

Stop search scrutiny group

Tues 17 July 2012

Birmingham Central Police Station

Present: Ashley Dhanoa(AD), Jurai Modvak(JM), Daniel Grant(DG), Richard Moore(RM), Avril Grant(AG), Awil Hussein(AH), Daher Ahmed(DA) Abdullah Adow(AA), Aisha Iqbal(AI) Sean Russell(SR), Mandy Platt(MP), Kennley Bailey(KB), Sulaiman Samuel(SS) Ifty Ahmed(IA)

Apologies:

	Topics	Action
1.	Apologies Giorgi Peraia	
2.	Items Discussed	
	Introductions and welcome	
3	<p>Terms of reference: SR thanked everybody for attending the meeting and went through the terms of reference which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Feedback was then sought from the group.</p> <p>AG asked will data be made available to the group which SR confirmed this would be the case and asked the group what specific information they would like to be provided with.</p> <p>DG stated it was a cultural issue, some officers forget they are there to protect and serve and forget they are public servants.</p> <p>AI mentioned that the MET police were launching a programme in September around stop and search and would we be linking in with their programme. She also mentioned that the police need to know what they wanted to achieve through this group. It is often more effective to carry out outreach workshops to ensure the message is effectively communicated</p> <p>AH commented that the stop and search leaflets Know your rights need to be in different languages.</p>	An update will be provided of the work going on in the MET
4	<p>Stop and Search powers. IA conducted overview of the different types of legislation used by the Police and explained some of the differences. Section1 PACE, Section 60, Misuse of drugs search and counter terrorism stop search legislation covered</p>	Circulate legislation to the group
5	<p>SS stated police needed to remove stigma and after effects of stop and search and make it clear it is an effective tool to prevent crime and if we have dialogue we can explain we are not being disrespectful we are just fighting crime. We should explain to younger people why we use these powers to detect crime and these people will become part of the policing and assist. SS asked what current work is going on within schools to educate children around stop and search.</p> <p>AI asked how do police monitor staff performance around stop and search</p> <p>SR explained that legislation dictates that supervisors monitor stop and search to ensure it is done legally. We also have a behaviour and values group which monitors all areas of business. Professional standards department also deals with complaints</p>	SR agreed to disseminate a schools planner which showed what engagement is going on
6	<p>Summary of expectations: RM stated we need we needed to ensure we had legitimacy, reasonableness and are justifiable in our approach to stop and search. Officers needed to demonstrate professionalism around the procedures and applying of the powers. We need to show we are fair and impartial and justify our actions with proper grounds. We need to demonstrate dignity and respect. We need to audit and review our performance around stop and search and be show transparency around the outputs and share them with our communities. We need to look at complaints and their outcomes. We need to ensure proportionality and use this group to influence, shape and educate. We need to</p>	Circulate terms of reference Circulate date of next 6 months meetings

	share knowledge and the police service needed to be held to account for its actions.	
5.	Date of Next Meeting Tues 04/09/12 1800-2000Birmingham central Police station Tues 16/10/12 1800-2000 Birmingham Central Police station Tues 27/11/12 1800-2000 Birmingham Central Police station Tues 15/01/13 1800-2000 Birmingham Central Police station	