



### **Stop Search Scrutiny Panel**

**Date of meeting: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

#### **Attendance Police**

Adrian Miller (AM) – Police Constable  
Phoebe Stott (PS) – Caseworker and Volunteer Coordinator

#### **Independent members**

*BM – independent panel member*

*BA – independent panel member*

*PA – independent panel member*

*LT – independent panel member*

*SS – 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. AM 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)

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) Stop Search Scrutiny: North

Case 1

<b>Date</b>	25/03/2024
<b>Time</b>	12:15 PM
<b>Location</b>	Glossop, Derbyshire
<b>Subject</b>	Female 23 W1. White British
<b>PE Search Power:</b>	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (PWITS))
<b>PE Search Reason:</b>	Drugs – other controlled drugs
<b>PE Search Outcome:</b>	Yes – the object(s) searched for
<b>PE Search Clothing Removed</b>	No – outer clothes only (JOG)
<b>Stop Search type</b>	Stop Search – Person Only
<b>Incident summary</b>	<p>Whilst on foot patrol walked passed male and female sat on a bench, at this time I could see the female smoking a rolled up cigarette and a male using a vape. Upon walking up to them I could smell cannabis coming from the rolled up cigarette. I asked who was smoking the cannabis to which the female replied she was. She then said that she had more than just the spliff, I could also smell the cannabis coming from her bag.</p> <p>; Observations: The strong smell of cannabis coming from the female who was wearing a large coat that could of potentially concealed more cannabis that just her hand bag. She appeared nervous when approached by police</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: The location is having issues with drug use at this time.</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: Due to the smell and what the female said that she had some more on her I made the decision to search her (with a female officer) and her bag to but due to the clothing that she was wearing could of hidden more cannabis inside.</p>
<b>Outcome (i.e., arrested)</b>	Community Resolution – Red Snapper
<b>Body Worn Video Available</b>	Yes- viewed by the panel

### Feedback from the Independent Panel Members

<b>Panel Observations</b>	<p>The panel commented that the description of the grounds was very thorough and definitely did justify the Stop Search.</p> <p>GOWISELY was covered by a male officer whilst a female officer was enroute to conduct the search. The search was conducted well however, the panel asked whether the female officer should have identified herself upon arrival, AM advised it is good practice to do so but it is not required.</p>
<b>Panel Decision</b>	Panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search and the BWV gave evidence for compliance.
<b>Actions taken by Police</b>	Feedback on the stop search to be shared with officers involved.

## Case 2

<b>Date</b>	23/03/2024
<b>Time</b>	16:00 PM
<b>Location</b>	Alfreton, Derbyshire
<b>Subject</b>	Male Not recorded on form, age range recorded as 10-17 W1. White British
<b>PE Search Power:</b>	PACE 1984 (s1)
<b>PE Search Reason:</b>	Bladed article
<b>PE Search Outcome:</b>	No – no object(s) found
<b>PE Search Clothing Removed</b>	No – no clothes removed
<b>Stop Search type</b>	Stop Search – Person Only
<b>Incident summary</b>	<p>The initial call was for two males and a female in XXXX. One of the males potentially had a knife on him and had been threatening customers and staff stating he was going to get the knife out whilst fidgeting with his trousers. Descriptions were provided.</p> <p>When officers arrived on scene they identified both males and the female all matching the description sat outside XXXX. Based on the above information a stop search was conducted of the male matching the description of the one carrying the knife by myself at the time. This was to protect members of the public.</p> <p>When I arrived on scene Officer A had detained the male under section 1 pace and placed the male in rear palms out then I conducted the search.</p> <p>The object of the search was to find the knife that had been reported on the male to prevent injury to members of the public and to prevent any further criminal offences.</p> <p>; Observations: Third party called in the incident to police reporting they had observed a male confirming he had a knife in his possession whilst in a public place making threats to harm customers. On my arrival the male appeared calm and was compliant in co-operating with the search. I personally did not witness any threats or the object itself.</p> <p>Information/intelligence: Information was passed by a member of staff to Police about a male having a knife on them. A description of the male was passed over to police. When police arrived on scene the male matching the description was sat outside alongside one other male and female. This gave police the grounds to conduct the search under section 1 pace as it was reported the male could have a knife after threatening members of the public.</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: The suspicion to carry out the search under section 1 of PACE was a report was called in by XXXX staff member stating a male had been make threats and fidgeting with his trousers after saying he has a knife. When I arrived on scene this gave me the grounds under section 1 pace to search the male to locate the knife to protect members of the public and to prevent further offences</p>
<b>Outcome (i.e., arrested)</b>	No further action
<b>Body Worn Video Available</b>	Yes- viewed by the panel

