

Decision by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire

- Item:** Introduction of an Independent Use of Police Powers Scrutiny Panel in line with the Commissioner's manifesto commitment to widen the range of scrutiny roles across the county.
- Date:** 2 September 2021
- Decision:** The paper was approved at the above Decision-Making Meeting.

Background:

The inaugural meeting of the Use of Force Panel (UoF) panel took place in June 2018 and meetings have taking place quarterly since then. The panel select incidents across the following categories:

- Handcuffs
- Pava
- Taser
- Escalated force
- Spit Guard
- Unarmed Defensive Tactics

The last meeting of the panel took place in July 2020 due to the fact that it was not possible to show BWV online during the pandemic.

The Terms of Reference for the panel notes that there will be six meetings per year. Three of these meetings will be where all Use of Force is analysed and three meetings will look more deeply into each area of the Use of Force most commonly used. The panel review BWV along with accompanying statements.

The Constabulary have identified that the Use of Force (UoF) panel should be chaired and managed independently and have asked the OPCC to take over this role.

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