

## Street Encounters

**Duration** 3 hours

**Aim** To introduce PCSOs to the legislation and procedure of Street encounters, in accordance with relevant legislation, whilst respecting the dignity of the individual and being aware of the possible impact on the community.

**Objectives** At the end of the lesson students will be able to:

1. explain the meaning of an 'encounter' under Code A of the Codes of Practice
2. explain the requirements placed on a PCSO in relation to the recording of encounters not governed by Statutory Powers.
3. demonstrate the completion of a street encounter form

**Preparation** Set pre-read student notes Street Encounters.

**Protection of human rights**

**Community and race relations issues**

**Health and safety**

**The Human Rights Act 1998**

**Codes of Practice Code A and supporting Notes for Guidance 18**

**Training material** Trainers guide and resources to street encounters

Power point

Street encounter forms

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**Objective 1** Explain the meaning of an 'encounter' under Code A of the Codes of Practice.

The trainer should give a presentation on the above, using the student notes as a guide. It is important to make the distinction between an 'encounter' and a 'stop' for the purpose of a search.

**Code A 4.12 to 4.20 refers.**

'There is no power to stop or detain a person in order to find grounds to search. Police officers & PCSOs have many encounters with member of the public which do not involve detaining people against their will.

The **recordable** encounter must be in a public place and the officer must be asking the person to account for one or more of the following:

- ◆ Their actions
- ◆ Behaviour
- ◆ Presence in an area, or
- ◆ possession of anything.

It may be useful at this stage to consider each of the above in context by linking back to examples already used during the session, or the video task scenarios as a basis for discussion.

Examples should be facilitated from the group of situations when a record of an encounter does not need to be made and the reason for this.

**Objective 2** Explain the requirements placed on a pcso in relation to the recording of encounters not governed by Statutory Powers.

The following Codes of practice relate to this section: **Code A**  
**4.19**

The trainer should facilitate from the group the information that must be included in the record. Recording procedures in relation to self defined ethnic background and situations where it is not practicable to obtain the information necessary to complete a record at the time of the encounter, is the same as those for recording stops and searches. Even if the criteria is not met but the person requests a record, a copy of the form should be provided, outlining why the encounter did not meet the criteria. However, the officer can refuse to issue the form if he or she reasonably believes that the purpose of the request is deliberately aimed at frustrating or delaying legitimate police activity, refer GN 20.

**Objective 3**

Students to complete a street encounter form,

Trainer places students in pairs and gives an overview of a scenario. Alternatively Trainer could use a clip from the stop search DVD.

# Statutory Power or Street Encounter

(Stop & Search Forms)

# Encounter

- When a PC requests a person in a public place to account for themselves (actions, behaviour, presence in area, possession of something) a record of the encounter must be completed at the time & a copy given to the person questioned.

- **Impractical**

- **Refusal to Stay**

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POWER-DO NOT CONDUCT CONSENT  
STOP-SEARCHES



URN

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STATUTORY POWER OR STREET ENCOUNTER

Enter code here P

- E** Street Encounter **O**
- P** S1 PACE 1984 reasonable grounds to suspect possession of stolen articles/offensive weapons/gang equipped
- D** S23 Misuse Drugs Act 1971 reasonable grounds to suspect possession of controlled drug
- F** S47 Firearms Act 1968 reasonable cause to suspect
- T** Terrorism Act Event No.s DATE
- S** C-JPO Act 1994 Event No.s DATE
- A** Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003 Event No.s DATE

**Reason (a) D** Reason/Objective/Grounds/Justification for STOP/SEARCH are:

**G** [Redacted]

I am seeking to find

**O** Object/Purpose (b) **S**

**W** Warrant In Uniform **Y N Y** Worn Down **Y N Y**  
**I** Identity Surname **S M I T H** Collar No. **P O O L I** PC  
**S** Station District **L 5** **L O F T U S**

**E** Entitlement You will receive a copy of this form

**L** Legal This is the legal power used.

**Y** You You are detained for the purpose of this search

**Code Letter Required**  
If the letters **T, S** or **A** are used the event no & date of the order must be included

**Reason For Stop**  
Code letters found on aide memoir.  
Text box to be completed

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Reason (a) **D** Reason/Objective/Grounds/Justification for STOP/SEARCH etc.

[Redacted area]

I am seeking to find

<b>O</b> Object/Purpose (b)	<b>S</b>
<b>W</b> Warrant	In Uniform <b>Y/N</b> <b>Y</b> <b>W</b> <b>Y</b> <b>Y</b>
<b>I</b> Identity	Surname <b>S M I T H</b> Collar No. <b>P 0 0 1</b> Rank <b>P C</b>
<b>S</b> Station	District <b>L 5</b> <b>L O F T U S</b>
<b>E</b> Entitlement	You will receive a copy of this form
<b>L</b> Legal	This is the legal power used.
<b>Y</b> You	You are detained for the purpose of this search

Identity

Letter **P** followed by 4 digit collar number is mandatory



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[Empty box for Reason/Objective/Grounds for STOP-SEARCH etc.]

