

## Stop and Search Community Monitoring Network Wednesday 29th April 2020

### Attendance List

<b>Meenu Dhili</b>	Hounslow	<b>Jane Davis</b>	H&F
<b>Nathalie Stewart</b>	Westminster	<b>Steve bone</b>	Greenwich
<b>Ian Weatherley</b>	Havering	<b>Roy Croasdaile</b>	Brent
<b>Andy Healey</b>	Wandsworth	<b>Sarah Chambers</b>	H&F
<b>Barbara Madeloff</b>	Wandsworth	<b>Avril Jones</b>	Southwark
<b>Chris Roffey</b>	Newham	<b>Irfan Hussain</b>	Harrow
<b>Jennifer Gabbidon</b>	Islington	<b>Ken Hinds</b>	Haringey
<b>Julie Fallon</b>	Redbridge	<b>Sandra Da Costa</b>	Waltham Forest
<b>Carole Atkinson</b>	Richmond	<b>Nicola babonneau</b>	Hackney
<b>Tayo Disu</b>	Lewisham	<b>Lucy Smith-Ryland</b>	K&C
<b>Ian Smith</b>	Bromley	<b>steve Thompson</b>	Barking & Dag
<b>Insp John Evans</b>	MPS	<b>Sheri Lawal</b>	Islington
<b>Insp Fiona Partidge</b>	MPS	<b>Herval Aklmenoar</b>	Haringey
<b>Srgt Chris Williams</b>	MPS		

### 1. Housekeeping

NP welcomed the group and went over housekeeping.

### 2. Chairs welcome

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

### 3. MOPAC update

- City Hall staff all working remotely and work is business as usual. Across city hall we are running a regional response, to understand and address the impact of COVID 19. City Hall have a Talk London Survey running which references things like housing and general life.
- London funders have an emergency fund for organisations that are supporting Londoners during COVID. Money is also available for organisations who need funding to change their ways of working eg: remote working and how best to engage with young people digitally. MOPAC are working to ensure that the new police powers are monitored and have asked the MPS to collate the data of how the powers are being used especially with regards to disproportionality.
- City Hall will be conducting engagement sessions with communities about the new powers and provide some detail around how they will be used. The digital team are also producing videos made by young people about the powers.
- Sophie Linden recently met with Jane Connors and discussed the reviewing of BWV. The DMPC had been reassured that the MPS is committed to resolving the issues.

### 4. Inspector John Evans

John introduced himself to the group and explained that he took over from Fiona at the end of April however will be working in the team to understand the stop and search portfolio in detail prior to Fiona's retirement. He was welcomed by the group and MOPAC.

### 6. MPS Update

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (provisional data)
Searches – PACE & other (excluding s.60)	132,783	172,045	268,277
Searches - s.60	1,836	9,598	11,413
Arrest rate %	18.50%	14.80%	12.00%
Positive outcome rate %	31.30%	26.50%	23.10%
Weapons (incl firearms) arrests from stop and search	4,273	4,235	4,417
Percentage of weapons (incl firearms) arrests from all stop and search arrests	17.10%	15.70%	13.10%

FP went on to reference the 12-month pilot focusing on the rank of authorisation for Section 60s, she confirmed that due to the Corona Virus and general election there are likely to be delays to the pilot. The Home Office will be providing a new time line for when the pilot will be finalised and a review conducted.

The chair thanked FP for her hard work and congratulated her on her upcoming retirement.

## 7. Question and Answer Session

Below is a summary of the Q&A Session with boroughs asked to provide an update around their local CMGs.

Question	Answer
Southwark local lead stated that vehicle stops were recorded is that the case across London.	General vehicle stops are not recorded unless it leads to a search which would be recorded on the dashboard. The Home Office announced that they were planning a review into future changes to recording practices.
What is the role of the CMN in relation to Corona Virus.	The CMN role exclusively relates to stop and search so if searches increase it is important that local leads are held to account as best possible considering the current restrictions.
The Wandsworth Chair raised that no information has been shared by their local lead about Section 60 authorisations.	Richmond chair confirmed that Insp Graham Norton had been in touch with all four borough CMGs so a conference call can be arranged to discuss stop and search, this topic would be picked up then.
Greenwich has seen a significant increase in stop and search, specifically relating to drugs.	MPS confirmed they would look into the data to understand why this is the case.
Why are there high levels of disproportionate stops between male and female.	Understanding and addressing disproportionality continues to be a priority of MOPAC and the MPS. The internal MOPAC Evidence and Insight Team are working on analysing stop and search figures so the Deputy Mayor can appropriately challenge the Commissioner when patterns relating to disproportionality are highlighted.
The group highlighted that stop and searches have increased during lockdown.	The stop and search figures show that stop and search has increased from March which saw 23,823 searches to 30,849 in April.

### General discussion points

- There was a general point raised around low-level cannabis stops founding a large proportion of searches alienating communities and causing unnecessary tension.
- The MPS referenced the training videos of which eight have been made and five have been made available to officers. The feedback has been positive. The MPS confirmed they would continue to update the group and share the videos in the future.
- The group discussed how levels of disproportionality have seen increases, not just with ethnicity but also gender. City Hall are working towards what happens after the lockdown including preparing for an increase in violence by working with service providers and ensuring provision is in place.

## **Actions**

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>
MOPAC	Speak to Home Office about the recording of vehicle stops.
MPS & KH	Arrange conference call about stop and search dashboard and how the public can drill down and understand the figures.
MPS	Provide update about the bite-sized training videos, bring example to next meeting.
MPS	Stop and search figures to be shared prior to the call so attendees can look at the information whilst its being spoken about.
MPS:	MPS to update the group with how the new S60 authorisation procedure is progressing and if any reviews have been completed by the next meeting.