



Stop Search Scrutiny Panel

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 30th October 2024

Attendance:

Police and OPCC

James Hunt (JH) – Police Constable

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

Independent Panel Members

DL – independent panel member

LK – independent panel member

LB – independent panel member

CB – 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. JH introduced himself to the panel members.

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)

Intity 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) Stop Search Scrutiny: North

Case 1

Date	29/07/2025
Time	05:09
Location	High Peak, Derbyshire
Subject	31 Gender: Not recorded W1. White British
PE Search Power	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (Possession))
PE Search Reason	Drugs – other controlled drugs
PE Search Outcome	Yes – the object other than that searched for
PE Search Clothing Removed	Not recorded
Stop Search Type	Person/Vehicle Search
Incident Summary	Driving vehicle with intelligence linking it to drug dealing. Observations: Driving vehicle with intelligence linking it to drug dealing. Information/intelligence: Driving vehicle with intelligence linking it to drug dealing. Suspicion prior to search: Driving vehicle with intelligence linking it to drug dealing.
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video available	Yes

Feedback from Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	No further comments were made by the panel.
Panel Decision	Panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search, and the BWV gave evidence for compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback on the stop search has been shared with officers involved.

Case 2

Date	28/07/2025
Time	10:00
Location	Chesterfield, Derbyshire
Subject	21

	Gender: Not recorded W1. White British
PE Search Power	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (PWITS))
PE Search Reason	Drugs – other controlled drugs
PE Search Outcome	No – no objects found
PE Search Clothing Removed	Not recorded
Stop Search Type	Person only search
Incident Summary	<p>Section 8 warrant carried out at address, other persons present inside the address searched for Class A.</p> <p>Observations: Male compliant, quantity of cash present inside the address likely to be a result of supply.</p> <p>Information/intelligence: Large quantities of intelligence surrounding the address being used for washing crack cocaine.</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: Warrant being executed at the address for supplying Class A</p>
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video available	Yes

Feedback from Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	No further comments were made by the panel in relation to the description of the grounds however, they did highlight that the officer did not inform the search subject they were entitled to a copy of the search or asked what their self-defined ethnicity is.
Panel Decision	Panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search, and the BWV gave evidence for compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback on the stop search has been shared with officers involved.

Case 3

Date	25/07/2025
Time	22:30
Location	Amber Valley, Derbyshire
Subject	50 Not recorded W1. White British
PE Search Power	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason	Bladed Article
PE Search Outcome	Yes – the object(s) searched for

PE Search Clothing Removed	Not recorded
Stop Search Type	Person Only Search
Incident Summary	<p>Police received multiple reports of a male with a small curved lock knife on his person, threatening members of the public with it on Ripley Market place. He was described as being a white male, approximately 6 feet tall, wearing a tartan jacket.</p> <p>On attendance at the location, a male matching the description given on the report was pointed out to officers by pub bouncers, confirming it was the male with the knife.</p> <p>Observations: Male was seen by witnesses to threaten multiple members of the public with a small curved lock knife. Witnesses gave a description as a white male, approximately 6 feet tall, wearing a tartan jacket.</p> <p>He was identified by witnesses and pointed out to officers on attendance. He was red dotted and placed into handcuffs, and when asked, he confirmed he had a small lock knife in his right jacket pocket.</p> <p>Information/intelligence: The only knowledge and information known about the suspect prior to the stop search was his name and DOB, which was used to run him through police systems and confirm he was not outstanding.</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: Male matched the description provided by multiple witnesses of a male carrying a curved knife on his person and was pointed out by victims/witnesses on officer arrival.</p> <p>When asked if he had anything similar to a knife, his person prior to stop-search, the suspect confirmed he had a lock knife in his right jacket pocket.</p>
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	Arrest
Body Worn Video available	Yes

Feedback from Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	No further comments were made by the panel in relation to the description of the grounds. They also made no comments in relation to the BWV other than that the officer did not ask the search subject how they would describe ethnicity.
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Panel Decision	Panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search, and the BWV gave evidence for compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback on the stop search has been shared with officers involved.