## Feedback from the Independent Panel Members

<b>Panel Observations</b>	<p>The panel were in an agreement that the description of the grounds justified the stop search and asked AM that although a knife wasn't found, was a crime not committed due to the subject making threats in a public place. AM advised that if this was the case, it would have been dealt with separately to the Stop Search.</p> <p>During the BWV, the panel identified that the officer conducting the search was a relatively new officer and did not cover GOWISELY entirely as the officer did not identify himself or which station he was attached too. The panel also raised that the search of the subject was conducted very close to the entrance of XXXX and they advised could this have been done elsewhere due to public safety?</p>
<b>Panel Decision</b>	Panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search.
<b>Actions taken by Police</b>	Feedback on the stop search to be shared with officers involved.

## Case 3

<b>Date</b>	26/03/2024
<b>Time</b>	20:30 PM
<b>Location</b>	Arkwright Town, Derbyshire
<b>Subject</b>	Female 19 W1. White British
<b>PE Search Power:</b>	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (Possession))
<b>PE Search Reason:</b>	Drugs – other controlled drugs
<b>PE Search Outcome:</b>	No – no object(s) found
<b>PE Search Clothing Removed</b>	No – no clothes removed
<b>Stop Search type</b>	Stop Search – Person Only
<b>Incident summary</b>	<p>Driven off from speed from officers. Strong smell of cannabis. The car is actively dealing cannabis in the area.</p> <p>; Observations: Strong smell of cannabis coming from car. The occupants admitted to using cannabis.</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: Separate PNB recorded</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: Due to information held, the strong smell of cannabis and occupants admitting to the use of cannabis I believed that cannabis would be found during the search</p>
<b>Outcome (i.e., arrested)</b>	No further action
<b>Body Worn Video Available</b>	Yes – viewed by the panel

## Feedback from the Independent Panel Members

<b>Panel Observations</b>	Everything was covered in GOWISELY however, the panel stated that they would have liked slightly more information.  In terms of the search, the panel stated that this was a very good search and the officer had a good rapport with the search subject.
<b>Panel Decision</b>	Panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search and the BWV gave evidence for compliance.
<b>Actions taken by Police</b>	Feedback on the stop search to be shared with officers involved.

## Case 4

<b>Date</b>	27/03/2024
<b>Time</b>	200:40 PM
<b>Location</b>	Belper, Derbyshire
<b>Subject</b>	Male 20 W1. White British
<b>PE Search Power:</b>	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (Possession))
<b>PE Search Reason:</b>	Drugs – other controlled drugs
<b>PE Search Outcome:</b>	Yes – the object(s) searched for
<b>PE Search Clothing Removed</b>	No – no clothes removed
<b>Stop Search type</b>	Stop Search – Person Only
<b>Incident summary</b>	<p>Manner of driving - vehicle was speeding 75mph in a 60mph zone. On speaking to the driver in the vehicle there was a strong smell of cannabis. I asked the driver if there was cannabis in the vehicle and he stated there may be a small amount somewhere but he doesn't know where. Passenger of the vehicle was also had intel linking him to drug dealing in the local area.</p> <p>; Observations: Manner of driving - vehicle was speeding 75mph in a 60mph zone</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: Passenger of the vehicle – detained person (Date of Birth) intel linking him to drug dealing in the local area</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: On speaking to the driver in the vehicle there was a strong smell of cannabis.</p> <p>I asked the driver if there was cannabis in the vehicle and he stated there may be a small amount somewhere but he doesn't know where. Passenger of the vehicle was also had intel linking him to drug dealing in the local area.</p>
<b>Outcome (i.e., arrested)</b>	Voluntary Attendance
<b>Body Worn Video Available</b>	Yes – viewed by the panel

### Feedback from the Independent Panel Members

<b>Panel Observations</b>	The description of the grounds was very good.
<b>Panel Decision</b>	Panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search and the BWV gave evidence for compliance.
<b>Actions taken by Police</b>	Feedback on the stop search to be shared with officers involved.

