



# Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

## Notes & Actions

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**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 1000hrs**

### **Severn Rooms, Gloucestershire Police HQ**

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions.

The Chair opened the meeting, introductions were made around the room and apologies noted.

#### 2. Minutes & Actions from last meeting

It was agreed by the panel members that the notes and actions from the previous meeting, held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018, were accurate and any outstanding actions were still being worked on. Outstanding actions were logged on an excel spreadsheet which will be maintained and updated by Police team.

#### 3. Professional Standards Department

The update will be given at the next meeting due to an absence on this occasion. It was noted that a breakdown of numbers regarding complaints due to Use of Force would be interesting for the group.

#### 4. Quarterly Use of Force figures & PowerPoint

The PowerPoint was discussed and all agreed that it was a useful way to show the figures to the group. Several actions arose from this area of discussion and are detailed on the action log.

#### 5. Overview of plan to improve Use of Force recording

The new video was shown to the panel which will be shown at all officer briefings / OST training and to all student officers. The panel members remarked it was a good video and were impressed with the delivery and content.

#### 6. Training Update

It was reported to the panel that currently there are 110 officers who are not in date with their OST training, the vast majority of those are not operational officers and could be restricted from operational duty. Spit Guards have now been rolled out force wide in conjunction with the training for this new piece of equipment.

## 7. Review of Use of Force incidents.

- **Taser**

The panel members read the documents provided on this incident and discussed the outcome. It was agreed that the use of force applied was appropriate and necessary.

The panel members read the Use of Force form submitted in relation to the incident. All found that this form was very good, with a full rationale detailed on the form with very clear information.

**Decision – Appropriate Action Taken**

- **Female – Handcuff**

The panel members read the documents provided on this incident and discussed the outcome.

During the discussion it was found that upon initial assessment the use of force form submitted did not contain enough detail to provide a decision. More detailed information was found on the police officers statement, but this information should also be inputted onto the Chronicle database and shown on the use of force form as rationale. It was noted that the sequence given on Applied Tactics was wrong and further training may be needed for officers.

**Decision – Appropriate Action Taken**

- **Spit Guard**

The panel members read the document provided on this incident and discussed the outcome.

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**Decision – Appropriate Action Taken**

## 8. Date of next meeting

April 2019