



Stop Search Scrutiny Panel

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 19th August 2026

Attendance:

Police and OPCC

Ali Hunt (AH) – Police Constable

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

Representative from HMICFRS

Independent Panel Members

LK – independent panel member

CB – independent panel member

DL – independent panel member

LB – 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. AH and the HMICFRS representative introduced themselves 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)

Identify 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	30/07/2026
Time	16:38
Location	Not Recorded
Subject	Gender: Not recorded Age: 20 Self-Defined Ethnicity: Not stated
PE Search Power	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason	Article(s) made, adapted or intended for use in theft
PE Search Outcome	Yes - the object(s) searched for
PE Search Clothing Removed	Not Recorded
Stop Search Type	Person/Vehicle Search
Incident Summary	Vehicle involved in attempt shop theft earlier on in the day from XXX, Chesterfield where 3 males enter store and try to take items without payment. Observations: Males looked very concerned and sheepish when the vehicle was initially stopped. Males had done a lot of moving around in the vehicle when marked police car first behind the vehicle prior to stop on the M1. Information/intelligence: The occupants of the vehicle had attempted a high value retail theft earlier on in the day. Suspicion prior to search: Suspected the vehicle / males to have stolen goods in their possession.
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	Arrest
Body Worn Video available	Yes

Feedback from Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	No further comments were provided in relation to the description of the grounds however, in terms of the BWV, the panel concluded that the entirety of GOWISELY was covered well and the officer dealt with the search subject very calmly.
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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 2

Date	29/07/2026
Time	14:00
Location	Chesterfield
Subject	Gender: Not recorded Age: 40 Self-Defined Ethnicity: White
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	Male detained in vehicle which police had received information about suggesting it is currently involved in the supply of class A drugs in the Chesterfield area Observations: Stopped in vehicle as above. vehicle uninsured Information/intelligence: Current intelligence linking vehicle to the supply of controlled drugs in the area in which it was stopped Suspicion prior to search: Reasonable suspicion that male was in possession of controlled drugs
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	Action - No further action
Body Worn Video available	Yes

Feedback from Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	Panel stated that the description of the grounds was good. No further comments were made in relation to the BWV other than that they agreed it was conducted in an appropriate manner.
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.
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Case 3

Date	29/07/2026
Time	03:05
Location	High Peak
Subject	Gender: Not recorded Age: 21 Self-Defined Ethnicity: White
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	Vehicle bearing the VRM LXXXXXX witnessed on [residential road] in Buxton, this area is known for drug dealing in Buxton, located at the top of [a residential road] which houses a significant amount of service users. Vehicle pulled over at the side of [a residential road], Buxton. Before pulling off and stopping next to a male dressed in all black. Vehicle stops for around five seconds before speeding off. Due to time of time of night, vehicle four up, location being known for drug dealing, officer witnessed suspected drug deal directly. Observations: Vehicle known to contain multiple occupants driving around Buxton in the early hours of the morning, vehicle witnessed in a known drug hotspot area directly by officers, vehicle pulls up next to a unknown male dressed in black, stops for around five seconds. Before speeding off. Therefore vehicle was stopped. Information/intelligence: No intelligence known - Vehicle bearing the VRM LXXXXXX witnessed on [residential road] in Buxton, this area is known for drug dealing in Buxton, located at the top of [residential road] which houses a significant amount of service users. Vehicle pulled over at the side of [residential road], Buxton. Before pulling off and stopping next to a male dressed in all black. Vehicle stops for around five seconds before speeding off. Due to time of time of night, vehicle four up, location being known for drug dealing, officer witnessed suspected drug deal directly.

	Suspicion prior to search: Vehicle bearing the VRM LXXXXXX witnessed on [residential road] in Buxton, this area is known for drug dealing in Buxton, located at the top of [residential road] which houses a significant amount of service users. Vehicle pulled over at the side of [residential road], Buxton. Before pulling off and stopping next to a male dressed in all black. Vehicle stops for around five seconds before speeding off. Due to time of time of night, vehicle four up, location being known for drug dealing, officer witnessed suspected drug deal directly. Vehicle was stopped around 5 minutes before officers witnessed this exchanged, vehicle was full of unknown males at the time, they stated they were going to wash their car, however five minutes later witnessed on [residential road] in the suspected exchange.
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	Action - No further action
Body Worn Video available	Yes

Feedback from Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	No further comments were made in relation to the grounds. In terms of the BWV, the panel stated that GOWISELY was very clear and the officers asked his question direct.
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	27/07/2026
Time	14:45
Location	Not Recorded
Subject	Gender: Not recorded Age: 26 Self-Defined Ethnicity: White
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	Vehicle female was passenger in had an intelligence marker on for drugs supply. Observations: Driver appeared to be moving around inside the vehicle, appeared to be moving towards the glovebox Information/intelligence: Drugs supply marker on the vehicle Suspicion prior to search: Potential for occupants to be in possession of drugs or to be actively drug dealing
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	Action - No further action
Body Worn Video available	No

