

Minutes of Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel Meeting 15<sup>th</sup>  
September 2014 at Brierley Hill Police Station

**Attendees :**

Chief Inspector Nick Rowe – Dudley Local Policing Unit

PC Ryan Gardener – Stourbridge Neighbourhood Team

WPC Natalie Lees – Stourbridge Neighbourhood Team

Judy Foster – DPCC

Ethan Schuch – King Edwards College

Andy Winning – DMBC Community Safety Team

Kenneth Rodney –

Megan Jewkes – King Edwards College

Sophie Chisolm – King Edwards College

Lili Ahern – King Edwards College

Agnes Ranford – King Edwards College

Lisa Grozier – King Edwards College

Charlotte Turner – King Edwards College

Wasim Ali – King Edwards College

Tom Keys – Quarry Bank Neighbourhood Watch

Luke Taylor – King Edwards College

David Price – Halesowen Neighbourhood Watch

Aqua-Lucia Di-Vid – King Edwards College

Paul Jennings – King Edwards College

Meeting opened by the stand in chairperson – **NR** and introductions of all persons present carried out.

Apologies – Alex Kendall ( Chairperson ), Dominic Tipping and Joanne ( Youth Police Crime Commissioner )

**NR** outlined the purpose of the meeting as some persons had not attended a meeting before.

**RG** went over the laws and powers available to police officers with regard to stop and search and the difference between this and an encounter which does not need any grounds or any record made. He also explained what police should tell you and how a search of clothing should be made ( outer clothing / strip search ).

**RG** then went through the data for the previous three months. Discussion was had around this data which includes how many stop searches were conducted, the outcomes of each stop and ethnicity of the individual stopped. The grounds for the searches were also discussed.

A number of forms from the new and live system were then scrutinised by the panel.

**AW** mentioned the relevance of the ethnicity when a lot of the people may not actually reside within the Dudley Borough and travelling into the Borough and being searched. **NR** stated that this was something he would look into. **RG** reiterated that even if a person is searched, they do not have to give their name and address.

**RG** stated that he was hoping for a live web chat at the next meeting and that Alex was hoping to come out on patrol with police to see what happens during a stop and search and that the use of head cams is being considered so that there is no question as to the lawfulness of a search.

**Next meeting set as Wednesday 03<sup>rd</sup> December 2014 at 1830 hours.**

