

# Stop search scrutiny group

Minutes: 25 February 2014

Handsworth Police Station Thornhill road

Present: Soleman Samuel (SS) Police Sergeant Ifty Ahmed(IA) ,),Martin Brown (MB) )  
Manjit Singh (MS) ) Danny Long (DL) PC Michael Clarke (MC)

Apologies: Daniel Grant (DG) Awil Hussein (AH), Daher Ahmed (DA) Abdullah Adow(AA), Kennley Bailey Aisha Iqbal(AI) Camille E Adelle-John (CA-J Giorgi Pertaia (GP Donna Jones (DJ), Ashley Dhanoa (AD). Haroon Rashid (HR) Charmaine Burton (CB) Avril Grant (AG) ),) Juraj Modrak (JM) Inspector Nick Rowe (NR) Rebekah Delsol (RD)

	Topics	Action
1.	Apologies received from above.	
2.	<p><b>Items Discussed</b></p> <p>Introductions and welcome IA provided an update for actions from previous meeting.</p> <p><b>Outstanding actions:</b></p> <p><b>Action 1: Temporary Police Sergeant Martin Brown to task his officers to capture a live recording of stop and search in the City Centre.</b></p> <p><b>Update: On-going action as TPS Martin Brown has been on leave, this task has been deferred to Force press department.</b></p>	<p><b>Action 1:</b> Superintendent Danny Long gave authority for this to happen with the press office taking the lead</p>
3	<p>SS gave an insight into the training he has helped deliver on BWC; he explained the challenges faced and some of the defensiveness shown by officers. However, by the end of the sessions the officers were open to his views and he saw a change in officers perceptions</p> <p>MC confirmed his teams approach to stop and search had altered following the input his team had received from SS. He mentioned fewer officers would get off the van and the interactions had improved with the public.</p>	
4	<p>MB explained it was important to share these changes with Stopwatch and demonstrate the impact this training has had.</p>	
5	<p>IA shared details of the changes which had resulted following the training. Some 500 of the 700 staff on BWC had now been trained and the following outputs had been achieved: Searches have reduced by two thirds, rejection rates improved from 20-25% to 4%. The conversion rates for arrests had improved from 10% to 21 and 28% on BWC during the last two months.</p> <p>Disproportionality on the LPU had reduced from x3 to x1.2 for Black communities and</p>	<p><b>Action 2:</b> IA to share the presentation of the figures with SS who would forward them</p>

	from x1.5 to x0.7 for Asian communities.	onto Stopwatch to highlight the changes made.
6	Concerns were raised amongst the group that numbers attending the meeting had reduced during recent months and it was suggested we move the meetings to office hours and encourage improved attendance. An advance list of dates for future meetings to be published to ensure people can plan their diaries was suggested	Action 3: IA to contact all members to confirm they still wish to remain involved in the scrutiny panels. This year's dates to be disseminated with meetings in the afternoon
7	<b>2000 Meeting closed</b>	
8	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> <b>Venue:</b>  <b>2-4pm Thursday 22 May 2014 Conference room Handsworth Police Station</b>  <b>Force stop and search meeting chaired by Bob Jones PCC 6pm on Monday 7 July 2014, in the Trophy Suite at Tally Ho! Pershore Road.</b>  <b>2-4pm Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014 Conference room Handsworth Police Station</b>  <b>Force stop and search meeting chaired by Bob Jones 6pm on Wednesday 17 December 2014, in the Lord Knight Suite at Tally Ho! Pershore Road, Birmingham</b>	