

West Midlands Police
Stop and Search Scrutiny

LPU: Sandwell

Chair: Deep Sandhu

Date: 11/05/17

Outcomes from Last Meeting:
Item A from last meeting to be actioned due to another occasion of low attendance.

Attendees: 5
Sgt Phillips
PC Steatham
Deep Sandhu
Abu Sydekk
Jardell Miller

ITEM A: Due to the low amount of people that had turned up, some of which apologies weren't received, we are looking on getting adverts out to members of the public which promote the scrutiny panel by at least 6 people at a bare minimum. Ways of recruiting involve NHTs, Social Media, Places of religion etc. Try to get the board to represent Gender, Age, and Ethnicity as much as possible. If 30+ were to be signed up, consideration for attendees to alternate attendance between meetings.

ITEM B:
SW officers who have been picked up about prolific wrong reporting of Stop and Searches have been spoken to, this will make sure that Stop and Searches are being recorded *live* when possible and the correct information is being put on the records.
More focus being put onto *Force Response, CMPG, OPS (Operations – firearms, OSU, FSU)* to make sure that they're not coming onto the NPU and recording incorrectly which distorts the statistics at the end of each quarter.
No major changes been seen as a result of TS1 – NFAs are slightly higher. There have been more arrests however.
Action -> Sgt Phillips to include numbers for positive outcomes and searches on proportionality sheet to prevent misleading data and to provide a transparent view to the panel.

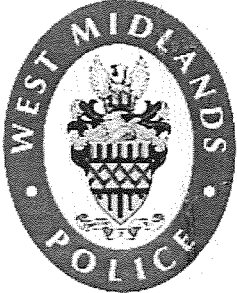
ITEM C:
Handheld devices - Hopefully by the autumn term, West Midlands Police officers will be able to record Searches via their handheld devices. The obvious benefits are that there will be no miscommunication and officers will be able read the information they have written before they submit the log.

NOTES:

PC Tedstill operational and will soon be ready to do Lay Observations again.

Stop and Search PCC commission – 7th June 2017 at Lloyd House.

Insp. Dave Whorley retirement soon.



DIP SAMPLES: Generally, Dip Samples were recorded well. A few to PS Phillips is going back to question. For example, "No arrest & seized" just to clarify. Same as January.

NEXT MEETING:
7th September 2017
West Bromwich Police Station
18:30 – 20:00