



Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner

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Stop Search Scrutiny Panel

Date of meeting: Wednesday 27th March 2024

Attendance Police

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

Independent members

BM – independent panel member
LK – independent panel member
LB – Independent panel member
SS – independent panel member
DL – independent panel member
CB – independent panel member
KG (shadowing) – 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

Date	27/02/2024
Time	06:09 AM
Location	Eckington, Derbyshire
Subject	Male 15 W1. White British
PE Search Power:	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason:	Going Equipped
PE Search Outcome:	No – no object(s) found
PE Search Clothing Removed	No – outer clothes only (JOG)
Stop Search type	Stop Search – Person Only
Incident summary	<p>Nearby officers attending a report of suspicious males waiting outside an address in the morning come across a male running away from the direction of the incident.</p> <p>Male does not stop for traffic and when stopped comes up with a spurious story regarding his actions.</p> <p>He is not wearing running clothes. He is joined shortly after by a friend also wearing dark clothing and both are searching for items relating to going equipt. ;</p> <p>Observations: Police have attended an incident where a member of the public has reported two males acting suspiciously around their property. Limited description of the males states they are wearing masks only.</p> <p>As police arrive at the end of the road where the incident has been reported in a marked vehicle with emergency equipment activated, a young male runs from the direction of the incident. The male is wearing all black clothing with his hood up.</p> <p>He runs across the road without stopping to look for traffic. Officers catch up with the male and detain him. When asked what he is doing he states he has just gone for a run after buying some tobacco. He is not wearing running clothes.</p> <p>The male provides his details and he is a 15 year old juvenile, unlikely to be purchasing tobacco and no shop open nearby.</p> <p>Male is informed of the grounds for the search and the officers details before being searched. No items relating to going equipt or any other offence are located. Juvenile is returned home and his</p>

	<p>mother informed of the search.</p> <p>Offered a copy of the search and declined. Male was taken home and his mother informed due to him being a juvenile. ;</p> <p>Information/intelligence: Live incident reported in the area concerning males hanging around in the street potentially waiting for the informants father to leave the address. ;</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: Male has ran away from marked police car. When questioned he has lied about going and buy tabacco from the shop due to his age and no shops being open at 06:10 am. Stated he was going for a run but was not wearing running clothing. Hood up obscuring face, clear weather was not raining.</p>
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video Available	Yes- viewed by the panel

Feedback from the Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	<p>Good description of grounds.</p> <p>GOWISELY and the search was very straight forward and conducted well.</p>
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 to be shared with officers involved.

Case 2

Date	27/02/2024
Time	19:40 PM
Location	Tideswell, Derbyshire
Subject	<p>Male</p> <p>59</p> <p>W9. Any other white background</p>
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	Stop Search – Person and Vehicle
Incident summary	<p>There was intel that the car could potentially be traveling with drugs in.;</p> <p>Observations: To check if we were following the vehicle, the vehicle came off the main road and proceeded to take multiple turns before turning back onto the area where the main road would have taken them.;</p> <p>Information/intelligence: Intelligence was available and saying the car could potentially have drugs inside and was traveling from Matlock to Manchester. The car was then pinged in Matlock and heading in the Glossop direction.;</p>

	Suspicion prior to search: The following intel provided and then the driving that followed when it began taking an odd route.
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video Available	Yes- viewed by the panel

Feedback from the Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	The panel concluded that search was conducted appropriately however, they asked the question as to whether the officer should have asked the DP prior to the search if they had anything in their pockets that could hurt or harm them. AM informed the panel that this is down to each officers own preference however, it is advised that question is asked for safety.
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 to be shared with officers involved.

Case 3

Date	28/02/2024
Time	11:50 AM
Location	Heanor, Derbyshire
Subject	Female 34 W1. White British
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	Yes – Full Strip Search
Stop Search type	Stop Search – Person Only
Incident summary	Information received regarding Detained Person (DP) drug dealing around in the AMBER VALLEY area from a vehicle, VRM: XXXX XXX. Information received that vehicle VRM: XXXX XXX is linked to drug dealing. The vehicle, VRM: XXXX XXX, was spotted by officers in the Ilkeston area with DP in the passenger seat. This raised suspicion, and the vehicle was stopped.; Observations: DP said to officers that she had some drugs in her bra.; Information/intelligence: Information received that DP was drug dealing in the AMBER VALLEY area. Information received that vehicle VRM: XXXX XXX was linked to drug dealing and that the DP was an occupant in vehicle VRM: XXXX XXX and was dealing drugs.;

	<p>Suspicion prior to search: DP was a passenger in the vehicle VRM: XXXX XXX.</p> <p>DP and the vehicle were linked to drug dealing in the AMBER VALLEY AREA. Suspicion was raised when DP was spotted in the AMBER VALLEY area within the vehicle VRM: XXXX XXX.</p>
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Arrest
Body Worn Video Available	Yes – viewed by the panel

Feedback from the Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	<p>Everything was covered in GOWISELY and the search was conducted appropriately however, the panel stated that the officer relayed GOWISELY very fast, and suggested that this could maybe be said slower to ensure the DP understands the situation.</p> <p>The panel commented that there was a good amount of information included in the description of the grounds.</p>
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 to be shared with officers involved.

