

# Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

## Notes & Actions



**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 1000hrs**

### Meeting held via Skype

#### 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 no comments were made by the group on this occasion.

#### 4. Professional Standards Department

During Jan – March 2021 the group were told that 33 complaints had been made regarding use of force, and the department go through each one to determine if the service is acceptable or not, and if not then is there a requirement for a PSD lead investigation. It was again reiterated the benefits of using body worn video, and how it can help officers rather than hinder them. It was also commented that for each of the 33 complaints made to PSD, the relevant use of force forms had been submitted. Of these complaints 6 are still remaining to be dealt with, in the remaining 27 the use of force was found to be acceptable.

#### 5. Learning & Development (Training) Update

The group were told that Level 3 Public Order training was going well, with 178 officers trained up so that we can meet our mutual aid capacity.

The force currently has 342 officers who are Taser trained, with refresher training ongoing throughout the year. The training department are looking to run 2 more Taser courses this year to increase our numbers by at least 20 officers.

The use of Body Worn Video has been incorporated into OST training, and staff are encouraged to bring it along and make use of it during the practical scenarios.

## 6. Review of Terms of Reference

This will be moved to August's meeting when the regular Chair is available to go through them with the group.

## 7. Review of Use of Force incidents.

### **Case 1 - Chelt LPA**

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, but some learning came out of it for the officer involved.

**Decision – Appropriate Action Taken (with comments)**

### **Case 2 - Chelt LPA BAME**

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 communication to the family & suspect was excellent and this should be fed back to the officer concerned. Body worn video was also viewed for this incident.

**Decision – Appropriate Action Taken**

### **Case 3 - Chelt LPA Under 21**

The panel members read the use of force form provided on this incident and discussed the outcome. Body worn video was also viewed for this incident.

**Decision – Appropriate Action Taken**

### **Case 4 - Chelt LPA over 45**

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

**Decision – Appropriate Action Taken**

### **Case 5 - Glos LPA Female Subject**

The panel members read the document provided on this incident and discussed the outcome. Body worn video was also viewed for this incident.

**Decision – Appropriate Action Taken**

**Case 6 - Glos LPA BAME**

The panel members read the document provided on this incident and discussed the outcome. Body worn video was also viewed for this incident.

**Decision – Appropriate Action Taken.**

**Case 7 - Stroud LPA Female Subject**

The panel members read the document provided on this incident and discussed the outcome. Body worn video was also viewed for this incident.

**Decision – Appropriate Action Taken.**

**Case 8 - Stroud LPA BAME**

The panel members read the document provided on this incident and discussed the outcome. Body worn video was also viewed for this incident.

**Decision – Appropriate Action Taken.**

**Case 9 - Cotswolds LPA BAME**

The panel members read the document provided on this incident and discussed the outcome. Body worn video was also viewed for this incident.

**Decision – Appropriate Action Taken**

**Case 10 - Cotswolds LPA Under 21**

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

**Decision – Appropriate Action Taken**

**Date of next meeting**

To be confirmed.