



Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Notes & Actions

Tuesday 25th February 2020 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 11th November 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. The panel were updated about the movement of the Use of Force form from Chronicle to Pronto for the ease of officers when completing.

Body Worn Video usage was discussed and it was agreed that where suitable and available a small selection of videos would be watched in conjunction with the use of force forms being scrutinised. This point would be included in the Terms of Reference for the group.

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. It was noted that the drop in numbers between Nov 19 & Dec 19 was due to the switch over of systems (Chronicle to Pronto).

Actions to come out of the presentation were detailed in the action log, to be discussed at the next meeting.

4. Professional Standards Department

Between 1st April & 31st Dec 2019 there have been 42 cases of complaints being made due to use of force, but no further details on cases upheld at this meeting. It has been noted by PSD that the use of Body Worn Video has helped to close a large number of complaints that are received in force.

5. Learning & Development (Training) Update

The training department is working hard to clear up the list of officers who are currently not in licence for their OST training. The force currently has 106 officers

who are out of date on their officer safety training, with almost all of these already booked onto future courses.

Officer Safety Training is currently being reviewed with the possibility of it increasing from a 1 day course to 2 days.

The force currently has 252 taser trained officers, with an aim of 330 officers trained by the end of the year.

6. Review of Use of Force incidents.

1 Custody – Baton Used

The panel members read the Use of Force form submitted in relation to the incident. All found that this form did not have enough information on it, and needed further documents to come to a conclusion.

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.

Decision – Appropriate with comments. Further information is needed on the form by officer completing.

2 Custody – Spit Guard

The panel members read the use of force form provided on this incident and discussed the outcome.

Decision – Appropriate Action Taken

3 Dwelling – Taser Drawn

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

Decision – Appropriate Action Taken

4 Dwelling – Firearm

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

The panel members all agreed that there was insufficient information on the form to make a decision. The BWV (Body Worn Video) was played in relation to the incident.

Decision – Appropriate with comments. Further information is needed on the form by officer completing.

5 Length of service 0-6months

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

Decision – Appropriate Action Taken

6 Length of service 15 years +

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

Decision – Appropriate Action Taken

7 Ethnicity – don't know

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

Decision – Appropriate Action Taken

8 Ethnicity – mixed

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Decision – Appropriate Action Taken

9 Female 11-15 years

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Decision – Appropriate with comments. Further information is needed on the form by officer completing.

10 Gender Male – 61-65 years

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Decision – Appropriate with comments. Further information is needed on the form by officer completing.

11 Christmas Day 1

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

Decision – Appropriate Action Taken

12 Christmas Day 2

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

BWV was also viewed in relation to this incident.

Decision – Appropriate Action Taken

Date of next meeting

TBC