being used.</p> <p>Derbion security made Police aware of a group they were viewing on CCTV who were directly linked to one of the persons linked through intelligence as involved in the fights.</p> <p>The group have previously been seen with the subject and are known associates. The group were acting suspiciously and appeared to be passing phones around and moving to different locations. They have been banned from the Derbion due to their behaviour. Intelligence also suggested that the subject was potentially asking associates to hold the weapons. The group were stopped whilst sat inside XXX on St Peters Street. They were searched to prevent serious violence and find dangerous or offensive weapons. All males were compliant and nothing found on their person.</p>
<b>Outcome (i.e, arrested)</b>	Action - No further action
<b>Body Worn Video available</b>	Yes

**Case 11**

<b>Date</b>	22/01/2026
<b>Time</b>	07:40
<b>Location</b>	Derby North
<b>Subject</b>	Not recorded 16 Not recorded
<b>PE Search Power</b>	Criminal Justice and PO Act 1994 (s60)
<b>PE Search Reason</b>	Searching for offensive weapons
<b>PE Search Outcome</b>	No - no object(s) found
<b>PE Search Clothing Removed</b>	Only outer clothing removed (JOG)
<b>Stop Search Type</b>	Person only Search
<b>Incident Summary</b>	<p>A section 60 was authorised in Derby City Centre due to intelligence received that a fight involving weapons was being organised around that location. The intelligence was received and mentioned certain individuals along with their associates whose details were not confirmed. Videos of previous fights have been found by Police involving the same individuals mentioned. In the videos of the fights, it can clearly be seen that weapons such as machetes and axes are being used.</p> <p>Derbion security made Police aware of a group they were viewing on CCTV who were directly linked to one of the persons linked through intelligence as involved in the fights.</p> <p>The group have previously been seen with the subject and are known associates. The group were acting suspiciously and appeared to be passing phones around and moving to different locations. They have been banned from the Derbion due to their behaviour. Intelligence also suggested that the subject was potentially asking associates to hold the weapons. The group were stopped whilst sat inside XXX on St Peters Street. They were searched to prevent serious violence and find dangerous or offensive weapons. All males were compliant and nothing found on their person.</p>
<b>Outcome (i.e, arrested)</b>	Action - No further action
<b>Body Worn Video available</b>	Yes

## Case 12

<b>Date</b>	22/01/2026
<b>Time</b>	07:40
<b>Location</b>	Derby North
<b>Subject</b>	Not recorded 16 Not recorded
<b>PE Search Power</b>	Criminal Justice and PO Act 1994 (s60)
<b>PE Search Reason</b>	Searching for offensive weapons
<b>PE Search Outcome</b>	No - no object(s) found
<b>PE Search Clothing Removed</b>	Only outer clothing removed (JOG)
<b>Stop Search Type</b>	Person only Search
<b>Incident Summary</b>	<p>A section 60 was authorised in Derby City Centre due to intelligence received that a fight involving weapons was being organised around that location. The intelligence was received and mentioned certain individuals along with their associates whose details were not confirmed. Videos of previous fights have been found by Police involving the same individuals mentioned. In the videos of the fights, it can clearly be seen that weapons such as machetes and axes are being used.</p> <p>Derbion security made Police aware of a group they were viewing on CCTV who were directly linked to one of the persons linked through intelligence as involved in the fights.</p> <p>The group have previously been seen with the subject and are known associates. The group were acting suspiciously and appeared to be passing phones around and moving to different locations. They have been banned from the Derbion due to their behaviour. Intelligence also suggested that the subject was potentially asking associates to hold the weapons. The group were stopped whilst sat inside XXX on St Peters Street. They were searched to prevent serious violence and find dangerous or offensive weapons. All males were compliant and nothing found on their person.</p>
<b>Outcome (i.e, arrested)</b>	Action - No further action
<b>Body Worn Video available</b>	Yes

<b>Panel Observations</b>	The panel were happy with grounds recorded and stated they were very succinct.
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	<p>With regards to the BWV, the panel members agreed that the interaction as a whole was very good. To start with, the panel thought the atmosphere seemed slightly confrontational between the officers and the group however, the officers dealt with it well and turned it round to be a friendly interaction with everyone.</p> <p>Another panel member stated that this was a good search.</p>
<b>Panel Decision</b>	<p>Overall, the panel were happy that the stop search form clearly explained the grounds for the search under the use of section 60 powers and BWV gave evidence of compliance around the stop search.</p>
<b>Actions taken by Police</b>	<p>Feedback to be shared with the officer involved.</p>