

Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

Notes & Actions



Monday 22nd November 2021 1000hrs

The Leadon, HQ

1. Welcome and Introductions.

The Chair opened the meeting, introductions were made around the room and apologies noted. One new panel attended and will be included in all future meetings.

A Specialist Detective Sergeant attended this meeting by special invite as the main focus of this quarterly panel was Use of Force occurrences which involved a person aged under 18 years old.

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 number of reports being submitted as the numbers appeared to have gone down over the past few months. This would be monitored by the police representatives and reported back.

A comment was made regarding the number of submissions for Custody, was this accurate? Around the table we had a number of Independent Custody Volunteers, and from their experience this would be an accurate account.

4. Professional Standards Department

There were no representatives from PSD at the meeting, no updates were sent to the panel. There is a new National Link which supports organisations and the public to easily compare complaint statistics.

5. Learning & Development (Training) Update

The group were told that we currently have 348 taser trained officers in the force, and currently 265 of those are frontline officers. There are plans for additional staff to be taser trained at the end of Jan 2022 which will take our numbers up to 358.

There are proportionate processes to support, scrutinise and then debrief all taser incidents involving vulnerable or young persons. Every incident is reviewed to ensure the correct process is followed.

6. Review of Use of Force incidents.

The panel reviewed 9 cases, all of which involved 0-17yrs persons.

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

Appropriate Action Taken

7. Actions

8 Actions were developed from the discussions in the meeting. All were recorded on the internal action log to track and progress. The progress towards achieving these actions will be monitored by the panel and briefed upwards to the Force quarterly Legitimacy and Lessons Learnt panel.

Date of next meeting

23rd Feb 2022.