

Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Notes & Actions



Thursday 26th August 2021 1000hrs

The Leadon, 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 discussed and also closed during the meeting.

3. Quarterly Use of Force figures & PowerPoint

The PowerPoint was discussed and a comment was made on the submission of reports that related to 0-10years being 2, this would be checked out and reported back.

The Chair wanted it noted within the minutes that the rise in submission of Use of Force reports was down to the hard work and promotion of the police panel members, and thanks were expressed to all.

4. Professional Standards Department

During the meeting, the panel didn't get the chance to go through the figures and the Chair asked that they be reported on the notes for the panel to look at. A representative was unable to attend the meeting and sent the following to be reviewed: During April to June 2021, 16 allegations were made by 14 complainants in relation to Use of Force. 5 complaints were made by females and 11 were made by males.

Of those:

1 – dates back to 1977, and is a repeated regular – NFA outcome.

1 – another historic complaint, NFA as service provider acceptable outcome given previously.

9 – deemed service acceptable

2 – sub-judice

1- unable to determine

5. Learning & Development (Training) Update

The group were told that we currently have 344 taser trained officers in the force, and currently 265 of those are frontline officers. There are plans for an additional 20 officers to be taser trained before April next year.

There is going to be a national change to the Officer Safety Training programme that is run in all police forces, whereby the length of the course will be extended and run over 2 days as a minimum instead of the current 1 day training day.

6. Review of Terms of Reference

A copy of the terms of reference was sent to all panel members and changes made. The changes were agreed by the panel and the new Terms of Reference accepted. These will be uploaded and also made public.

7. Review of Use of Force incidents.

The panel reviewed 7 cases, where the majority had body worn video to be viewed alongside the documents.

All of the cases were agreed by every panel members as:

Appropriate Action Taken

Date of next meeting

To be confirmed.