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Police and Public Encounters Board (PPEB)

Tuesday 03 December 2013 - 1pm to 4pm -
Nottinghamshire Police

Record of Meeting (RoM)

Present

Cdr Adrian Hanstock - MPS (Chair)	Insp Mark Pearce - Metropolitan Police Service (MPS)
ACC Simon Torr - Nottinghamshire Police	Supt Rob Priddy - COP
Safdar Azam - Nottinghamshire IAG	Supt Mike Prior - Avon and Somerset
Supt Paul Burrows - Nottinghamshire Police	Kathleen Rennie - Staffordshire Police
Ch/Insp Ralph Copley - Lancashire	Steve Riley - Leicestershire Police
Supt Andrew Cox - Northamptonshire Police	Insp Nick Rowe - West Midlands
Zin Derfoufi - Stopwatch/University of Warwick	Supt Mark Travis - West Mercia
Insp Michele Edge - COP	Insp James Willis - TVP
Insp Nick Glynn - NBPA	Insp Andrew Wright - BTP
Mark Hines - IPCC	
Ch/Insp Ryan Howat - West Midlands	MPS - Stop and Search Team (S&S)
Adil Khan - Humberside	Ted Henderson
Ch/Supt Simon Nickless - Nottinghamshire	Insp Simon Rotherham
PS Phil Norbury - West Mercia	Pat Bastin (RoM)

Apologies

Insp Darren Brown - West Yorkshire	Ch/Supt Julian Knight - Gwent
Mike Day - Surrey	Ch/Insp Colleen Lavery - TVP
Dr Rebekah Delsol - Open Society Foundations/Stop Watch	Claire Light - GMP
Ch/Insp Bryan Duffy - Dorset Police	Stephanie Palmer - Ipswich and Suffolk Council for Racial Equality (ISCRE)
Ch/Insp Ricky Fields - Staffordshire	Alex Potts - COP
Supt Steve Furnham - South Wales Police	Paul Quinton - COP
Karen Grayson - EHRC	Katy Reade - EHRC
Jennifer Izekor - IPCC	Ch/Insp Martin Wilson - Kent
ACC Julian Kirby - South Wales	Insp Gareth Woods - Cheshire

1 Introduction

Cdr Adrian Hanstock

Cdr Hanstock welcomed everyone and introductions were made. A brief history of PPEB and the new regional meetings was given.

The ambition is two fold:

- get new challenges from police forces and independent organisations (eg StopWatch and IPCC); and
- share good ideas and good practice with colleagues.

2 Nottinghamshire Police - the journey so far **Ch/Supt Simon Nickless and Supt Paul Burrows**

A presentation was given by Ch/Supt Simon Nickless and Supt Paul Burrows.

Points raised on the following slides included:

Background slide

IT used is BlackBerry with GPS. Have Champions and Practitioners to help improve IT.

Currently record all crime on Blackberry but will change to another system in 2014. Paper based forms caused problems. Still keep some paper stop and search accounts.

Blackberry app has taken 18 months to develop and is seen as a real time app.

Following a discussion, the types of IT used include:

West Mercia	Airwave
Lancashire	GL Technology use satellite technology
West Midlands	GO coding

However: slide

Next Steps Review: Inspector Michele Edge from COP was thanked for her assistance.

Nottinghamshire is one of the lowest users of stop and search in the UK.

An improvement in data quality has been seen.

Looking at Behavioural Detection Training (BDT) work done in MPS.

Mapping slide

Three ways of recording stop and search:

Use GPS which goes into the live time system
Gazetter stop and search
Physical record of stop and search

IT improvements mean better engagements with communities. Blackberry application can identify any faults, training issues etc. Idea is to take all disproportionality data to ward/beat level.

Stops Analysis slide

This is a live-time system. Paper submitted to Chief Officer Team for a process like MPS STOP IT system.

Trying to overcome cultural change and need to challenge behaviour.

Drugs are one of the key issues.