Case 4

Date	28/02/2024
Time	23:45 PM
Location	Bolsover, Derbyshire
Subject	Male No age recorded on form NS – Not Stated
PE Search Power:	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason:	Articles for use in theft
PE Search Outcome:	No – no object(s) found
PE Search Clothing Removed	No – no clothes removed
Stop Search type	Stop Search – Person Only
Incident summary	<p>Call for service received, male wearing blue puffer jacket and blue bottoms seen with x2 screwdrivers acting suspiciously around an MOT centre where there are vehicles parked.</p> <p>Male seen in the area, only person on foot at the time of attendance. Subject male walking away from the incident location making furtive movements and watching Police presence intently. ;</p> <p>Observations: Male matched description identically. Acting furtively and walking away only 50 metres from incident location. ;</p> <p>Information/intelligence: Description provided. ;</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: Male matched description identically. Acting furtively and walking away only 50 metres from incident location.</p>

Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video Available	Yes – viewed by the panel

Feedback from the Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	The panel commented that the entire interaction was very straight forward and clear. The search was conducted appropriately and GOWISLEY was covered in full. They also stated that the officer was very professional and polite.
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 to be shared with officers involved.

Case 5

Date	28/02/2024
Time	20:10 PM
Location	Buxton, Derbyshire
Subject	Male No age recorded on form 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	Yes
Stop Search type	Stop Search – Person and Vehicle
Incident summary	<p>Subject parked in an area known for drug activity. A known drug user seen near to subjects car. Recent Intel for drugs on the subject and vehicle.</p> <p>Observations: subject was sat in driver seat of vehicle. Subject was reluctant to share details with police. Subject parked on XXXX Road which is known for drug activity. Known drug user seen to come from the vehicle.</p> <p>Information/intelligence: there is recent Intel to say that the subject is involved in the sale and transportation of drugs and the subjects vehicle is used in the sale and transportation of drugs.</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: The subject was very defensive when spoken to by police, he refused to give his details and he confirmed he had been searched recently by police</p>
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video Available	Yes – viewed by the panel

Feedback from the Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	GOWISELY was covered very well and thoroughly.
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 to be shared with officers involved.

3) Stop Search Scrutiny: South

Case 1

Date	27/02/2024
Time	16:30 PM
Location	Derby, Derby City
Subject	Male 18 A2. Asian - Pakistani
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	Stop Search – Person Only
Incident summary	There was a strong smell of cannabis and then a Male was seen smoking a cannabis joint walking past officer, he was stopped and he stated it was cannabis. Male stopped and searched for more cannabis.; Observations: saw a Male smoking a cannabis joint; Information/intelligence: no other information or intelligence; Suspicion prior to search: suspect that the male was smoking cannabis and he had more
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Community Resolution
Body Worn Video Available	Yes – viewed by the panel

Feedback from the Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	Panel commented that the description of the grounds is very straight to the point and includes all the relevant information. Panel concluded that the search was conducted well and was very well handled, they also stated that the officer conducting the search was very reassuring towards the DP
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 to be shared with officers involved.

Case 2

Date	27/02/2024
Time	17:10 PM
Location	Derby, Derby City
Subject	Male 41 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(s) searched for
PE Search Clothing Removed	No – no clothes removed
Stop Search type	Stop Search – Person Only
Incident summary	<p>Detained Person (DP) was informed that officers would be looking for any drugs or implements that can be used for drug taking. A male officer was present upon the search, DP was informed of the complaints patient and was given the option of a copy of the record. Based on observations from PCSO's and officers as detailed below this lead to a search of DP ;</p> <p>Observations: PCSO's about 20 minutes prior to police officer involvement had seen DP with a male (who has recent intelligence to suggest he is dealing drugs) They had further observed DP and this male speaking to a male on an e scooter. (Again recent intelligence and information suggests that a person on an e scooter is supplying drugs around the XXXX STREET area. DP was further observed with another known drug dealer, extremely close to this male. With their backs to officers it was suspiciously close as if a deal was either taking place or about to. ;</p> <p>Information/intelligence: Recent intelligence has suggested that DP has been dealing drugs to numerous known. The two other people DP was with also have recent intelligence has been submitted to suggest that they are both dealing drugs.</p> <p>Intelligence has suggested that an e scooter has been supplying the drugs specifically around the XXXX STREET area.;</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: Upon PCSO's seeing DP with a known drug dealer on XXXX STREET, DERBY. Police Officers have gone to XXXX STREET to identify and observe the known drug dealers in the area. On arrival a male has been identified in the area and has been seen to go onto XXXX STREET with DP and a black male. They have stood outside an address on XXXX STREET and stood there for a while quite close together. DP and the black male have then gone away from XXXX STREET onto XXXX STREET, XXXX LANE and through the estate leading back to XXXX STREET. At the same time an e-scooter goes by as they go onto XXXX LANE. DP has been further observed on XXXX STREET meeting another known drug dealer.</p>
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	Voluntary Attendance
Body Worn Video Available	Yes – viewed by the panel