Case 4

Date	24/07/2025
Time	03:35
Location	Not recorded [this is likely due to any issue with the mapping software on police devices]
Subject	36 Gender: Not recorded W1. White British
PE Search Power	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (Possession))
PE Search Reason	Drugs - other controlled drugs
PE Search Outcome	No - no object(s) found
PE Search Clothing Removed	Not recorded
Stop Search Type	Person/Vehicle Search
Incident Summary	<p>Sole occupant of car parked in layby at 03:30 with no houses around.</p> <p>When stopping and speaking, was a female, when she wound window down cannabis could be smelt and when asked about this she stated that someone else had been smoking cannabis in the car.</p> <p>Female and vehicle searched</p> <p>Observations: admitted that somebody had been in the car smoking cannabis, believed there may still be some in the vehicle or on her.</p> <p>Information/intelligence: none known prior to search, vehicle on Niche for driving on private licence with no L-plates.</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: smell of cannabis and admittance that somebody else had smoked cannabis in vehicle. believed may still be cannabis present.</p>
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video available	Yes

Feedback from Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	No further comments were made in relation to the description of the grounds however the panel did highlight that they liked the fact the officer asked the search subject if she needs any referrals putting in place and noted that this was good practice from the officer and they were very observant.
Panel Decision	Panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search, and the BWV gave evidence for compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback on the stop search has been shared with officers involved.

Case 5

Date	22/07/2025
Time	17:19
Location	Chesterfield, Derbyshire
Subject	50 Gender: not recorded W1. White British
PE Search Power	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (Possession))
PE Search Reason	Drugs - other controlled drugs
PE Search Outcome	No - no object(s) found
PE Search Clothing Removed	Not recorded
Stop Search Type	Person only search
Incident Summary	<p>Male was located in a town centre bus shelter on his hands and knees. He was clearly under the influence of some form of substance. Upon speaking to the male, he stated that he had just had some spice.</p> <p>Observations: Male was clearly under the influence of drugs. He was on his hands and knees and having to be supported by a member of the town centre security team.</p> <p>Information/intelligence: The male is a regular drug user and is often found in possession of drugs when searched by Police.</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: That the male was in possession of controlled drugs.</p>
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video available	Yes

Feedback from Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	The panel made no further comments in relation to the description on the grounds but did comment that the officer dealt with the search subject calmly and sympathetically. They commented the search was very thorough and it was good practice that the officer asked the search subject if he needed to go back to hospital.
Panel Decision	Panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search, and the BWV gave evidence for compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback on the stop search has been shared with officers involved.

Case 6

Date	20/07/2025
Time	00:03
Location	Not recorded [this is likely due to any issue with the mapping software on police devices]
Subject	16 Gender: Not recorded W1. White British
PE Search Power	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (PWITS))
PE Search Reason	Drugs - other controlled drugs
PE Search Outcome	No - no object(s) found
PE Search Clothing Removed	Not recorded
Stop Search Type	Person only search
Incident Summary	<p>Female found under the influence, as parent collected her, she had disclosed a male called [XXX] had been handing codeine out like sweets.</p> <p>Observations: Male was loitering around the area after being told to leave multiple times, I formed the opinion myself that he was under the influence</p> <p>Information/intelligence: Information from a sober adult who had been informed [XXX] had been handing codeine out like sweets</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: Female was unconscious and under the influence, a smell of herbal cannabis was in the air of the property, male would not leave as directed to prevent a further disturbance</p>
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	
Body Worn Video available	

Feedback from Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	No further comments were made by the panel.
Panel Decision	Panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search, and the BWV gave evidence for compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback on the stop search has been shared with officers involved.

