

# Stop search scrutiny group

Thursday 25th September 2014

Handsworth Police Station Thornhill road

Present: Soleman Samuel (SS) Police Sergeant Ifty Ahmed(IA) Yvonne Mosquito (YM) Deputy PCC, Chief Inspector Dean Hatton (DH), Zain Ghulam (ZG), Desta Hall (DH).

Apologies: Kennley Bailey (KB)Giorgi Pertaia (GP) Avril Grant (AG) PC Michael Clarke (MC) Councillor Kooner (CC) Juraj Modrak (JM) Manjit Singh (MS) Shasta BI (SB) Noreen Akhtar (NA) Johanathan Jardine (JJ)

	Topics	Action
1.	Apologies received from above.	
2.	<p>Items Discussed</p> <p>Introductions and welcome, IA provided an update for actions from previous meeting.</p> <p>Outstanding actions:</p> <p>Action 1: Temporary Police Sergeant Martin Brown to task his officers to capture a live recording of stop and search in the City Centre. Update: On-going action as TPS Martin Brown has been on leave, this task has been deferred to Force press department.</p> <p>Update: This has not been progressed by the press office so we have asked Noorin Akhtar one of our panel members to do some filming highlighting the difference between a traffic stop, encounter and stop and search to demonstrate to the public the clear distinction between these types of stops.</p>	<p>Action 1: Noorin Akhtar, PS Ahmed and Solemen Samuel to meet up and arrange for footage to be captured</p>
3	<p>National Perspective: PS Ahmed explained the Home secretary announced the Best use of stop and Search Scheme to Parliament in April 2014. It was launched Nationally Aug 2014 and all 43 forces have signed up. WMP is one of 24 "launch forces" able to satisfy two of four key components: 1/ Amendment to S60 Authorities to ACC level. 15 hours extendable by 9 hours (Used to be 24 hrs.). Advance notification to the public followed by outcome.</p> <p>2/ Recording full set of stop and search outcomes beyond arrest</p> <p>3/ Lay observation Policy, providing opportunities for public to observe stop and search</p> <p>4/ Community trigger for complaints. Explaining to public how powers are being used in the event of large volumes of complaints.</p> <p>Yvonne Mosquito reiterated the progress this force had now made around how we record stop and search and this was improving the picture around disproportionality.</p>	

4	<p><b>Local Perspective:</b>  PS Ahmed shared with the group examples of how spatial mapping was working and how officers stop and searches were mapped which allows analysis to obtain a real time picture of how stop and search was being used and identify hotspots. The group commented on how beneficial this was and it increased accountability and transparency around stop and search.</p>	
5	<p><b>PS Ahmed shared data for BWC and force re disproportionality:</b></p> <p><b>BWC April-Aug 2013 Asian x0.7, black x1.2</b>  <b>BWC April-Aug 2014 Asian x0.6 black x1.1</b></p> <p><b>Force April-Aug 2013 Asian x2.1 black 3.8</b>  <b>Force April-Aug 2014 Asian x1.4 black 2.8</b></p> <p>DH felt the figures indicated we were travelling in the right direction but there was a lot to do to message this to communities and build trust around stop and search.</p>	
6	<p><b>Total number of esearches on BWC since go live 2/6/14 is 578. 19% had positive disposal by way of arrest or other outcome as below</b>  <b>7.8% Arrested as consequence of stop and search(45)</b>  <b>1.7% (10) Arrested for unrelated offence</b>  <b>9% (51) other positive disposal (cannabis warning, Fixed penalty, community resolution.</b>  <b>81% (472) No further action taken</b></p> <p><b>Powers used</b>  <b>Drugs 54:5% (315)</b>  <b>Section 1 PACE 44% (254)</b>  <b>Firearms (1.5%) (8)</b></p>	
7	<p><b>SS informed the group of the success of inputs at George Dixon school had been when he and PC Michael Clarke had done around stop and search. They had been invited back to do more inputs. Yvonne Mosquito encouraged this work and suggested a meeting with Jonathon Jardine from the PCC's office regarding funding to support this work.</b></p>	<p><b>Action 2</b>  <b>Arrange a meeting with JJ and SS.</b></p>
8	<p><b>1600 meeting concluded</b></p>	
9	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b>  <b>Venue:</b></p> <p><b>Force stop and search meeting chaired by Police and crime commissioner 6pm on Wednesday 17 December 2014, in the Lord Knight Suite at Tally Ho! Pershore Road, Birmingham</b></p>	