

Stop and Search Community Monitoring Network
Wednesday 18th November 2020

Attendance List

Barnet	Ifran Hussain	
Brent	Roy Croasdaile (Vice Chair)	
Bromley	Ian Smith	
Croydon	Marzia Nicodemi	
Hackney	Nicola Baboneau	
Hammersmith and Fulham	Jane Davis	Sarah Chambers
Haringey	Ken Hinds	Herval Almendoar
Harrow	Steven Lewis	
Havering	Ian Weatherley	
Hillingdon	Michelle Dibble	
Kensington and Chelsea	Lucy Smith-Ryland	
Islington	Sheri Lawal	
Lewisham	Tayo Disu	
Newham	Chris Roffey	
Redbridge	Julie Fallon Bradley	
Richmond - Upon - Thames	Carole Atkinson	
Southwark	Avril Jones	
Wandsworth	Barbara Madelof	Andy Healey
Westminster	Nathalie Stewart (Chair)	
Middlesex University	Dr Doirean Wilson	
MPS	MPS Commissioner Insp John Evans	PC Ian Johnston Sgt Chris Williams

Apologies, Vlody Barchuk, Cmdr Jane Connors,

1. Housekeeping

NP welcomed the group and went over housekeeping.

2. Chairs welcome

The Chair welcomed the group and confirmed apologies.

3. Commissioner Cressida Dick

CD Thanked the group for their hard work in the scrutiny of stop and search and the effort put in to improve the MPS. She went on to acknowledge that stop and search is a contentious power that needs to be used carefully and appropriately. She went on to thank the Central Stop and Search Team for their hard work and the need communities and the MPS to work together to improve the police. A lot of work involving communities is taking place including, diversity and awareness training and the Mayors Action plan. The role of CMGs is to act as critical friends to the MPS which is vital for holding the Met to account.

4. Dr Doirean Wilson

DW shared a presentation with the group about a piece of work she was commissioned to do by the MPS for diversity awareness, she went on to explain that she has created a pilot tool kit developed at Middlesex University to promote equality, understanding and to address conflict.

DW explained that the toolkit will include a language map which will differentiate across different boroughs and would be utilised by new MPS recruits. (presentation attached)

5. Inspector John Evans & Sgt Chris Williams

JE welcomed the group and passed on the apologies of Cmdr Jane Connors, he passed on her thanks not just on the scrutiny of stop and search but also the improved training of officers.

JE went on to introduce PC Ian Johnston who has just joined the Central Stop and Search team.

CW referenced the updated figures from the stop and search dashboard which can be viewed by following this link <https://www.met.police.uk/sd/stats-and-data/met/stop-and-search-dashboard/>

CW went on to confirm that the MPS are pleased to now reinstate BWV sessions with CMGs however acknowledged that due to the increased lockdown measures this may be challenging for some. He went on to confirm that despite these measures the sessions can continue. He explained that officers will create a COVID secure environment for any CMG wishing to attend sessions.

NS confirmed that she has shared the risk assessment with the group and confirmation on the MPS position.

CW thanked the attendees for providing feedback to the MPS regarding BWV guidance. He referenced a common theme that CMGs had been requesting for specific clips eg: where knives are found. Currently the footage needs to be selected at random which adheres to privacy regulations. There have been five viewing sessions under the new system which have worked well. CW went on to highlight the importance of groups providing post-viewing feedback to confirm how the information has been disseminated to communities.

CW asked the group if there is anyone interested in reviewing the training material for leadership and development, this is a new group who will review all training material for the MPS, not specifically on stop and search, CW & JE confirmed they will supply further detail for anyone interested in getting involved if they email Chris.Williams@met.police.uk

The group discussed the sharing of the bite-sized training videos.

Action MPS: CW to look into how to share bite-sized training videos with CMN.

The group went on to discuss BWV feedback guidance, chairs have been instructed not to share any information that may compromise data protection however are then being asked to share information on social media.

Action MPS & MOPAC: Provide further guidance on feedback form B and how chairs are allowed to share information on social media etc.

The group referenced the need for the procedural aspect of feedback form A such as BWV compliance and GOWISLEY to be included.

6. MOPAC, Natasha Plummer

NP Reference the Mayors Action plan which can be found through the following link.
https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/action_plan_-_transparency_accountability_and_trust_in_policing.pdf

NP went on to highlight the key themes from the plan;

- Better use of police powers
- Working together to make Black communities safer
- A police service that better represents and understands Black communities
- Holding the police to account for what they do including building on CMG platforms to include the use of force eg: taser.
- MPS handcuffing review (<https://news.met.police.uk/news/met-concludes-review-to-further-improve-handcuffing-processes-418653>)

There was then a discussion around the MPS team leading the use of force group and how they didn't have a huge understanding in "lived experience". MOPAC were asked how they were going to ensure the right people are involved in the delivery of the plan.

NP confirmed community representation is key. In future sessions MOPAC will be able to share more detail around who will be involved and the timescales for delivery.

Action MPS: Clarify when the handcuffing review will be published.