**Stop and Search Scrutiny panel**

**Location:** Online

**Date and Time:** 12 April 2021, 16.30.

**In Attendance**: Superintendent Ronan Tyrer WMP

Peter Sturgeon Engagement Officer WMP

Ghulum Vohra Co-Chair of Community Forum and CMF

Mohammed Bashir Coventry City Council

Diane Tolley Canley Stakeholders

Dipak Panchal PHD Student Warwick University

Inspector Mike Deakin WMP

Inspector James Tandy

Manjeet Pangli Coventry City Council

George Marsh West Midlands Lord Lieutenant

Balbir Sohal Prevent CCC

Natalie Cox Office of the Police and crime Commissioner

Caron McKenna Health Watch Coventry Co-Chair of Community Forum

Tony Swann Finham Neighbourhood Watch

Maxine Smalling West Indies Community Link

Jat Singh GNP Gurdwara Harnall Lane Wes

Dipak Naik Together In Action

Balbir Singh Dhami Multi Faith Forum

Christabell Amoakoh Parents against youth violence

Dasi Dwek Coventry Peace House

Richard Lucas Earlsdon Resident

Jatinder , Dipak, Balbir S, Tony , Maxine, Manjeet

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|  | **Item Discussed** | **Actions** |
| 1. | Welcome and introduction  Minutes of the last meeting, update on any actions taken from last meeting | * City of Culture update to be confirmed * Noted that Janey Manton’s attendance at the next meeting will be her last as she is moving to Shropshire |
| 2. | UPDATE on stop and search data from Dave Lang | Discussed and updated on performance data including outcome rates, disproportionality data and total number of searches.   * Tony questioned the disparity between the figures in the presentation and the figures online DL explained the reason why – different systems are used to collect data * Ghulam asked how many of the stops were intelligence led/members of the public providing information DL not possible to extract that data * The report was received and questions were asked and answered about the proportion of successful outcomes compared to stops. Members still disappointed at the disparity. * Also discussed the difference in the % if Black people stopped and searched in Coventry compared to the Black population. n.b short discussion ensued about our ongoing dissatisfaction with methods of recording and the possible outcomes of 2021 census. * Christabell requested an age breakdown in the next report, all agreed that would be useful, Balbir S pointed out previously the Forum had discussed the figures around young people and stops in a very productive way * *At this point in the meeting the invitation to ride along on IAG patrols was re-issued and people who had already been reminded us how useful it had been* |
| 3. | Dip sample of stop and search | This was the first time the group, including the officers, had the opportunity to watch footage of S&S from body worn cameras. Three incidents had been chosen at random by Ghulam. |
| 4. | Dip sample of Use of Force records | * Caron was astonished at the contrast between the officers conduct in the first and second films. The first film the officer was calm, reasonable, friendly, non-judgemental and kept things respectful even though he found a small quantity of drugs. The behaviour of the officer in the second film was the complete opposite he was rude, demeaning, confrontational from the start. Didn’t find any evidence of a crime so imposed a covid fine instead of £500 and appeared to take personal bank details he wasn’t legally entitled to take * Dipak the second officer seemed to want to punish the man whatever happened * Christabell the second officer started off immediately with sarcastic comments – unacceptable * Dipak was concerned that one officer might get into trouble over the incidents we had witnessed and didn’t think that would be fair * We then watched the third film which dealt with a person with mental health issues * Tony commented that this was dealt with using sensitivity and care * Diane agreed saying the officers understood the issues and it was a job well done * Dipak agreed * Balbir S questioned the numbers of officers present but DL explained because of the mental health element a car containing a mental health nurse was also sent out and a responsible adult * Balbir D wanted to have it noted that split second decisions have to be taken and it’s not an easy job * Everyone agreed it had been a very positive meeting * Ronan emphasised that in all three incidents we had viewed none of the officers had breached any laws or regulations, they had done nothing that could lead to formal action being taken against them. |
| 5. | Action noted from discussions for update at next panel | * DL is going to check and feedback DIP checks of other S&S of 2nd officer in his role as line manager with a view to personal and professional development * Ronan is going to think about training opportunities for staff from forum members * DL will confirm whether or not bank details should have been taken (2nd incident) * Post lockdown can we offer a mixed menu of meeting in person and simultaneously online? |
| 6. | Date and location of next panel |  |