

## E Search Scrutiny Panel

20<sup>th</sup> January 2015

### Minutes

#### Attendees

Tyreece Renford- Holly Hall School Council

Andy Winning- DMBC community Safety Team

Jazmyn Burudi- Holly Hall School Council

Aqua- Lucia Di- Vito King Edwards College

Cllr Judy Foster

Pc 21049 Yorke

Meeting opened by PC 21049 Yorke and agenda for meeting given.

#### Apologies

CI Inglis- Chief Inspector Operations DY LPU

Alex Kendall –Chairperson

Tom Keys- Quarry Bank Neighbourhood Watch

David Price- Halesowen Neighbourhood Watch

Dominic Tipping- DMBC Youth Services

Shaz Saleem

Rosina Atwell- DMBC

Joanne- Youth Crime Commissioner

PC Yorke outlined purpose of meeting and laws available for police with regard to stop and search powers.

The past 3 months data was shown to the panel including which searches powers were used, the outcomes of searches, ethnicity of those searched.

The panel asked questions with regard to stopping and searching ethnic minorities and whether this was done proportionately. PC Yorke explained that no one should be stopped and searched unless there were grounds to do so, regardless of ethnicity. It was explained that ethnicity was not grounds for a search and grounds for searching were reiterated with panel members.

The panel were shown the percentage of people searched per ethnicity group on DY LPU from August 2013-2014 against the population figures of ethnic groups. The panel noted that the percentage was higher for IC1 group. However it was also noted that there were less ethnic minorities than IC1 living on DY LPU. The panel stated that this could show that you are more likely to be searched if you belong to a certain ethnic group. Andy Winning asked if these figures could be made available for other LPUs to compare.

Tyreece Renford stated that stop and search could alienate members of the public if they had done nothing wrong. Cllr Foster stated that a considerable amount of people found stop and search powers to be of great benefit and did not mind being searched.

10 selected search records were selected and scrutinised by the panel. The panel agreed that almost all were legal and proportionate. Those which were questioned were shown to not meet the standard.

New members of the panel asked what would happen if the standard was not met. They were advised that officers would be advised and developed in this area if it was deemed appropriate.

#### Future Developments

The panel were informed of the PPC website which will in future show stop and search locations and times for all members of the public to view. This was received well by the panel and was considered a good idea.

Panel informed that the possibility of a panel member completing a tour of duty with officers to witness stop and search was now being authorised. Aqua Lucia De- Vita stated she would like to be considered for this.

Next meeting arranged for 28/04/2015 at Brierley hill Police Station, 18:30 hours.