West Midlands Police
Stop and Search Scrutiny

LPU: Sandwell

Chair: Deep Sandhu

Date: 05/09/17

Outcomes from Last Meeting:
Discussed in Item A
Discussed in Item B

Attendees: (6)

T/Insp Phillips
PC O'Connor
Deep Sandhu
Tariq Karim
Jardell Miller
Lisa Hill

ITEM A:
Panel spoke about the really low numbers attending the scrutiny panels now. We looked at ways we could recruit different kind of members to have a representative group. We looked at the use of local schools officers to engage with Sixth Form students or even visits or posters around the local college.
Considered the use of an unofficial application form. Also considered the use of creating a profile of what stop and search is, and what impact it has on the community,

ITEM B:
Discussed the devices with the panel, spoke about the new app on the devices and the possibility for stop and search to now be recorded by officers on the frontline straight after performing the search. Officers don't have to input address because it works on GPS. Panel are happy that this is a move forward for West Midlands Police and will help records being recorded retrospectively as it will be easier to get officers to record and not have to wait on service desk.

ITEM C:
There was no concerns in relation to proportionality, again we sit quite high up in relation to the rest of the force for positive action, and above force average.

DIP SAMPLES: We had a look at the dip samples from the last quarter June – September. Generally good, police officers have recorded all searches really well and in a lot of detail. Most of them were detailed well and also had the grounds that were explained well. It was good to see a record of an arrestee who got strip searched and the details that were in that.

NOTES:

PC Tedstill has moved on to another role and will no longer be on our scrutiny panel. We would all like to thank PC Tedstill, congratulate him on his promotion and wish him the best in his new role!

NEXT MEETING:
07th December 2017
West Bromwich Police Station
18:30 – 20:00

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