Gloucestershire Constabulary: Best Use of Stop and Search

Stop and Search Community Scrutiny Panel (S&SCSP)

Terms of reference

This document is to be considered a live and organic document, subject to periodic review to ensure it best meets the aims and objectives of the Best Use of Stop and Search.

**1. The purpose of the Gloucestershire Stop and Search Community Scrutiny Panel is:**

1.1 To achieve greater transparency and community involvement in the use of Stop & Search powers across Gloucestershire.

1.2 To improve public confidence and trust in how this power is used by involving the community in the process.

1.3 To review and advise on policy, training and operational considerations.

1.4 To scrutinise the constabulary’s use of Stop and Search and provide feedback to the constabulary and the OPCC.

1.5 To convene as a panel when a Community Complaints Trigger Threshold has been met.

1.6 To review all complaints received about Stop and Search.

1.7 To meet periodically, as required under these Terms of Reference, to undertake the above responsibilities.

**2. Constabulary Support**

2.1 The constabulary will provide full administrative support to the panel.

2.2 The constabulary will provide a responsible officer to attend panel meetings.

**3. Membership**

3.1 The members will be drawn from local community groups and organisations that operate in the county of Gloucestershire.

3.2 The members will be over the age of 16. Any members aged 16 or 17 will require written parental or guardian permission.

3.3 The members will be selected to aim for a representative balance of the different areas of the county, interests, ethnicities, experiences, ages and gender.

3.4. 'Members are expected during meetings to conduct themselves in a manner which shows respect for other panel members and which allows for efficiency in the work of the panel. Additionally, members should at all times act in a manner which does not undermine the work of the panel.'