

Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Notes & Actions



Tuesday 25th August 2020 1000hrs

The Leadon, 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

These were sent out to all attendee's and would be noted as correct unless anyone came back with any points to raise. Outstanding actions were going to be discussed outside of the meeting and closed if appropriate.

3. Quarterly Use of Force figures & PowerPoint

The PowerPoint was discussed and a point was raised on page 3 of the presentation, 0-10yrs of age was showing a 2.2% submission for Use of Force forms, this was agreed to be looked into as it could possibly be an error within the system. All other information was noted with interest.

4. Professional Standards Department

It was discussed how the department is aiming to work from the ground up with staff and spend some time engaging and having informal conversations during training session to understand how PSD can help officers & staff. They will promote to staff the benefits of BWV and how it can help during the complaints process.

It was requested that the complaints figures in relation to Use of Force be brought to the panel's next meeting.

5. Learning & Development (Training) Update

It was explained that during COVID all training had been cancelled in force, but OST training was being rostered back into officer's duties now and would start back up again in September. All those staff that were out of date would be given priority and the Learning & Development Department had been working hard to get this booked in. Taser training had started back in June, with 2 sessions running a week. The force currently has 302 taser trained officers, working towards an uplift of 330 officers.

6. Review of Use of Force incidents.

1 – Incident location dwelling

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 Action Taken

2 – Incident location open ground

The panel members read the use of force form provided on this incident and discussed the outcome. It was noted by the panel that the officer's pocket note book evidence was excellent and this should be fed back to the officer concerned.

Decision – Appropriate Action Taken

3 – Perceived Ethnicity Asian

The panel members read the use of force form provided on this incident and discussed the outcome. It was noted by the panel that the officer's pocket note book evidence was excellent and this should be fed back to the officer concerned.

Decision – Appropriate Action Taken

4 – Perceived Ethnicity Black

The panel members read the document provided on this incident and discussed the outcome. It was noted by the panel that the officer provided excellent evidence in their statement, and this should be fed back to the officer concerned.

Decision – Appropriate Action Taken

5 – Perceived Gender Female

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

Decision – Decision – Appropriate Action Taken

6 – Perceived age under 18

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

Decision – Appropriate with comments. The evidence provided to the panel was not sufficient to make the best decision. Advice will be given to officer to include more detail in rationale to use force.

Date of next meeting

24th November 2020.