Case 7

Date	17/07/2025
Time	18:56
Location	North East & Bolsover, Derbyshire
Subject	44 Male W1. White British
PE Search Power	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (Possession))
PE Search Reason	Drugs - other controlled drugs
PE Search Outcome	Yes - the object(s) searched for
PE Search Clothing Removed	No – no clothes removed
Stop Search Type	Person only search
Incident Summary	<p>After running intel checks around drug dealers in the local area around clay cross. [XXX] is a well-known drug dealer around the centre of clay cross. [XXX] was seen at the side of the road on a bike with a large bag in close proximity to a well-known drug taker. This led to me stopping the vehicle and stop searching based of the intel that is accessible on NICHE and other force systems.</p> <p>Observations: The male was in close proximity to a well-known drug taker and was looking at meeting him.</p> <p>Information/intelligence: There is a lot of intel on police systems for the male being in possession of class A and involved in supply of</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: Male is known on police systems for dealing around clay cross on his bike. Male was found in possession of his bike.</p>
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	Arrest
Body Worn Video available	Yes

Feedback from Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	No further comments were made by the panel.
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Panel Decision	Panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search, and the BWV gave evidence for compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback on the stop search has been shared with officers involved.

Case 8

Date	14/07/2025
Time	12:40
Location	Chesterfield, Derbyshire
Subject	17 Male W1. White British
PE Search Power	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason	Articles for use in theft
PE Search Outcome	Yes - the object(s) searched for
PE Search Clothing Removed	No – no clothes removed
Stop Search Type	Person only search
Incident Summary	<p>Just had attempted theft of motorbikes. Offender on motorbikes FTS (failed to stop). One of the bikes, collided with MOP (Member of Public) and ran from [XXX Street]. Male located in direction of runner hiding in bushes. Refused to provide details.</p> <p>Observations: Just had attempted theft of motorbikes. Offender on motorbikes [failed to stop] FTS. One of the bikes, collided with [Member of Public] MOP and ran from [a local street address]. Male located in direction of runner hiding in bushes. Refused to provide details.</p> <p>Information/intelligence: Just had attempted theft of motorbikes. Offender on motorbikes [failed to stop] FTS. One of the bikes, collided with [Member of Public] MOP and ran from [a local street address]. Male located in direction of runner hiding in bushes. Refused to provide details.</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: Just had attempted theft of motorbikes. Offender on motorbikes [failed to stop] FTS. One of the bikes, collided with [Member of Public] MOP and ran from [a local street address]. Male located in direction of runner hiding in bushes. Refused to provide details.</p>
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	Arrest
Body Worn Video available	Yes

Feedback from Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	Panel made no further comments in relation to the description of the grounds however, they did comment that the search was very good and a 'text book' example. They also liked that the officer checked with the search subject if he was happy with a female officer searching him.
Panel Decision	Panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search, and the BWV gave evidence for compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback on the stop search has been shared with officers involved.

3) Stop Search Scrutiny: South

Case 1

Date	27/07/2025
Time	02:00
Location	Derby South, Derbyshire
Subject	47 Gender: Not recorded W1. White British
PE Search Power	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (Possession))
PE Search Reason	Drugs - other controlled drugs
PE Search Outcome	Yes - object other than that searched for
PE Search Clothing Removed	Not recorded
Stop Search Type	Person/Vehicle Search
Incident Summary	<p>Male was spotted by officers driving a van not registered or insured to him late at night. [XXX] initially failed to stop for officers. I suspected he may have been trying to conceal drugs as when he was stopped, he had a plastic bag concealed in his hand. Due to these circumstances and the fact that [XXX] is well known for being involved in drugs him and his vehicle was detained for a search.</p> <p>Observations: [XXX] failed to stop for Police late at night. concealing item in his hand when handcuff.</p> <p>Information/intelligence: [XXX] is a known drug user</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: [XXX] failed to stop for Police late at night. Concealing item in his hand when handcuff.</p>
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	No further action

PE Search Outcome (Secondary)	Arrest
Body Worn Video available	Yes

Feedback from Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	No further comments were made by the panel.
Panel Decision	Panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search, and the BWV gave evidence for compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback on the stop search has been shared with officers involved.