Important to prioritise stop and search

The group were asked how their analysis is done. These include:

COP

If data is being used, need to understand what the data is. Think “why” for police, “what” for community. Need to get sharper with front line officers being challenged on stop and search.

Staffordshire

Dip sample of stops and searches done. Scrutinise forms - easier to identify faults.

NBPA

Felt standardise approach useful and could be used as a performance measure.

Avon and Somerset

Felt 50% drugs across UK is standard.

Northants

Hold quarterly stop and search group meetings. Currently have 50-55% drugs searches

MPS

Ted Henderson gave an update on the current work being done in Stop and Search Team including most stopped individuals, use of redacted data.

Cdr Hanstock suggested to Mark Hines that IPCC are involved.

An update was given on recent MPS Stop and Search Performance Group.

Ask what how do communities feel. Don't alienate people when officer say "get your hands out of your pockets".

The Future slide

Points raised included:

- Critical to treat people with respect/dignity
- Adoption of MPS STOP IT system
- Cultural shift into keeping communities safe
- Use stop and search to impact on crime

Public accountability

Cdr Hanstock updated the group on the developing relationship between the MPS and the independent Community Monitoring Network (CMN). Work is underway to enhance data outlining stop and search trends, better include local strategic leads and practitioners and broaden public scrutiny of how the MPS uses stop and search as a tactic to tackle crime. The following are how some forces use CMNs:

Northamptonshire Police - use local media.

Nottinghamshire IAG - gave brief history of how the group works. The IAG are open to help police for example in problematic areas.

BTP - use practitioner groups.

Humberside - need to look at impact on the person that has been stopped and searched.

Nottinghamshire - Professional Standard Department very proactive talking to community groups etc.

StopWatch - asked if stop and search is used as a performance indicator.

COP - stop and search is a tactic used by operational officers. Subtle way of changing officer's use of stop and search will improve figures. Need stop and search understanding at strategic level.

MPS - tried quality call back scheme. There was consultation with IAG then the scheme was stopped. There was an on-line stop and search questionnaire on internet for a year - only 47 replies.

Cdr Hanstock - clear issues raised include why police use stop and search and do police officers know and understand alternatives to stop and search. There was minimal response to the MPS's drive to obtain feedback.

Cdr Hanstock thanked Ch/Supt Simon Nickless and Supt Paul Burrows for their presentation and felt this was a good way forward.

3 Predictive Crime Mapping

Inspector Mark Pearce - MPS

A presentation was given by Inspector Mark Pearce. A copy of this is attached.

Following a discussion, the main points raised included:

- The MPS concentrates on locations NOT individuals.
- Currently using an in-house mapping system in conjunction with six other free-of-charge systems including PredPol. Evaluation will be done.
- MPS ability to generate mapping on MOPAC7.
- MPS system draws data from CRIS. If officers are directed properly
- Key elements are leadership and direction as well as technology.
- System doesn't prioritise predictive areas. New system shows grid square on map.
- Using red circles gives better guide as to where repeat activity will occur.
- Automatically gives a value at all crimes taken place.
- Shows how to use resources better.

Predictive Analysis slide

If a property is burgled, that property is high risk to be burgled again as are near neighbours.

COP - has seen this system and it works. Need to be specific when targeting officers and make sure officers complete the task. Good communication is needed.

West Midlands - stressed that it must be made clear where officers are needed to go/what to do.

Nottinghamshire - need to understand decision making process.

Intelligence:

- What constitutes intelligence.
- Intelligence is complex and challenging.
- Intelligence led stop and search gets greater results in arrests.
- Challenge is to define where stop and search becomes intelligence.

Super Cocooning slide

- Shows where to give reassurance, generates mini Neighbourhood Watch.
- It's understood it's not easy to have community interface.
- Getting all MPS systems to work together.
- Clear indication being seen to get resources in right places.

Cdr Hanstock - Could reduce stop and search in areas if community confidence improves such that credible intelligence and information is given to officers where crime has occurred.

