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Police and Public Encounters Board (PPEB)

**Thursday 13 February 2013 - 1pm to 4pm -
5th Floor Conference Room -
New Scotland Yard**

Record of Meeting

Present

Cdr Tony Eastaugh - MPS	(Chair)	Stephanie Palmer - ISCRE
Ch/Insp Bryan Duffy - Dorset		Phil Pavey - EHRC
Insp Colleen Lavery - TVP		Steve Riley - Leics
Michelle Edge - NPIA		Insp Andy Smith - BTP
Mark Hines - IPCC		Supt Philip Trendall - BTP
Reema Hundal - MPS		Ch/Insp Martin Wilson - Kent
Jennifer Izekor - IPCC		Insp Steve Edwards - MPS S&S Team
PC Damian Malone - GMP		Supt Andy Morgan - MPS S&S Team
Insp Richard Newton - Dorset		Pat Bastin - MPS S&S Team

Apologies

Deputy Commissioner Craig Mackey - MPS	Mike Franklin - IPCC
Insp Darren Brown - West Mids	Insp Nick Glynn - Leicestershire
Ch/Supt Tim De Meyer - TVP	Ch/Insp Ryan Howatt - West Mids
Rebekah Delsol - Justice Initiative	Dr Paul Quinton - NPIA
Zin Derfoufi - Shopwatch	Katy Reade - EHRC
Corinna Ferguson - Liberty	

1 Introduction

Cdr Tony Eastaugh

Cdr Eastaugh chaired the meeting on behalf of the Deputy Commissioner. Due to unforeseen circumstances and current events, a number of apologies were made on the day. Cdr Tony Eastaugh welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

2 MPS 'STOP IT' progress

Cdr Tony Eastaugh

Cdr Eastaugh reported the MPS were getting better results due to STOP IT. Supt Andy Morgan gave a summary of STOP IT. This included:

- one of the key points for the MPS is Outcome;
- the Commissioner has set a target of 20% and this will be achieved by April 2013;
- S60 subject to review; and

- Strathclyde Police are the biggest user of STOP IT.

Following a discussion, the following points were raised:

- MPS has invested into gangs command and gang intelligence has improved;
- marked change on boroughs within the MPS on Stop and Search - officers apologise if someone has been stopped in error.
- Cdr Eastaugh added a target has been set to reduce Stop and Search. This will be discussed with community groups.

ONS 2011 data on PACE search disproportionality

Supt Andy Morgan reported that data from the 2011 census had been compared against the 2001 census. It was found that disproportionality in the MPS has dropped. It was felt this might have some influence on other forces.

Following a discussion, Ch/Insp Martin Wilson raised concerns that Kent Police had the biggest area of disproportionality as they have a large eastern European population. This would increase in 2014.

3 HMIC Inspection

Cdr Tony Eastaugh

In the absence of HMIC representation, Cdr Eastaugh reminded the group that HMIC had visited some forces but it was uncertain if all forces were going to be inspected by HMIC. The main points following HMIC inspections include:

- data quality;
- some forces haven't got a policy on why Stop and Search is used properly; and
- variable leadership.

Cdr Eastaugh added that it took over six months to get Stop and Search done properly and felt there would be a better outcome on quality of encounter.

Supt Andy Morgan added that the MPS and around five other forces will have a re-inspection. Two Stop and Search questions are now on the public survey.

Body Cam

Following a discussion, attendees stated whether Body Cam is used in their force:

- **GMP and Leicestershire** - use Body Cam
- **BTP** - trialling
- **MPS** - dropped due to cost (storage cost is biggest factor and footage has to be kept for 7 years)
- **EHRC and IPCC** - found it useful but agreed cost was too high
- **TVP/Suffolk** - do not use
- **Kent** - due to cost, only used in selected areas. Ch/Insp Wilson added that Kent download interviews onto DVD and found having digital evidence is beneficial.
- It was felt the public liked the idea of Body Cam and agreed that storage is the main challenge.

Ch/Insp Brian Duffy said he was currently on attachment to HMIC and said that HMIC Body Cam would go nationwide.

Cdr Eastaugh said the interim report may not be available until May 2013 and the End Report would be important. There would be no recommendations in this report. All reports

to Forces would be private. Following redaction of names, the MPS would publish their report on the internet. It was suggested that all forces should publish their report but accepted that this may be difficult for some forces.

Ch/Insp Duffy felt that all experiences, whether good or bad, should be shared with other forces. If Stop and Search is not raised, no money will be spent on it.

Cdr Eastaugh said the MPS has no mandate to tell anyone to do anything - it was accepted each force uses Stop and Search differently. Cdr Eastaugh added he meets with the London Mayor bi-monthly and suggested forces should meet with their IPCC to gain views to help with Stop and Search.

Supt Philip Trendall felt it was better to get a corporate approach to Stop and Search as opposed to forces being "forced" to look at Stop and Search. Cdr Eastaugh said that Stop and Search was on the agenda for the Chief's Council meeting in April 2013.

4 Any Other Business

GMP Airwave Update - the following update was given by PC Damian Malone which included:

- went live in December 2012 - overall there's a steady decline in Stop and Search;
- confidence has risen and some savings have been made;
- waiting for Trailblazer application;
- key point is to make community aware of what's going on;
- local events are discussed with borough groups; and
- need to have a simple system - easier for transparency.

Following a discussion, the following points raised included:

- gaps in using Stop and Search power had dropped;
- how much information is given on Stop and Search - this could be open to challenge;
- concerns that extra staff may be needed. GMP have 24 staff for this process;
- GMP revolutionary with operators fully trained on Stop and Search;
- data quality checking done live;
- capacity issues could be a problem - GMP use dual channels;
- recording could be an issue;
- voice transcription device may go live;
- queried if grounds for Stop and Search are be listed and if so are they done correctly;
- agreed GMP liaise with other forces and ISCRE; and
- due to current contract, MPS nearly at storage limit with Airwave.

Cdr Eastaugh thanked PC Malone for his summary.

IPCC Schedule 7 - Update - on behalf of Mike Franklin, an update was given by Mark Hines and Jennifer Izekor. Update included:

- impressed with efforts at Sussex Police after recent visit to Gatwick;
- felt good practice could be shared;
- grounds for stopping people to be looked at;
- may be issues over improving openness and transparency;
- continue to supervise all Schedule 7 complaints and will look at lessons learnt; and
- planning to visit Dover and Heathrow.

Cdr Eastaugh thanked Jennifer and Mark and accepted this is a “bolt on” to normal duty.

Michele Edge felt that HMIC should challenge any Force that does not think of Stop and Search.

Stephanie Palmer reported on Suffolk’s increased use of Stop and Search on Airwave. It was pointed out that Stephanie’s group lead on community satisfaction. It was agreed the Suffolk lead should attend the next meeting.

Ch/Insp Wilson felt this had been a useful meeting and would share his findings with HMIC who are due to visit Kent soon.

No other matters raised.

5 Date of next meeting

Thursday 30 May 2013 - 1 - 4pm - NSY

Cdr Eastaugh thanked everyone for their contribution and appreciated the efforts made.

Meeting ended at 2.45pm.