Case 2

Date	29/07/2025
Time	17:50
Location	Derby West, Derbyshire
Subject	27 Gender: Not recorded A2. Asian – Pakistani
PE Search Power	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (PWITS))
PE Search Reason	Drugs - other controlled drugs
PE Search Outcome	No - no object(s) found
PE Search Clothing Removed	Not recorded
Stop Search Type	Person only search
Incident Summary	<p>Officers was behind the vehicle where it was driving at speed in an attempt to get away from officers in a plain vehicle behind. During this the passenger and driver was acting suspicious with there movements with looking behind and also ringing people during this process which made them more suspicious. There is information and intelligence to suggest that this vehicle is linked to drug supply within the derby city region. As officers have got in front of the vehicle and stopped it there was drug paraphernalia in the car. Due to this it was suspected that the driver and passenger was involved in drug supply.</p> <p>Observations: Officers was behind the vehicle where it was driving at speed in an attempt to get away from officers in a plain vehicle behind. During this the passenger and driver was acting suspicious with their movements with looking behind and also ringing people during this process which made them more suspicious. As officers have got in front of the vehicle and stopped it there was drug paraphernalia in the car. Due to this it was</p>

	<p>suspected that the driver and passenger was involved in drug supply.</p> <p>Information/intelligence: There is information and intelligence to suggest that this vehicle in which they were in is linked to drug supply within the derby city region.</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: Officers was behind the vehicle where it was driving at speed in an attempt to get away from officers in a plain vehicle behind. During this the passenger and driver was acting suspicious with their movements with looking behind and also ringing people during this process which made them more suspicious.</p>
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video available	Yes however, this couldn't be located

Feedback from Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	Panel made no further comments in relation to the description of the grounds and they could not make any comments in relation to the BWV as this could not be located. JH has asked the officer if there is any reason why the BWV could not be located – currently awaiting update.
Panel Decision	Panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback on the stop search has been shared with officers involved.

Case 3

Date	28/07/2025
Time	08:06
Location	Derby North, Derbyshire
Subject	23 Gender: not recorded W1. White British
PE Search Power	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (Possession))
PE Search Reason	Drugs - other controlled drugs
PE Search Outcome	No - no object(s) found
PE Search Clothing Removed	Not Recorded
Stop Search Type	Person only search
Incident Summary	Homeless male found sleeping in shop door. Upon him moving, a quantity of green leafy matter was seen on the floor where he was sleeping. Poking out of his pocket was a blue bag similar to that seen by the local drug users. The

	<p>area in which he was located is known locally to have mamba-related issues.</p> <p>Observations: Male sleeping homeless in a shop doorway - when he moves, green leafy matter was seen on the floor where he had been.</p> <p>Information/intelligence: Male known to be a local drug user, located in an area where drug use is prevalent, and mamba is known to be dealt around.</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: I suspected that the male may be in possession of a quantity of mamba.</p>
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video available	Yes

Feedback from Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	No further comments were made by the panel.
Panel Decision	Panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search, and the BWV gave evidence for compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback on the stop search has been shared with officers involved.

Case 4

Date	26/07/2025
Time	15:02
Location	Erewash, Derbyshire
Subject	14 Gender: not recorded W1. White British
PE Search Power	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason	Bladed article
PE Search Outcome	No - no object(s) found
PE Search Clothing Removed	Not recorded
Stop Search Type	Person only search
Incident Summary	<p>An incident was reported to police whereby a group of females have assaulted another female. It has been reported that one of the females by the name of XXX was in possession of a knife.</p> <p>Officers have attended the area and located a group of females. [XXX] has made herself known to officers, and</p>

	<p>based on the information given on the incident, a stop search was conducted under Sec.1 PACE.</p> <p>Observations: see above</p> <p>Information/intelligence: see above</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: female would be in possession of bladed article.</p>
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video available	Yes

Feedback from Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	No further comments were made by the panel in relation to the grounds however, the panel members did state that it was a “very good search” after watching the BWV.
Panel Decision	Panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search, and the BWV gave evidence for compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback on the stop search has been shared with officers involved.