### Case 5

<b>Date</b>	30/03/2024
<b>Time</b>	16:32 PM
<b>Location</b>	Calow, Derbyshire
<b>Subject</b>	Male 21 W1. White British
<b>PE Search Power:</b>	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (PWITS))
<b>PE Search Reason:</b>	Other
<b>PE Search Outcome:</b>	No – no object(s) found
<b>PE Search Clothing Removed</b>	No – no clothes removed
<b>Stop Search type</b>	Stop Search – Person and Vehicle
<b>Incident summary</b>	<p>Police were called to the grounds of XXXX hospital to reports from several members of public to two males in a white van vrm XXXXXXXX. Members of public reported several other members of public approaching the vehicle and suspected the males maybe drug dealing. Upon arrival we located the vehicle, the two males were acting suspiciously and both males have previous markers for drugs dealing and possession.</p> <p>; Observations: several people reported approaching van sat outside hospital for several hours. Reports of males potentially selling drugs.</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: several calls made from members of public about two males acting suspiciously and several people approaching vehicle suspected selling drugs outside hospital.</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: phone call from member of public, suspicion of selling drugs, makes acting suspiciously outside hospital.</p>
<b>Outcome (i.e., arrested)</b>	No further action
<b>Body Worn Video Available</b>	Yes – viewed by the panel

### Feedback from the Independent Panel Members

<b>Panel Observations</b>	The panel were satisfied with the description of the grounds however, they did pick up that they don't believe GOWISELY was covered in its entirety due to the search subject interrupting the officer on numerous occasions.
<b>Panel Decision</b>	Overall, panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search and the BWV gave evidence for compliance.
<b>Actions taken by Police</b>	Feedback on the stop search to be shared with officers involved.

### 3) Stop Search Scrutiny: South

#### Case 1

<b>Date</b>	25/03/2024
<b>Time</b>	14:46 PM
<b>Location</b>	Derby, Derby City
<b>Subject</b>	Male 14 W2. White Irish
<b>PE Search Power:</b>	PACE 1984 (s1)
<b>PE Search Reason:</b>	Stolen Goods
<b>PE Search Outcome:</b>	No – no object(s) found
<b>PE Search Clothing Removed</b>	No – no clothes removed
<b>Stop Search type</b>	Stop Search – Person Only
<b>Incident summary</b>	<p>Vehicle involved in a fail to stop for police and is on cloned plates. After the pursuit, the vehicle is abandoned nearby, locked and secure. Subject is linked by intelligence to this vehicle and has been seen with another walking down a nearby street looking very out of place for the area. Subject has then got into a vehicle where the vehicle and occupants are stopped by police. Subject has refused to say where he had been and what he was doing and was very obstructive.</p> <p>Any stolen property and the car key were the objective of the search.</p> <p>; Observations: Refused to say where he had been or what he was doing and refused to say why he was in the locality. Asked the other male he was with for answers prior to answering any question.</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: There is strong intelligence linking him and his associate to the vehicle which failed to stop for police.</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: Found in the locality of the abandoned vehicle from this pursuit.</p> <p>Refused to say why he was in the area.</p> <p>Was obstructive with all questions, aggressive to police, and would not speak without first conferring with his associate.</p>
<b>Outcome (i.e., arrested)</b>	No further action
<b>Body Worn Video Available</b>	Yes – viewed by the panel

#### Feedback from the Independent Panel Members

<b>Panel Observations</b>	The Panel were satisfied that GOWISELY was covered entirely however, they did enquire whether that due to the search subject being a young person, should the officer have repeated GOWISELY to him directly to ensure he understood the situation as initially it was read to the group as a whole.
<b>Panel Decision</b>	Panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search and the BWV gave evidence for compliance.
<b>Actions taken by Police</b>	Feedback on the stop search to be shared with officers involved.