Feedback from the Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	<p>Panel concluded that the description of the grounds is very well justified, and the search was conducted in an appropriate manner despite the camera view being obscured during the officer informing the DP of GOWISELY - AM advised this was due to officers being in plain clothes.</p> <p>The panel did address that GOWISLEY wasn't entirely covered with the initial officer not identifying herself or which station she was attached to and the same with the male officer that conducted the search - he also did not seem to cover this.</p> <p>It was also picked up that a warrant card wasn't displayed during the interaction and it should have been due to the officers not being in uniform.</p>
Panel Decision	Panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search.
Actions taken by Police	Feedback on the stop search to be shared with officers involved.

Case 3

Date	27/02/2024
Time	18:15 PM
Location	Derby, Derby City
Subject	Male 42 W9. Any other white background.
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	Stop Search – Person Only
Incident summary	<p>Approached 2 males in the stairwell of the Intu Centre and asked the males what they were doing and one turned and said I'm rolling some cannabis.</p> <p>The males were then informed we were police and searched for further drugs. ;</p> <p>Observations: males sitting in stairwell of intu carpark sighted by plain clothes officers believed to be engaging in drug use. ;</p> <p>Information/intelligence: males rolling items. when asked what they were doing they told police rolling cannabis. ;</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: males admitted to having cannabis and that they were in the process of rolling a joint when approached by officers.</p>
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action. Note: Negative on this male although the male with him had further cannabis.
Outcome (Secondary)	Arrest (for a separate incident)
Body Worn Video Available	Yes – viewed by the panel

Feedback from the Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	The panel concluded that GOWISELY was covered well other than a warrant card not being displayed which was necessary in this case due to the officers being in plain clothes. Other than that, the panel were satisfied that the search was well conducted and they also praised the officer and commented that he was very polite towards the DP.
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 to be shared with officers involved.

Case 4

Date	28/02/2024
Time	18:10 PM
Location	Derby City, Derby
Subject	Male 18 A9. Any other Asian Background
PE Search Power:	PCA 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason:	Bladed Article
PE Search Outcome:	No – no object(s) found
PE Search Clothing Removed	No – no clothes removed
Stop Search type	Stop Search – Person Only
Incident summary	<p>Report of males wearing all black of light skin being in possession of weapons in the area of XXXX Street. Male was seen running away from the direction of the incident and matched the description.;</p> <p>Observations: The subject was running away from the place of the incident and was matching the description of the suspect males;</p> <p>Information/intelligence: Information from multiple witnesses of 6 males running around with metal poles, wearing all black and having light skin;</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: Subjects behaviour, the fact that he was running away from the area where the reports came in, positive description given by witnesses</p>
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action
Body Worn Video Available	Yes – viewed by the panel

Feedback from the Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	<p>The panel agreed that GOWISELY was very well covered aside from the Officer not informing the DP that he was detained prior to the search for the purpose of a SS.</p> <p>It was also mentioned by the panel that the DP didn't look as though he understood the situation and it was asked whether the officer could have done more to assure the DP understood what was happening.</p>
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 to be shared with officers involved.

Case 5

Date	29/02/2024
Time	12:19 PM
Location	Ilkeston, Derbyshire
Subject	Male 22 NS. Not Stated
PE Search Power:	PACE 1984 (s1)
PE Search Reason:	Bladed article
PE Search Outcome:	No – no object(s) found
PE Search Clothing Removed	No – no clothes removed
Stop Search type	Stop Search – Person Only
Incident summary	<p>Male had made repeated threats to stab staff and members of the public with a knife.;</p> <p>Observations: male was with another male who has been known to make threats to stab. male had been detained by staff and showing initial signs of not wanting to engage with officers present at the scene. ;</p> <p>Information/intelligence: no information or intelligence was known at the time other than there had been alleged threats to stab. ;</p> <p>Suspicion prior to search: Witnesses identified the male as stating he was going to stab people. The male admitted that he made the comments. Due to the alleged nature, the admission of the comments made and the public environment. I felt there was enough to suspect he may have had some form of weapon on him.</p>
Outcome (i.e., arrested)	No further action.
Body Worn Video Available	Yes – viewed by the panel

Feedback from the Independent Panel Members

Panel Observations	<p>The panel were satisfied that the description of the grounds absolutely did justify the Stop Search.</p> <p>The panel commented that the entirety of GOWISELY was covered well and the search was conducted appropriately. The panel stated the officer conducting the search was very calm towards the DP.</p>
Panel Decision	<p>Panel agreed that the description of the grounds justified the stop search and the BWV gave evidence for compliance.</p>
Actions taken by Police	<p>Feedback on the stop search to be shared with officers involved.</p>

4) Further actions

No further actions.

5) **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 24th April 2024