Ted Henderson - PCSO stop and account procedures could be better used.

COP - would prefer not to return to stop and account.
Research/Analysis Team have done similar work - found criminals stay in same area.
Criminals getting caught or stopping their activity is due to success of mapping.

Cdr Hanstock stressed getting staff in the right place. Staff need confidence to do what is asked of them.

Commander Hanstock thanked Insp Pearce for his presentation and everyone for their input. It was clear that police should quite rightly be expected to get stop and search right. Agreed stop and search is a very intrusive process.

4 Intelligence Supt Mark Travis/PS Phil Norbury - West Mercia

A presentation was given by Supt Mark Travis and PS Phil Norbury. This is attached.

Points raised on the following slides included:

Strategic Objective slide

Stop vehicle with four people means around 40 minutes doing paperwork at the scene.
Found over recording ethnic community, under recording white community.

Delivery One Year On slide

It was thought disproportionality would reduce.

HMIC slide

Strategic Group chaired at ACC level. Tactical Group chaired by Supt Travis.
Work with IAGs.

Identifying Insufficient Grounds slide

This process gives transparent history.
As new system went live on Monday 02 December 2013, it's too early to give feedback.

Outcomes for intelligence slide

Stop and search record automatically linked to intelligence record
Don't use Intelligence Handling Team - have a retrospective review.

Impact Intelligence slide

This is self evident

Domestic Burglary Dwelling slide

System is working and officers are happy.

Public Engagement slide

Success not as good as hoped. Only two tweets and two emails received. Felt local IAG could deliver this.

Future slide

It is hoped neighbouring forces will join.

Following the presentation, issues raised included:

NBPA - will share information with West Mercia.

West Midlands - asked if positive searches are based on fixed intelligence.

Humberside - see how a single dashboard is developed and will share learning.

MPS

Ted Henderson - officers more confident in drug searches and other crime and engagement

Cdr Hanstock - found the meeting more about stop and search professionalism - this is more beneficial. How are new systems developed. New systems to include:

- Leadership.Strategic direction
- Focus on predicted intelligence
- What mechanisms are in place for scrutiny - how does the police cope with external challenges
- IT is an enabler - starting to use new capabilities
- What products can be developed to help front line officers as to what's needed in stop and search

Felt seeing a change nationally and needs to be a "So What" from this point onwards.

Cdr Hanstock thanked Supt Mark Travis/PS Phil Norbury for their presentation.

5 Home Office Consultation

The following updates were given by Cdr Hanstock:

- Results of the consultation are due at the end of January 2014.
- Freedom of Information Act requests (FOIA) are being received on the use of S60.
- Authority for use of S60 in MPS now raised to ACPO level.

Challenge of S60 in High Court

An update was given on current High Court Case against Roberts. Judgement awaits.

Cdr Hanstock encouraged the group to think about engagement with local groups and suggested taking a front line officer to meetings with community group meetings.

6 Updates

StopWatch - queried the ACPO review. In response, Cdr Hanstock said the recommendation to review ACPO may not change much - portfolios may be merged. This is a good sense for professional lead.

TVP - will work with COP on the National Form app.

Cdr Hanstock gave the "So What" aspirations from today's meeting:

Suggested development of a national single performance dashboard
A service position statement on the aims of stop and search
Technology as a tool - learning can be shared. Nottinghamshire Chief Constable is ACPO lead for IT
Stop and Search Toolkit - think what does this app mean. Toolkits should be clear as to what is needed.

ACC Torr thanked everyone for attending the meeting and updated the group on a meeting with HMIC which took place earlier. The following updates were given:

- Recently launched new "So What" app.
- Need to use S27 legislation more effectively.
- Feel desire and purpose to improve nationally.

- Feels meeting is the drive to get this right.

Cdr Hanstock thanked Nottinghamshire Police for their hospitality.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 05 March 2014 at New Scotland Yard. The meeting will start at 1pm.

Meeting ended at 4.05pm.