Case 2

<b>Date</b>	26/03/2024
<b>Time</b>	18:36 PM
<b>Location</b>	Derby, Derby City
<b>Subject</b>	Male 32 W1. White British
<b>PE Search Power:</b>	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (Possession))
<b>PE Search Reason:</b>	Drugs – other controlled drugs
<b>PE Search Outcome:</b>	Yes - object(s) searched for
<b>PE Search Clothing Removed</b>	No – no clothes removed
<b>Stop Search type</b>	Stop Search – Person Only
<b>Incident summary</b>	male stated that he had taken Ket and was clearly under the influence. male stated he wasn't sure if he had any more on him  ; Observations: male was clearly under the influence of drugs  ; Information/intelligence: information suggested that male had tried to drive under the influence  ; Suspicion prior to search: male was under the influence and stated he may have more on him.
<b>Outcome (i.e., arrested)</b>	Voluntary Attendance
<b>Body Worn Video Available</b>	Yes – viewed by the panel

**Feedback from the Independent Panel Members**

<b>Panel Observations</b>	The panel concluded that description of the grounds does just justify the search however there is a lack of information regarding how the officer and the male search subject got in communication to begin with. The panel suggested that further context to explain why and how they got speaking to the search subject would have been useful.  In terms of the search, this was very straight forward, clear and GOWISELY was covered well. It is to note that within the BWV, it is mentioned that the officers state they have received a call which clarifies how the officers came across the search subject and were corresponding with him to begin with. This information could have been included in the grounds and would have fit well under 'Suspicion prior to search'.
<b>Panel Decision</b>	Panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search and the BWV gave evidence for compliance.
<b>Actions taken by Police</b>	Feedback on the stop search to be shared with officers involved.



## Case 3

<b>Date</b>	29/03/2024
<b>Time</b>	16:45 PM
<b>Location</b>	Derby, Derby City
<b>Subject</b>	Male Not recorded on form, age range recorded as 10-17 B1. Black Caribbean
<b>PE Search Power:</b>	PACE 1984 (s1)
<b>PE Search Reason:</b>	Going equipped
<b>PE Search Outcome:</b>	No – no object(s) found
<b>PE Search Clothing Removed</b>	No – outer clothes only (JOG)
<b>Stop Search type</b>	Stop Search – Person Only
<b>Incident summary</b>	<p>Call from a property stating that people were trying to break into the property and banging could be heard by the call taker. Upon arrival on the street, 4 males ran from police. The males were subsequently detained. A hammer was located in the vicinity of the males. All males were stop searched under section 1 of Pace for articles relating to going equipped. All males matched description and were known on Niche.</p> <p>; Observations: Call from a property stating that people were trying to break into the property and banging could be heard by the call taker. Upon arrival on the street, 4 males ran from police. The males were subsequently detained. A hammer was located in the vicinity of the males. All males were stop searched under section 1 of Pace for articles relating to going equipped. All males matched description and were known on Niche.</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: Call from a property stating that people were trying to break into the property and banging could be heard by the call taker. Upon arrival on the street, 4 males ran from police. The males were subsequently detained. A hammer was located in the vicinity of the males. All males were stop searched under section 1 of Pace for articles relating to going equipped. All males matched description and were known on Niche.</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: Call from a property stating that people were trying to break into the property and banging could be heard by the call taker. Upon arrival on the street, 4 males ran from police. The males were subsequently detained. A hammer was located in the vicinity of the males. All males were stop searched under section 1 of Pace for articles relating to going equipped. All males matched description and were known on Niche. .</p>
<b>Outcome (i.e., arrested)</b>	No further action.
<b>Body Worn Video Available</b>	No

## Feedback from the Independent Panel Members

<b>Panel Observations</b>	<p>The panel were unable to comment on the search and whether it was conducted appropriately as the officer on the panel could not find the relevant BWV for the subject of the search and therefore, the panel did not review any BWV.</p> <p>The panel did however conclude that GOWISELY was covered thoroughly as this was read to two males on a separate BWV clip and was observed by the panel.</p>
<b>Panel Decision</b>	Panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search.
<b>Actions taken by Police</b>	Feedback on the stop search to be shared with officers involved.