Feedback from Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	No further comments were made by the panel in relation to the description of the grounds. In terms of the BWV, this wasn't available therefore the panel couldn't make any comment on this.
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 5

Date	24/07/2026
Time	08:22
Location	Chesterfield
Subject	Gender: Not recorded Age: 52 Self-Defined Ethnicity: White
PE Search Power	
PE Search Reason	NR [not recorded]
PE Search Outcome	NR [not recorded]
PE Search Clothing Removed	Not recorded
Stop Search Type	Person only Search
Incident Summary	Intel linked to address of possible supply from address, subject in company and address of known male believed

	to be supplying from address. Other male also present and detained by male officer. Observations: Intelligence has linked to the address that potential supply of class from address. subject was found in bed and seemed disorientated. Information/intelligence: Intell links stating that male, linked to address and partner of subject is potentially supplying class a from address. stop searched due to being found in address along side two known males. Suspicion prior to search: Prior intel gathering believe potential supply of class a from address and found in company of male linked
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	NR [not recorded]
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. In terms of the BWV, the panel stated that the officer was really good with the search subject, their attitude was really positive and the other officer who was also in attendance was very sympathetic.
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	22/07/2026
Time	20:30
Location	Chesterfield
Subject	Gender: Not recorded Age: 23 Self-Defined Ethnicity: Mixed
PE Search Power	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (PWITS))
PE Search Reason	Drugs - other controlled drugs
PE Search Outcome	Yes - the object(s) searched for
PE Search Clothing Removed	
Stop Search Type	Person only Search

Incident Summary	S8 search warrant in place to search the store, male detained for search Observations: information/intelligence suggesting the store is selling class A drugs Information/intelligence: information / intelligence suggests drugs are being supplied from within the store Suspicion prior to search: information and intelligence suggested there was a supply of drugs coming from within the store after suspicious activity reported
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	Arrest
Body Worn Video available	Yes

Feedback from Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	After reviewing the description of the grounds, the panel stated that they definitely justified a stop search. In terms of the BWV, GOWISELY was covered entirely and the panel concluded that the officer was excellent with the search subject. The explanation they gave to the search subject about what was going to happen was excellent and really put the search subject at ease.
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	22/07/2026
Time	13:05
Location	Chesterfield
Subject	Gender: Not recorded Age: 38 Self-Defined Ethnicity: White
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	Male was in an address with 5 other well known drug users inside a property which has numerous intel items around it being used for drug taking. When inside the address there was another male covered in Mamba flakes clearly under the influence of suspect mamba (this male was searched as well (separate report). This subject also had mamba flakes on him and personally had previous intel of dealing mamba locally. Observations: Male walked out the back of the property when officers arrived and knocked on the address. Signs of mamba use where inside the property as stated above. Information/intelligence: property has intel items around it being used for drug taking. This subject also had mamba flakes on him and personally had previous intel of dealing mamba locally. Suspicion prior to search: Signs and symptoms of another male of Mamba use.
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	Action - No further action
Body Worn Video available	No

Feedback from Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	No further comments were made by the panel in relation to the description of the grounds. In terms of the BWV, this wasn't available therefore the panel couldn't make any comment on this.
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 8

Date	20/07/2026
Time	05:10
Location	Derby West
Subject	Gender: Not recorded Age: 28 Self-Defined Ethnicity: White
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	Incident reported stating male had made threat to stab female at location Observations: male located at area described by informant Information/intelligence: Male was named by informant, said to have made threat to stab and was found at location described Suspicion prior to search: Male made threat to stab and therefore may have been in possession of weapon
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	Action - 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. In terms of the BWV, the panel stated this was very good.
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	31/07/2026
Time	18:56
Location	Derby North
Subject	Gender: Not recorded Age: 19 Self-Defined Ethnicity: White
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	Report of a male on Carriage wearing black JBL Headphones, grey long sleeved hoodie, black trousers and white trainers and mountain warehouse backpack cleaning some sort of tool/weapon with lots of accessories; looks like a stanley knife. Observations: Subject was located on train at described location matching description provided by informant. Information/intelligence: Subject alleged to possess a weapon which looked like a stanley knife. Subject matched description provided by informant Suspicion prior to search: Subject searched matched the full description provided by informant who had identified them with the weapon/tool disclosed on the train carriage
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	Action - 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 or 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 2

Date	29/07/2026
Time	16:42
Location	Erewash
Subject	Gender: Not recorded Age: 42 Self-Defined Ethnicity: White
PE Search Power	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason	Stolen article(s)
PE Search Outcome	No - no object(s) found
PE Search Clothing Removed	Not Recorded
Stop Search Type	Person only Search
Incident Summary	Incident reported that a male fitting the description of the subject had just stolen mail from a nearby post box.

