

# Stop search scrutiny group

Tues 4th September 2012  
Birmingham Central Police Station

**Present:** Ashley Dhanoa(AD), Jurai (K), Sulaiman Samuel(SS), Ifty Ahmed(IA), Karen Geddes (KG), Martin Brown (MB), Haroon Rashid (HR)

**Apologies:** Modvak(JM), Daniel Grant(DG), Richard Moore(RM), Avril Grant(AG), Awil Hussein(AH), Daher Ahmed(DA), Abdullah Adow(AA), Aisha Iqbal(AI), Sean Russell(SR), Mandy Platt(MP), Kennley Bailey

	Topics	Action
1.	Apologies received from above.	
2.	<b>Items Discussed</b>  Introductions and welcome and IA provided an update for actions from previous meeting: 1/ Chief Inspector Sean Russell has now moved to HQ as staff officer to Chief Constable and no update provided regarding work going on in the Met London regarding how they are planning to change stop search policy. This will be chased up and forwarded to members before the next meeting.  2/ No current school engagement around stop search is taking place and Neighbourhood teams will be responsible for delivering this. Chief Inspector Mandy Platt will be tasked with looking into this area of business to put together and overall strategy.  3/ The terms of reference regarding the work of the group and upcoming dates have been circulated to all members of the group.	An update will be provided of the work going on in the MET
3	Discussion initially focused on the equality and human rights commission report which had been circulated. Concerns were raised around the disproportional use of stop search amongst BME groups.  Following a suggestion by KG all members of the group were shown a copy of a stop and search form and it was explained how it was completed. The notes that officers are given to complete the form was also shared with the group. AI asked for a detailed timeline of what happens to this information and how it is analysed. She asked how long would a freedom of information request take to process	Freedom of information requests are replied to within 20 days
4	MB gave an overview of his understanding of the stop and search issues as he has studied this during his degree. He suggested we could look at specific ward based data and also consider using a street survey as used by Professor Peter Waddington.	PC Martin Brown to bring local data to next meeting to discuss emerging patterns trends
5	Number of section 60 searches on LPU's shared with the group which highlighted high number for BWC. A map of the priority areas was also shared to give some perspective around the challenges on this LPU. HR noted that we had not had any authorities since June 2012 and said this was good news and needed to be shared with our communities	

6	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> <b>Tues 16/10/12 1800-2000 Birmingham Central Police station</b> <b>Tues 27/11/12 1800-2000 Birmingham Central Police station</b> <b>Tues 15/01/13 1800-2000 Birmingham Central Police station</b>	