

Stop search scrutiny group

Tues 27th September 2012
Birmingham Central Police Station

Present: Ashley Dhanoa (AD), Giorgi Pertaia (GP) Haroon Rashid (HR) Acting Sergeant Martin Brown (MB) Police Sergeant Ifty Ahmed (IA) Camille E Adelle-John (CA-J) Inspector Karen Geddes (KD)

Apologies: Daniel Grant (DG), Avril Grant (AG), Awil Hussein (AH), Daher Ahmed (DA) Abdullah Adow (AA), Kennley Bailey Charmaine Burton (CB) Aisha Iqbal (AI) Richard Moore (RM) Danny Long (DL),

	Topics	Action
1.	Apologies received from above.	
2.	<p>Items Discussed</p> <p>Introductions and welcome and IA provided an update for actions from previous meeting:</p> <p>1/ Superintendent Danny Long to arrange meeting with Giorgi Pertaia regarding ongoing concerns around lack of voice for Eastern European communities. Action completed.</p> <p>Giorgi Pertaia (GP) suggested it would be a good idea for members of the group to discuss the concerns of the Eastern European communities as it was similar to the journeys that the black and Asian communities experienced when they first migrated to the UK. CA-J and KG agreed and action was agreed for a separate meeting to take place within Perry Barr constituency, as this is where a large percentage of the emerging communities are located.</p> <p>2/ Opportunities to promote work of the group. Opportunity at next meeting for each member to do a 1 minute interview on camera which could be promoted on West Midlands Police website.</p> <p>3/ Charmaine Burton has offered her local church as a venue for the meeting in January 2013. Details to be confirmed as she was sick and had sent her apologies.</p>	<p>Action 1 set up a separate meeting with key stakeholders to discuss the concerns of Eastern European community.</p> <p>Action 2 confirm location of alternative venue for next meeting and circulate</p>
3	<p>IA gave an overview of the groups work during the last few months for the benefit of CA-J who could not attend previous meetings. She appreciated the update and informed the group that it was really positive to see this group working as this was one of her recommendations following the August riots in 2011 to improve accountability and scrutiny around stop and search.</p> <p>IA then presented how the proposed new electronic version of stop and search would work. In essence officers would use their Airwave radios to carry out stop and searches and all data would be recorded and submitted electronically there and then. Officers would also transit over the airwaves their grounds for stop and search, which would provide even more transparency and save time consuming completing of stop and search forms. This system would give accurate locations of stop searches and allow supervisors recent up to date information so as to allow them to scrutinise how these powers are being exercised in a much more efficient way.</p> <p>This new method of recording would take into account our emerging communities such</p>	

	<p>as Eastern Europeans and gypsy communities.</p> <p>The overall feedback from the group was really positive as they all felt it would provide live time accountability and scrutiny and patterns and trends could be picked up much sooner</p>	
4	<p>IA introduced a secondary schools input which Acting Police Sergeant Michelle Birch had prepared around understanding stop and search Powers and where and how they are used. The group agreed that education was crucial and this approach would help in young peoples understanding stop and search powers.</p> <p>CA-J explained that the black community still had genuine concerns around being stopped by police and gave her personal experience when she was afraid to get out of her car when stopped by Police in Northfield.</p>	
5	<p>20:30 meeting concluded.</p>	
6	<p>Date of Next Meeting Weds 16/01/13 1800-200 venue to be confirmed.</p>	