	Observations: Suspect fitted description given by member of public. Black clothing and black beanie hat. Extremely hot day and subject only person wearing a beanie hat and all black clothing. Information/intelligence: Fitted description given by member of public Suspicion prior to search: Fitted description of offender and stopped near offence location.
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	Action - No further action
Body Worn Video available	Yes

Feedback from Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	No further comments made in relation to the grounds. In terms of the BWV, the panel thought it was really good practice that the officers asked the search subject if needed any support. Demonstrates care.
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	27/07/2026
Time	18:14
Location	Derby North
Subject	Gender: Not Recorded Age: 34 Self-Defined Ethnicity: White
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	Information on police systems that he may be involved in the supply of controlled drugs, just seen leaving and address linked to the supply of controlled drugs and there has been a recent positive seizure of drugs in relation to that person and that address.

	Observations: just seen leaving and address linked to the supply of controlled drugs and there has been a recent positive seizure of drugs in relation to that person and that address. Information/intelligence: Information on police systems that he may be involved in the supply of controlled drugs Suspicion prior to search: just seen leaving and address linked to the supply of controlled drugs and there has been a recent positive seizure of drugs in relation to that person and that address.
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	Action - 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 or 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 4

Date	26/07/2026
Time	00:54
Location	Derby North
Subject	Gender: Not recorded Age: 19 Self-Defined Ethnicity: Whitw
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	Officers on NTE [nighttime economy] were made aware via CCTV operator that a male has been seen exchanging cocaine from one person to another and also using it. Was then seen to be tucking it into his sock.

	Subject was pointed out by CCTV operator over the Airwave once located. Observations: Subject was approached and admitted that he had a small amount of cocaine in his sock and was willing to provide it to police. Information/intelligence: Description was passed that an IC1 male [identity code based on officers quick visual observation] with a black baseball cap and white tshirt on the street. Suspicion prior to search: Male admitted it prior to search beginning that he had cocaine on his person.
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	Resolution - Police discretionary
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 or the BWV. Separately, CB asked, what happens with officer discretion? AH advised discretion is only given to search subjects during NTE if they are not known to police, do not have any previous offences and if what is found is possession amount. Following this, they will be offered to attend a course that demonstrates the effect of class A drugs and how this can transcend into fighting and other links.
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	24/07/2026
Time	18:57
Location	Derby East
Subject	Gender: Not recorded Age: 32 Self-Defined Ethnicity: White
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	Conducting house to house enquiries for an unrelated matter, strong smell of cannabis coming from the address, noted persons inside but not coming to the door. When they did, asked about the smell, confirmed they had been smoking and had more cannabis. Observations: Confirmed to officers they had just smoked cannabis and had more in the address. Information/intelligence: No intelligence known. Suspicion prior to search: Strong smell of cannabis outside of the address, confirmation that smell was from that address and there was more.
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	Resolution - Community
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. In terms of the BWV, the panel stated that the officer was very sensitive and compassionate to the search subject.
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	23/07/2026
Time	21:27
Location	Derby North
Subject	Gender: Not recorded Age: 20 Self-Defined Ethnicity: Black
PE Search Power	NR [not recorded]
PE Search Reason	NR [not recorded]
PE Search Outcome	NR [not recorded]

PE Search Clothing Removed	Not recorded
Stop Search Type	Person only Search
Incident Summary	Incident reported from bar staff around Sadler Gate Derby of a group of 5 males. One had reportedly been seen with a knife. Officers have attended as group have been leaving and staff have pointed the group out to offices at what point they have been detained. Observations: All members of the group were compliant Information/intelligence: N/A no intel was reviewed for this stop search Suspicion prior to search: Report of group of males, one with knife, from bar staff. Group has been pointed out by staff on officers arrival.
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	NR [not recorded]
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. In terms of the BWV, the panel stated that the officer was very calm and collected in dealing with the search subject.
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	21/07/2026
Time	16:03
Location	Derby East
Subject	Gender: Not recorded Age: 14 Self-Defined Ethnicity: White
PE Search Power	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason	Goods on which duty has not been paid
PE Search Outcome	No - no object(s) found
PE Search Clothing Removed	Not Recorded
Stop Search Type	Person only Search

Incident Summary	Subject had attended the store, reports he had attempted to steal. Purpose of the search is looking for items that may have been apprehended from the Aldi store. Observations: Subject left prior to police arrival, but located within close proximity to the store, wearing the same clothing as per still image provided by the store. Information/intelligence: Reports of 4 kids inside the store trying to steal energy drinks, same children in store yesterday stealing items. Subject wearing black t-shirt with green writing on reverse, with a female and 2 other males. Suspicion prior to search: Subject located within close proximity of the store. Admission made to attending the store, description matched still image provided.
Outcome (i.e, arrested)	Action - 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 or 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.