

Police Powers Scrutiny Panel Report & Action Tracker – July 2025

Location: Victoria Street, Grimsby Police Station

Introductions

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) Humberside Police Powers Scrutiny Panel is an independent body composed of community volunteers. The panel reviews police powers to ensure transparency and accountability. This report summarises the findings from the panel's review of stop and search and use of force reports conducted by Humberside Police in the 3 month prior to the meeting date.

Attendees

- 3 representatives of Humberside Police
- 2 members of the OPCC
- 3 panel members

Stop & Search

Action Schedule from Previous Meeting: Most actions completed. Currently waiting on the 18+1 card.

Analysis of Data: Action to breakdown other searches by legal power and for all unknowns to have breakdowns.

Independent Scrutiny: 5 samples reviewed. Panel were happy with the first and third samples and would like to give positive feedback. There was a question about whether officers provided initial information. Feedback noted good practice in referencing recent intelligence, but some uncertainty about which officers were involved. Multiple indicators for sample 4 beyond the drugs dog, BWV answered questions of concern, officers praised for de-escalating the situation, positive feedback. Regarding sample 5, one issue was noted regarding unnecessary swearing, and words of advice are to be given.

Use of Force

Analysis of Data: Panel question the term 'not stated'. Action to find the breakdown of tactics used regarding mental disability; month by month comparison is preferred.

Issues from the community inc high-profile UoF areas of concern: One panel member mentions a case in Grimsby, action to have this as a sample at the next panel meeting to see whether it was justified. A request to title this panel as a 'review' panel rather than 'scrutiny', this has been mentioned at the Ethics & Scrutiny Panel previously.

Independent Scrutiny: Return to sample 1 and 5 at the next panel meeting. Panel happy with sample 2 and would like to give positive feedback; even a suggestion of using this in training. Two samples had no BWV, this indicates it is a one off rather than a continuous issue of no BWV, will keep an eye on this.

Any other business

- Open invite to panel members who are interested in observing the Police training
- A Vice Chair is required, contact OPCC if interested in this role
- Action to look into Jabra.
- Discussion around Force representation at both the hate crime and police powers panels
- Further conversation around BWV being worn in custody

Date of Future Meeting

Scheduled for October 2025 at Clough Road Police Station, Hull