

# Use of Force Scrutiny Panel

## Notes & Actions



**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022**

### **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 number of reports being submitted as the numbers appeared to have gone down in the quarter we were looking at. This could be due to covid restrictions at the time and the figures would be monitored in the coming months to see if they rose back up to an expected level.

#### 4. Professional Standards Department

There were no representatives from PSD at the meeting due to sickness.

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

The group were updated that the backlog of staff waiting for Officer Safety Training had greatly reduced since the last meeting, both the training department and the duty planning team had been working hard to get as many on the available courses as possible.

The OST training is due to change next year and will increase from 1 day a year to 3 days a year which would also include a day of first aid training. It was commented by the panel about the problems this could cause to officers on the streets as more officers on training days would mean less on the streets. We will keep them updated on the process of staffing the courses when more details are known.

## 6. Review of Use of Force incidents.

The panel reviewed 9 cases, all of which involved female subjects.

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

### **Appropriate Action Taken**

## 7. Actions

1 action was developed from the discussions in the meeting, this was 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

TBC