



# Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

## Notes & Actions

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**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 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 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019, were accurate and any outstanding actions were still being worked on. During this meeting some open actions were discussed and closed by the panel.

#### **3. 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.

#### **4. Professional Standards Department**

Between 1/1/19 – 23/7/19 there were 44 complaints regarding use of force, but at the present time there have been 0 misconduct hearings for use of force. It was reported to the group that the use of BWV (body worn video) has helped to clear up a significant number of complaints.

#### **5. Training Update**

It was reported to the panel that currently there are 153 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. On 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 there were around 200 officers not in date for OST, so the department has been working hard to get as many as they can booked onto courses and relicensed.

Taser training is going well and the force currently has 200 taser trained officer and are looking to expand on those numbers in the coming months.

## 6. Review of Use of Force incidents.

- **Female Ground Restraint**

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 – Limb Restraint**

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

**Decision – Appropriate Action Taken**

- **Female – Custody**

The panel members read the document 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 custody log, but this information should also be inputted onto the Chronicle database and shown on the use of force form as rationale.

It was found that other officers who were present and assisted did not submit use of force forms for their involvement. This will be further investigated and officers made contact with.

**Decision – Appropriate with Comments**

- **Transgender**

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

**Decision – Appropriate Action Taken**

- **Male – PAVA Used**

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

**Decision – Appropriate Action Taken**

- **Male – Spit Guard**

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

**Decision – Appropriate Action Taken**

- **Male – Ground Restraint**

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

**Decision – Appropriate Action Taken**

- **Male – Unarmed**

The panel members read the document provided on this incident and discussed the outcome. It was noted that the form held more than 1 occurrence of use of force, it was commented that should each use of force incident be on a separate form? This will be brought to the attention of the officer involved.

**Decision – Appropriate with Comments**

- **Male – Non Compliant**

The panel members read the documents provided on this incident and discussed the outcome. It was noted that this form held a good example of rationale and also the NDM (National Decision Model)

**Decision – Appropriate Action Taken**

- **Ethnicity**

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

**Decision – Appropriate Action Taken**

- **0 – 10 years old**

It was found that the form had been incorrectly filled in and the subject date of birth was showing as the incident date. It was not a use of force form relating to a child.

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

**Decision – Appropriate Action Taken**

## 7. Date of next meeting

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 1000hrs Police HQ- Gold Conference Room 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**