

Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel

6.30pm Wednesday 27th November 2013
Paul Hawkins Room
Wolverhampton Police Station

Attendees

Kal Khan
Stacey Game
Miriam Yafai
Darren Walsh
Michael Wilkinson
Di Shepherd

Apologies

Lisa Read-Arnold
Simon Hamilton
James Lowbridge
Jess Purchase
Moy Francis
Jon Nelson

Meeting partially chaired by DW then KK
Minutes of previous meeting read and agreed.

DW explained that he had requested each neighbourhood team to nominate an officer to be the single point of contact for stop and search.

Stop and search comment from ACC Cann, following the PCC's summit, circulated to the group. This details the actions commissioned by Mr Cann to improve the use of stop and search.

DW commented that we had seen a considerable improvement in accuracy on the forms, but there were still too many mistakes being made.

KK asked if in future consideration could be given to summit's not being held on a Friday, as this would exclude some members of our community from attending.

Press release for Operation No Deal circulated to group for discussion.

Examination of forms

- 2 – object missing
- 3 – reason missing
- 6 – outcome missing
- 17 – object missing
- 19 – self class missing
- 20 – outcome incorrect letter
- 29 – grounds ?
- 31 – seeking to find missing
- 32 – object missing

It was highlighted that on many (15) of the forms the damage/injury box was left blank. Panel asked if this omission was the same on previous forms. DS to report findings back to panel.

Panel raised question why there were only 47 forms this month. DS explained that there had been some confusion around the implementation of the airwave system. That it should have gone live in Wolverhampton, but the pilot had highlighted some operational problems which needed to be ironed out and the “go live “date had been put back for a second time.

AOB

DS detailed a funding bid had been submitted for Proceeds of Crime Act money to commission some educational work on stop and search for young people.

Information on Immobilise to be circulated to members.