### Case 4

<b>Date</b>	30/03/2024
<b>Time</b>	18:30 PM
<b>Location</b>	Derby City, Derby
<b>Subject</b>	Male 28 W1. White British
<b>PE Search Power:</b>	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (Possession))
<b>PE Search Reason:</b>	Drugs – other controlled drugs
<b>PE Search Outcome:</b>	Yes – the object(s) searched for
<b>PE Search Clothing Removed</b>	No – no clothes removed
<b>Stop Search type</b>	Stop Search – Person Only
<b>Incident summary</b>	<p>approached a group of people on XXXX street huddled on a bench. When we approached I asked what they were doing and the male stated rolling a joint. He was detained for a search. The female he was with was searched by another officer who produced a bag of cannabis</p> <p>; Observations: group seen huddled on a bench. when approached stated they were rolling a joint</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: XXXX street is a well known drug hotspot. Once approached admission of possession was given by male</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: approached as the group were huddled in an unusual way. the male then stated he was rolling a joint</p>
<b>Outcome (i.e., arrested)</b>	Community Resolution – Red Snapper Course Sent
<b>Body Worn Video Available</b>	Yes – viewed by the panel

## Feedback from the Independent Panel Members

<b>Panel Observations</b>	<p>The panel agreed that GOWISELY was very well covered aside from the Officer not displaying his warrant card to the search subject although he should have done due to being in plain clothes.</p> <p>Aside from this, the panel noted that it was good practice from the officer to ask the search subject if he understood everything once he covered GOWISELY.</p>
<b>Panel Decision</b>	Panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search and the BWV gave evidence for compliance.
<b>Actions taken by Police</b>	Feedback on the stop search to be shared with officers involved.

## Case 5

<b>Date</b>	31/03/2024
<b>Time</b>	11:00 AM
<b>Location</b>	Long Eaton, Derbyshire
<b>Subject</b>	<p>Male</p> <p>41</p> <p>W1. White British</p>
<b>PE Search Power:</b>	Issue of Drugs Act 1971 (s23 (Possession))
<b>PE Search Reason:</b>	Drugs – other controlled drugs
<b>PE Search Outcome:</b>	Yes – the object(s) searched for
<b>PE Search Clothing Removed</b>	No – outer clothes only (JOG)
<b>Stop Search type</b>	Stop Search – Person Only
<b>Incident summary</b>	<p>Male has been seen entering an area where there is currently lots of intel surrounding the supply of drugs, he has cash in his hand when officers see him, he is seen to visit an address on the street which is also known for the supply of drugs for no more than 30 seconds and leave again</p> <p>; Observations: Male seen with cash in his hand and attends an address suspected to be involved in drug supply for a short amount of time</p> <p>; Information/intelligence: Intelligence suggesting that there is a male at an address on the street the subject has been seen to enter who is supplying drugs, subject has been seen to attend this address for a short amount of time and leave again.</p> <p>; Suspicion prior to search: Male has been seen with cash in his hand entering a street where there is lots of intelligence for drug supply, on sighting officers he has kept his head down and tried to quickly exit the area.</p>
<b>Outcome (i.e., arrested)</b>	Voluntary Attendance
<b>Body Worn Video Available</b>	Yes – viewed by the panel

## Feedback from the Independent Panel Members

<b>Panel Observations</b>	The panel were satisfied that the description of the grounds did justify the Stop Search and was very easy to understand due to the layout of the form. I.e. splitting the observations, Information/Intelligence and Suspicion prior to search into separate categories.
<b>Panel Decision</b>	Panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search and the BWV gave evidence for compliance.
<b>Actions taken by Police</b>	Feedback on the stop search to be shared with officers involved.

### 4) Further actions

No further actions.

5) **Date of next meeting:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024