

Solihull Independent Advisory Group

Stop and Search review

Date: 10/3/2014

Location: Vanessa Carroll Suite

Agenda

1/ introduction – process / powers

2/ Monthly review – Dec / Jan / Feb, include conversion rate and Disproportionality rate.

3/ Comparison data – Force V Borough

4/ Examine individual forms

5/ Feedback

6/ Future process / improvement plan

Notes

9 members present.

Reviewed process and where we have come from historically, recap last panel meeting in December.

Discussed data for quarter, some debate about whether police should be stopping more people. Two members of panel shared personal experiences of calling police to suspicious persons, and family members being subject to stop and search.

36 forms examined, main points were meaning of suspicious panel members felt more in depth explanation required on forms, insufficient room on form to make clear and detailed explanation for grounds, time of day / night.

Members were positive in respect of no drop in numbers of searches providing officers were exercising power appropriately.

Members were keen to see results of intrusive supervision regarding officers, teams, geography to gauge whether areas subject of high crime rates were seeing appropriate tasking of resources.