I am seeking to find

<b>O</b> Object/ Purpose (b) <b>S</b>	<b>W</b> Warrant	In Uniform	Y/N	Y	Warrant Shown	Y/N	Y
<b>I</b> Identify	Surname	SMITH					
<b>S</b> Station	Collar No.	P0001		Block	PC		
<b>E</b> Entrilment	District	L5		LOFTUS			
<b>L</b> Legal	You will receive a copy of this form						
<b>Y</b> You	This is the legal power used.						
	You are detained for the purpose of this search						

**Object/Purpose**  
Code to be used is  
found on aide memoir.  
Free text box is optional

**Warrant**  
Mandatory to enter  
letter Y or N

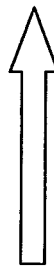


## Place Detained

Needs to be as specific as possible. The abbreviations RD & ST can be used



First place detained	NORTH RD OS NO 16	
Town	SANDFORD	
Time	2100	Search Time 2105 Date 161006
Place if different		
First Names	JOHN	
Surname	BLOGGS	
Flat No.	House No/ Name 27	
Street/Road	SOUTH ST	
Town	SANDFORD	
Postcode	S0125AN	
Gender	M	DOB 300876 PNC ID ECI Height 6
Classification not stated	Y	Called Away Disc order Not understood Disc lined Self Classification
Foot	Y	Driver Passenger VRM
Vehicle Make		Colour
Vehicle Model		
Damage	Y/N	Injury Y/N N
Outcome (c)	A	
Received a copy of this form	Y/N	N
Detained	Date	161006
Officer's Signature		
Subject Signed		



## PNC ID

The ethnicity of persons must be recorded. The codes to use are included in the notes for guidance. Self defined ethnicity is the same as other police forms



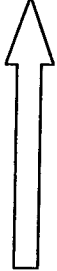
CLSTEC12

First place detailed NORTH RD OS NO 16  
 Town SANDFORD  
 Time 2100 Search Time 2105 Date 161006  
 Place if different  
 First Name JOHN  
 Surname BLOGGS  
 Flat No. House No./Name 27  
 Street/Road SOUTH ST  
 Town SANDFORD  
 Postcode SD125AN  
 Gender M/F M DOB 300876 PNC ID ECI Height 6  
 Classification not stated Y Called Away Dis-order Not in-derstood Dec-lined Self Classification  
 Foot Y Driver Passenger VRM  
 Vehicle Make  
 Vehicle Model Colour  
 Damage Y/N N Injury Y/N N  
 Outcome (c) A

Carriable Caution explained & administered Y/N N  
 Dated this 161006  
 Received a copy of this form Y/N N  
 Officer's Signature  
 Subject Signed

Classification  
 This is mandatory.

Damage/Injury  
 This field is mandatory



PNC Check

YAN Y Trace YAN Y

If you are a Data Officer PNC is not a CRO below

PNC ID J 0 1 / 4 5 9 / 7 6 T

CRO No.

It is essential that you include a description of clothing items in your reports

WHITE 'NIKE AIR RIFT' TRAINERS SIZE 8, BLUE NIKE JOGGING BOTTOMS WITH 2 YELLOW STRIPES DOWN SIDE OF LEG, GREY SWEATSHIRT WITH WORD 'NIKE' ACROSS FRONT OF CHEST WITH RED WRITING, YELLOW WOOLLEN HAT NO WRITING

Evaluation Key  
S = Source Evaluation I = Intelligence Evaluation H = Handling Code

<b>S</b>	<b>A</b> Always reliable	<b>B</b> Nearly reliable	<b>C</b> Sometimes reliable	<b>D</b> Unreliable	<b>E</b> Untraced Source
<b>I</b>	1 Known to be true without reservation	2 Known personally to source but not officer	3 Not personally known to source but corroborated	4 Cannot be judged	5 Suspected to be false or misleading
<b>H</b>	1 May be disseminated to other law enforcement agencies including law enforcement within the EEA and EU compatible (no special conditions)	2 May be disseminated to UK non prosecuting partners, authorities and records (where needed)	3 May be disseminated to non EEA law enforcement agencies (special conditions apply)	4 May be disseminated within the originating agency only	5 No further dissemination: refer to the originator. Special handling requirements imposed by the officer who authorized collection

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**PNC ID/CRO Number**  
This is mandatory, but only one of the 2 numbers is required



**Clothing**  
It is essential that a full description of clothing is given. This should include the colour and make of clothing plus any distinctive markings. Footwear descriptions should include the colour make and size



CLSTEC12

First place described NORTH RD 05 NO 16

Town SANDFORD

Time 2100 Search Time 2105 Date 161006

Place if different

First Name JOHN

Surname BLOGGS

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Street/Road SOUTH ST

Town SANDFORD

Postcode SD125AN

Gender M/F M DOB 300876 PNC EC1 Height 6

Classification not stated Y Coded Away order Not un-derstood Dec-ided Self Class-ification

Foot Y Driver Passenger VRM

Vehicle Make

Vehicle Model Colour

Damage Y/N N Injury Y/N N

Outcome (c) A

Received a copy of this form Y/N N

Remarks Caution explained & administered Date 161006 Y/N N

Subject Signed Officer's Signature



# Cannabis Caution

This is a mandatory field.

The green section of this form does not just refer to the cannabis caution. The signatures on the bottom of the form refer to the entire street encounter/search form

# Mistakes/Omissions

- You will be informed via e-mail if any mistakes or omissions are made
- These **MUST** be corrected on the e-mail and submitted

# Supervisors

- Able to access computer system
- How many forms each officer submits
- What mistakes/omissions officers are making