



BIRMINGHAM EAST LOCAL POLICING UNIT

STOP AND SEARCH SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD AT 1900 HOURS AT MONTGOMERY SCHOOL, SPARKBROOK

TUESDAY 27th May 2014

PRESENT

Superintendent Alison Telford

Sergeant Chris Smith

Shahid Mahmood

Tina Bickley

Faiz Binur

Zubaidah Begum

Leon Bailey

Sana Hussain

Haleema Riaz

MINUTES

1. Meeting opened by Chair Supt. Telford.

2. Apologies from Chair from lack of notice of the meeting for some members. In order to prevent this in future all meetings will be last Tuesday of the month Bi-monthly.
3. Faiz Binur and Tina Bickley elected to be Joint-Chair of this panel.
4. Following a disorder with weapons in Small Heath Park the Duty Inspector Mr Baynton authorised a Section 60 (CJPO Act 1994). Sgt Chris Smith explained the circumstances of the incident and the legal/policy framework set by West Midlands Police. **The Panel were happy with the circumstances and decision to grant the section 60. A request that when the need for the order is over for it to be withdrawn rather than left to run for 24 hours.**
5. Sgt Chris Smith presents latest stop and search data for Birmingham East including the requested proportionality data. **Panel noted that BE are now arresting more people (23%) even though searches are reduced. Concern was raised in the drop of validated search forms to 87.1%. Happy with proportionality of searches at present but would like to continue to monitor progress.**
6. April stop and search forms presented to the panel for random selection and review.

Form 1 - Reason for stop and search – Male stopped in connection with a RTA – stolen motor bike recovered.

Panel comments

- No object code
- What were they searching for?
- Would fail validation
- Signed by Supervision? - yes

Form 2 – Reason for stop and search - Complaint of youth smoking cannabis. Person identified by caller.

Panel comments

- Cannabis again. (panel are concerned that a lot of searches each month are for cannabis)

- Good search person identified by caller not Officer.
- Signed by Supervision? – yes

Actions for next meetings

PC Eddie Hemming s to contact new chairs to confirm agenda required by them.

PC Eddie Hemmings to invite Police Officer from a non-Birmingham LPU scrutiny panel so the new chairs can compare panels.

Next meetings

Tuesday 29th July 2014. 1900 hours, Montgomery Primary School.

Tuesday 30th September 2014. 1900 hours, Montgomery Primary School.