

Stop and Search Community Monitoring Network Meeting
Thursday 23rd January 2020

Present: Names taken from signed attendance sheet where legible

Apologies: Cmdr. Jane Conners and Stephen Thompson, Steve Bone, Irfan Hassain net Julie Fallon, Ian Weatherly and Marzia Nicodemi.

Borough or OCU	CMG	MPS
Barking & Dagenham		
Barnet		
Bexley	John Abbott	
Brent	Roy Croasdaile	
Bromley	Ian Smith	
Camden	John Kilvington	
Croydon		
Ealing		
Enfield		
Greenwich		
Hackney	Nicola Baboneau	
Hammersmith & Fulham	Sarah Chambers Jane Davis	
Haringey	Herval Almenoar-Webster	
Harrow	Stephen Lewis	
Havering		
Hillingdon	Michelle Dibble	
Hounslow	Stephen Lewis	
Islington	Sheri Lawal	
Kensington & Chelsea	Claire Van Helfteren, Lucy Smith -Ryland	
Kingston		
Lambeth	Abdul Karim Abdullah	
Lewisham	Tayo Prince	
Merton		
Newham	Chris Roffey	
Redbridge		
Richmond	Carole Atkinson	
Southwark	Avril Jones, Bmarat Azad	
Sutton		
Tower Hamlets	Jon Shapiro	
Waltham Forest		
Wandsworth	Barbara Madeloff, Graham Harris	
Westminster	Nathalie Stewart	

BTP	
MPS Central Stop and Search Team	Insp Fiona Partridge (FP), Sgt Chris Williams (CW),
MOPAC	Natasha Plummer and Chris Benson

1. Chairs welcome apologies and apologies.

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

2. Housekeeping

NP welcomed the group and went over housekeeping.

3. Minutes of Meetings from June 2019 and Matters Arising

Noted that following additions had to be made:

Apologies to be included, Chris Roffey – Newham, Avril Jones – Southwark, Marzia Nicodemi – Croydon, Lucy Smith-Ryland – Kensington & Chelsea and Sheri Lawal – Islington,

In attendance: Andy Healey, Barbara Madeloff and Graham Harris - Wandsworth
Abdul-Karim – Lambeth, Michelle Dibble - Hillingdon

The notes were accepted as being a true representation of what took place in the meeting

4. Insp Fiona Partridge & Sgt Chris Williams - MPS figures

CW explained the figures for the previous years. He referenced the summaries and percentages. **(table below).**

	2017-18	2018-19	FY to end of December 2019
Searches – PACE & other (excluding s.60)	132,783	172,155	195,159
Searches - s.60	1,836	9,596	8,878
Arrest rate %	18.5%	14.8%	12.2%
Positive outcome rate %	31.3%	26.5%	23.5%
Weapons (incl firearms) arrests from stop and search	4,273	4,241	3,260
Percentage of weapons (incl firearms) arrests from all stop and search arrests	17.1%	15.7%	13.1%

CW advised that due to the volume of stop & searches being authorised, the Stop and Search Dashboard showed only the number of Section 60s approved and not the borough in which it had been in force. He went on to say that the Home Office trial had been delayed due to the general election. That work had restarted, and the report originally expected in June may be delayed.

CW thanked those chairs that attended the very productive meeting to discuss the viewing of body worn video. The MPS would continue to hold internal meetings to progress the issue. The rationale behind the final position would be published as part of the process.

It was noted that a legal opinion had been received and MOPAC and the MPS were reviewing it.

The Chair stated that the legal opinion should be shared with the CMN as they challenged the MPS view that it was illegal for the Body Worn Video (BWV) to be viewed. It was noted that access to the opinion was privileged and open to challenge. The CMN would be kept advised of progress.

CW reported that the number of stop and search related complaints had risen in line with the increased numbers of stop and searches carried out.

It was suggested that the current level of complaints is reviewed by the Central Independent Advisory Group. Roy Croasdaile asked to be part of this discussion.

It was noted that British Transport Police do allow viewing of BWV but the footage is heavily redacted.

CW advised that eight bite size training videos were almost finished. The videos are approximately three minutes long and were designed to be punchy and pertinent for officers. The videos were for internal training use for both new and experienced officers. Once completed it may be possible to share with the CMN/members of the public.

CW went on to explain that police tactics had led to an increase use of weapons dumps to conceal weapons rather than being carried on the person. It was asked if and when a weapons dump was discovered are the weapons checked for finger prints etc. to see if ownership or use in past crimes could be established.

CW confirmed that whilst this was not current practice, a common approach to weapon sweeps was being established. The discovery of weapon dumps was usually based on community intelligence.

The Chair advised that a staff member of Middlesex University had produced a guide as to how to approach members of minority communities to assist officers working in a multi-cultural environment. A copy would be shared with the MPS/MOPAC when completed.

The meeting asked to be advised of the date on which the judgment course was to be run.

It was agreed that the officer's self-confidence was vital to successful stop and search, all the training could not match the experience of an actual stop & search under stressful conditions.

The meeting noted that the slide presentation contained a new slide that graphically showed the number and types of weapons found.

5. Guest Speaker

Stuart Lawrence gave a thoughtful presentation that was well received by the meeting.

6. Chairs Summary & Close of Meeting

Chair closed the meeting and thanked attendees.