DURHAM POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER’S OFFICE



**BUSS Panel Stop & Search**

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| **Date:** | 24th February 2025 | **Time:** | 13:00-16:00 |
| **Venue:** | Police HQ |  |  |
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| **Attendance:** | Cllr Sajna Ali (Chair)  Abbi Buchanan  Jenny Thompson  Insp Ian Bowden  Sgt Wendy Bake  Kath Ireland  Colin Beadle  Richard Peck  Jackie Peck  Hazel Davis |  |  |
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| **Apologies:** | Beverly Watson  Denise Hill  James Roche  Kharis Messer  Pam Thirlaway  Phillippa Scrafton  Avesta Afshari Mehr  Jim Welch |  |  |

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|  | **Item** |  | **Owner** |
| 1. | Chairs Welcome | AB welcomed everyone to the meeting. |  |
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| 2 | Housekeeping | AB informed the panel of the general housekeeping rules of the meeting and provided a presentation which included more information. |  |
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| 3 | Introduction and Apologies | Panel Members gave a brief introduction about themselves.  Apologies were noted. |  |
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| 4 | Conflict of Interest/ Undertaking of Confidentiality | AB reminded members of the confidential nature of the meeting and how this was going to be monitored. Members of the group were requested to declare their interest in any cases that were being discussed as the meeting progresses. |  |
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| 5 | Minutes from the previous meeting | The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.  Members of the panel were happy for the minutes to be added to the PCC website and are comfortable with their names being included. |  |
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| 6 | Recommendation Updates | **Action- AB to get update on the progress of case 1 from the previous panel meeting.** | **AB** |
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| 7 | Review of Terms of Reference | The Terms of Reference were updated to reflect the current process and the current topics. A copy was handed to panel members in the meeting. |  |
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| 8 | Training Requirements | **Action- AB to get a braille copy of the presentations for Jim Welch.** | **AB** |
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| 9 | Force Presentation | In the meeting, the panel members were provided a hard copy of previous Force presentations which included a guide on which acronyms to be aware of when watching the body worn footage.  Sgt Wendy Bake showed the panel a stop and search PACE form that officers complete after they have stopped and searched someone. Before watching each body worn footage, WB showed the panel the corresponding PACE form. The form focuses on SEE, KNOW, SUSPECT. |  |
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| 10 | Scrutiny of Cases | **Case 1-**  Sgt Wendy Bake (WB) firstly presented the PACE form to the panel and then showed the body worn footage.  The Force had received intelligence that the subject was using drugs. In the footage, the police were waiting for a police van.  The panel noted that the subject was being searched in a public place and questioned whether there was a more secluded place that this search could have taken place. The panel also noticed that the police officer never told the subject that he was being recorded on the body worn footage.  The panel noted that early in the footage, it was established that the police officer and the subject knew each other, from the subject being arrested multiple times previously.  There were too many redactions in the footage, so the panel felt as though they were missing some important details.  **Action- AB to enquire about whether the redactions can no longer be included as the panel members have all been vetted.**  **Case 2-**  Sgt Wendy Bake (WB) firstly presented the PACE form to the panel and then showed the body worn footage.  The subject was stopped and searched due to poaching related offences. The subject was searched under Section 10 Poaching Prevention Act. GO WISELY had taken place before the footage was recorded. The subject was arrested because the police officers found a pheasant in the back of his car.  The panel noted that the police officer informed the subject that he was being recorded on body worn footage, the police officer did inform him which police station he was from but didn’t introduce himself fully. The panel thought that the officer’s demeanour was good.  **Recommendation- police officers to ensure that their ID is clear.**  **Case 3-**  Sgt Wendy Bake (WB) firstly presented the PACE form to the panel and then showed the body worn footage.  The subject was a male wearing a balaclava, a mask and some gloves in the back of a shop. He was reported by an off-duty police officer. The police officer who searched him used GO WISELY and didn’t find anything dangerous in his possession. The subject is on bail conditions and informed the police officer that he was just trying to scare people.  The panel noted that the police officer had informed the subject what his name was and which police station he is from. The police officer informed the subject that he was being recorded by the body worn footage and had used PACE. There wasn’t anything in the footage that would warrant an arrest.  **Action- AB to pass the positive feedback from the panel to the police officer as he handled the case with respect.**  **Case 4-**  Sgt Wendy Bake (WB) firstly presented the PACE form to the panel and then showed the body worn footage.  A gang of youths were reported for possession of weapons and sharp blades.  The panel noted that the police officer had informed the subject which police station he was from and that he had already notified his parents. The police officer had informed the subject that he was being recorded on the body worn footage and explained that he was being detained.  The panel thought that the police officer had handled the case well by telling the subject that if he sees him with a knife in the future he will be stopped and searched.  **Action- AB to pass the positive feedback from the panel to the police officer.** | **AB**  **AB**  **AB**  **AB** |
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| 11 | Summary of recommendations | * **AB to get update on the progress of case 1 from the previous panel meeting.** * **AB to get a braille copy of the presentations for Jim Welch.**   **Case 1-**   * AB to enquire about whether the redactions can no longer be included as the panel members have all been vetted**.**   **Case 2-**   * police officers to ensure that their ID is clear.   **Case 3-**   * AB to pass the positive feedback from the panel to the police officer as he handled the case with respect.   **Case 4-**   * AB to pass the positive feedback from the panel to the police officer. |  |
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| 12 | Any other business | Colin Beadle (CB) will be attending a PACT meeting and asked if there are any constraints on what information he can bring from the PACT meeting to the panel. AB had confirmed that there were no constraints. |  |
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| 13 | Date of next meeting | **The next meeting will take place on Monday 28th April 13:00pm.** |  |