Case 5

Date	25/07/2025
Time	14:44
Location	Derby North, Derbyshire
Subject	<p>43</p> <p>Gender: not recorded</p> <p>W1. White British</p>
PE Search Power	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (Possession))
PE Search Reason	Drugs - other controlled drugs
PE Search Outcome	Yes - the object(s) searched for
PE Search Clothing Removed	Not recorded
Stop Search Type	Person only search
Incident Summary	<p>Male seen walking through Derby City Centre smoking rolled cigarette, upon seeing a uniformed officer he appeared nervous and looked away, he then placed the rolled cigarette inside a fist as if to conceal it. As he continued walking he saw more officers and placed the rolled cigarette in his right bottoms pocket</p> <p>Observations: male appeared to be hiding cigarette and nervous looking away from officers</p>

	Information/intelligence: none known
	Suspicion prior to search: possession class B
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	Postal requisition/postal charge/summons
Body Worn Video available	Yes

Feedback from Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	No further comments were made by the panel in relation to the grounds however, after watching the BWV, the panel members did state that the female officer dealt with the situation really well.
Panel Decision	Panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search, and the BWV gave evidence for compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback on the stop search has been shared with officers involved.

Case 6

Date	18/07/2025
Time	13:00
Location	Derby North, Derbyshire
Subject	32 Female W1. White British
PE Search Power	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (Possession))
PE Search Reason	Drugs - other controlled drugs
PE Search Outcome	No - no object(s) found
PE Search Clothing Removed	No – no clothes removed
Stop Search Type	Person only search
Incident Summary	<p>Group of 3. 1 female 2 males sitting in the river gardens appearing under the influence of drugs.</p> <p>When officer approached female was opening rizla to begin to roll something.</p> <p>She then turned and saw police and immediately put the rizla away.</p> <p>The male to her right then appeared to pull his hand from his pocket as if interrupted.</p> <p>Around the group there was drug paraphernalia.</p>

	<p>Observations: group of 3 intoxicated believed to be taking drugs in the river gardens. When officer approached they began to act suspiciously moving items out of view.</p> <p>Information/intelligence: the river gardens is a high drug use area frequented by users.</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: males and female moving items out of officers sight and reacting to officer presence. drug paraphernalia around them on the ground.</p>
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video available	Yes

Feedback from Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	No further comments were made by the panel however, one member asked if the officers have to ask the search subject their self-defined ethnicity every time, even if they have been the subject of a stop search multiple times, in which JH advised yes.
Panel Decision	Panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search, and the BWV gave evidence for compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback on the stop search has been shared with officers involved.

Case 7

Date	16/07/2025
Time	13:26
Location	Not Recorded, [this is likely due to any issue with the mapping software on police devices]
Subject	50 Male W1. White British
PE Search Power	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (Possession))
PE Search Reason	Drugs - other controlled drugs
PE Search Outcome	Yes - the object(s) searched for
PE Search Clothing Removed	No – no clothes removed
Stop Search Type	Person only search
Incident Summary	Whilst conducting foot patrol on Swadlincote high street there was a strong smell of cannabis coming from subject. I approached the subject and this confirmed the subject was smoking cannabis. I searched the subject as i suspected he may have had more cannabis in his possession.

	<p>Observations: Subject was smoking cannabis, appeared to be slightly agitated when approached by police.</p> <p>Information/intelligence: The subject was smoking cannabis.</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: Subject was smoking a spliff.</p>
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	Community resolution
Body Worn Video available	Yes

Feedback from Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	No further comments were made by the panel with regards to the grounds however, they did note that the officer did not ask the search subject their self-defined ethnicity.
Panel Decision	Panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search, and the BWV gave evidence for compliance.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback on the stop search has been shared with officers involved.