**Stop and search scrutiny panel Tuesday 7th June 2016**

**1 Welcome and apologies**

Attendees

* Chair - Chester Morrison (CM)
* Chief Inspector Tracey Packham (TP)
* Joe Jackson (JJ)
* Police sergeant Krista Durie (KD)
* Frank A (FA)
* Alicia spence (AS)

Apologies

* Eileen Mcken (EM)
* Sharon Thompson (ST)
* Janet Smith-Morrison (JSM)

**2 Minutes and actions from previous meetings**

Minutes from the last meeting checked for accuracy. Minutes agreed.

Community mediators where raised during the last meeting an this training has started. The update from Superintendent Fraser is that this is going well. Wolverhampton are now in a position where by Autumn 2016, Wolverhampton should been a position where they can actually call upon the community mediators.

CM - The other are of interest in relation to this was around a refresher course. JJ - The volume of mediators may cause this to be challenging.

**Actions from the last meeting.**

**Continued action -** Query around two stop and search that were raised in Octobers panel. TP – Investigated and there is no resolve around which two stop and search forms were queried. There was individual stopped about five times - were they stopped by the same police officer and why? **Update around this action. The same person had been stopped several times and whilst the same person was stopped it was not the same officer. TP goes through repeat data. Query around the locality and the ongoing intelligence. Action to give greater detail in relation to this. FA questions is this the car or the person that is being stopped? Is there an information marker on this car?**

**Action update - KD -** Approach the way about young people being involved. I will raise at meeting on 9th February and feedback. Raised at strategic meeting with the way and this may be a consideration however they will consider in the future. From June’s scrutiny can this be sent to the Way to raise issues around stop and search and ask if they are in a position to conduct a youth stop and search group.

**Action-** Add detail onto the data analysis around age profile of people subject to stop and search and break down data by ethnicity and positive outcomes.

**Action -** IAG - during next pre meet ask Angela how she sees the link between Stop and search scrutiny and the IAG. Are Lay observations going to be feasible? Can this be done between now an date next scrutiny panel.

**3 Stop and search management information**

Page 2 total recorded stop and searches have increased in March and April 2016. Analysis of the data but it is quite difficult to account for the data.

JJ states Whitmore Reans is interesting. The numbers are high and not surprising to the community. TP states the community have raised concerns around the drugs an many other issues. The intelligence supports the number of stop and search sin Whitmore Reans. JJ - Th worry for the community is that underneath the noses of the community there could be a “bronx” and the community do not want go back in time living in that type of neighborhood. There is worry with Whitmore Reans and if it is not dealt with this could impact on the community.

**Action -** CM states one of the things that needs to be actioned is to explain the disproportionality of stop and search within Whitmore Reans and what disruption tactics can be used. TP states this can be raised at partnership tasking for discussion.

JJ states that the talk within the community around operation no deal about 3-4 years ago when this operation took place there were no “big players” taken out from Whitmore Reans and the other areas there was notable drug dealers taken out. Could this have impacted?

TP raises the piece of work the force is conducting around disproportionality in relation to stop an search. There have been some other data sets explored including education data however the age range of those subject to stop and search is generally higher than that of education age. There has been correspondence from Inspector Dave Whordley about the academic work being conducted by Warwick University in relation to disproportionality.

CM asks if Inspector Dave wordily learnt anything from other forces that could be fed back in to west Midlands police. There was no learning to share.

FA asks if the rise in searches on Asian poplin October and February has anything to do with National incidents. TP states we have not experienced this locally.

TP discusses how west midland splice are training officers in unconscious bias an this is featured a lot of training and will be developed moving forward.

TP discusses pilot in relation to out of court custody disposals. For every under 18 year old subject of an out of court disposal they will have a session with a youth worker from the way youth zone with an aim around early intervention and prevention form young people entering the criminal

Justice system.

CM states that he wants the group to think of ways to creatively engage with the process to bring about change and transformation. Synopsis/overview of the detail around shooting etc..

**4 Scrutiny of stop and search forms**

1. Raises questions as to is it just because it’s someone they know. Feedback. more details.
2. Requires more details. What is suspicious.
3. This has more detail and is more reasonable - CM.
4. Accepted.
5. Accepted.
6. the location is incorrect an needs updating.
7. Needs more detail? Why did the officer search? The intel from public is why they attended. this could have been a cigarette.
8. CM states at the end of this there is no further action. What would be useful is to know the ethnicity. Looking back at previous data discussed above if this was a black person it may actually be how they are treated din a situation like that.
9. Accepted.
10. CM states why anything isn’t recovered. This could be fed back through to training. Percentage of items not found raises a question.

**5 Best use of stop and search scheme**

1. Community trigger

TP mentioned at the last meeting there was a complaint however it hasn’t been resolved yet. Has this complaint been resolved yet?

b) Lay Observations

Discussion around the IAG perhaps picking up lay observations. This will need to be considered further by the group.

It would be interesting to compare the lay observation and the cameras.

CM states a point that he would like to raise is mediation and the scrutiny panels role and the

Potential in that arena. JJ states that Supt Fraser would like the community reference group to a mediator course to assess a wider mediation focus.

**6 Issues to take to gold**

None

**7 Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be able Tuesday 7th June 2016.