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The Police and Public Encounters Board

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1 Terms of Reference

Purpose

1.1 The Police and Public Encounters Board (PPEB) exists to provide a national forum where all issues relating to the interface between the police service and members of the public can be considered and debated. It provides an opportunity to identify and promote best practice.

1.2 The Board sits under the remit of the stop and search portfolio which is part of the Uniform Business Operations Business Area. The Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) lead for stop and search is Deputy Chief Constable Adrian Hanstock (BTP), who chairs the meetings.

Meetings

1.3 The meetings are held quarterly and to reflect the national remit of the meeting, the venue is moved around England and Wales to ensure all forces have an opportunity to attend.

1.4 The latest meeting was held on Thursday 05 February 2015 2014, from 1pm to 4pm at The Trophy Suite, Police Training Centre - Tally Ho!, West Midlands Police, Pershore Road, Edgbaston, BIRMINGHAM, B5 7RN. The next meeting will be held on **Friday 12 June 2015, at 1pm at BTP Force HQ, 25 Camden Road, LONDON, NW1 9LN.**

Current membership

1.5 Membership is open to all Home Office forces and Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs), community representatives and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Attendees: brackets signify apologies given

Avon and Somerset Constabulary	Ch/Supt Jon Reilly
Bedfordshire Police	(Supt Robert McCaffray)
British Transport Police	DCC Adrian Hanstock and Ch/Insp Christopher Dreyfus
Cheshire Constabulary	Mr Dan Garrett (Insp Gareth Woods)
Cleveland Police	Ch/Insp Jason Dickson and Insp Emily Harrison
College of Policing (CoP)	Ch/Supt Paul Phillips; Insp Nick Glynn
Cumbria Constabulary	(Insp Jon Sherlock)
Derbyshire Constabulary	Ch/Supt Jagdev Atwal
Devon and Cornwall Police	Mr Jos Greenhow; Ch/Insp Matt Lawler
Dyfed-Powys Police	T/Ch/Insp Amanda Diggins
Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC)	Mr Max Edelstyn

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Essex Police	(Ch/Insp Craig Carrington, PS Jamie Mills)
Hampshire Constabulary	PS Francesca Hills
Gwent Police	(Ch/Insp Rod Grindlay)
Hertfordshire Police	Insp Paul Lawrence
HMIC	Mr Trevor Lawry
Home Office (HO)	Mr John DeSousa; Ms Jayne Pascoe
Humberside Police	Mr Edward McGee (Mr Adil Khan)
Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC)	Mr Mark Hines (Mr Derrick Campbell)
Kent Police	(Insp Ian Sandwell)
Lancashire Constabulary	(Ch/Insp Damian Kitchen)
Leicestershire Constabulary	Ms Lynne Woodward
Merseyside Police	Ch/Supt John Martin
Metropolitan Police Service (MPS)	Mr Ted Henderson, Insp Simon Rotherham and Ms Pat Bastin (Cdr Stephen Watson)
National Black Police Association (NBPA)	(Ms Franstine Jones)
Northumbria Police	Supt Mick Paterson
North Yorkshire	Ch/Insp Mark Grange
Nottinghamshire Police	Supt Paul Burrows, Insp Simon Allardice
Open Society Foundation	Dr Rebekah Delsol
South Yorkshire Police	Ch/Insp Andrew Kent
Staffordshire Police	Ch/Insp Amanda Davies
Surrey Police	PC Mike Patey (Ch/Supt Charlie Doyle)
Thames Valley Police (TVP)	Insp James Willis
University of Warwick	(Mr Zin Derfoufi)
West Mercia Police	Insp Justin Taylor (Supt Mark Travis)
West Midlands Police	ACC Gareth Cann; Mr Johnathon Jardine; Mr Roy Nash; Ch/Supt Christopher Todd; and T/Insp David Whordley
West Yorkshire Police	Insp Wayne Horner and PS Rachel Banks
Wiltshire Police	(Supt Mark Sellars)

Powers and publications

1.6 The Board is convened under the Uniform Business Operations Business Area of ACPO. ACPO is an independent, professionally led strategic body. In the public interest and in equal and active partnership with Government and partner agencies, ACPO leads and coordinates the direction and development of the police service in the United Kingdom.

1.7 A record of meeting is produced and it is envisaged these will be eventually published on ACPO web site at www.acpo.police.uk. Records of previous meetings can be obtained from the Board Secretariat.

Contacts and Board Secretariat

1.8 This meeting is administered on behalf of the ACPO Lead by the MPS Stop and Search Team. All correspondence should be directed to Ms Pat Bastin.

2 Introduction

2.1 Stop and search is a powerful police power that is subject to intense political and public scrutiny. In July 2013, HMIC published its report into the nationwide use of stop and search. This critical report made 10 recommendations for forces, PCCs and College of Policing (CoP) to implement. In April 2014, the Home Secretary published the findings from a national consultation process, making a number of recommendations and edicts. The Home Secretary also unveiled the “Best use of Stop and Search scheme,” (BuSSs) which is a voluntary code of practice that forces are encouraged to sign up to.

Key facts

2.2 The purpose of stop and search is to assist police officers in the prevention and detection of crime, and to avoid unnecessary arrests in circumstances where a search might eliminate an officer’s suspicions. Between April 2012 and March 2013, 1,006,187 stop and searches were conducted in England and Wales, 10% resulted in an arrest.

2.3 There are 20 separate main statutory powers to stop and search but the vast majority of searches are conducted under Section 1 of Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) 1984 and S23 Misuse of Drugs Act 1973. These powers require an officer to have, “reasonable grounds to suspect,” that an individual has the prohibited item in their possession.

2.4 The term “S60” refers to Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, this is a distinct power that allows officers to conduct searches without “reasonable suspicion.” If a senior officer believes serious violence may occur, an order for a specified locality and time may be put in place.

2.5 PPEB has representation from **all** forces in England and Wales. There is also interest from Police Scotland.

3 Topics discussed

Assistant Chief Constable Gareth Cann opened the meeting and gave a brief overview on the work done by West Midlands Police. West Midlands have worked closely with PCC Office and ACC Cann expressed his thanks to PCC for the work done.

3.1 Stop and Search in West Midlands

The aim was to update the Board on the West Midlands approach to stop and search. An update was also given on the Best Use of Stop and Search Scheme (BUSSS).

3.1.1 The full presentation given by Ch/Supt Christopher Todd and T/Insp David Whordley.

3.1.2 The following points were raised concerning BUSSS:

- Stop and Account is no longer being recorded.
- No increase in workload and no capacity issues. The new system works well with day-to-day policing.
- All records are recorded and dip sampled. Each dip sampled record is returned to the officer for explanation. Data recorded incorrectly has been found in some cases - the dip sampling is a good tool for officers and supervisors.

3.2 HMIC - Recommendations Update

The aim was to update the Board on the inspection process.

3.2.1 Following a presentation by DCC Hanstock, it was recognised that PPEB has made progress, but felt there is more work to be done.

3.3 The alignment of Stop and Search data recording

The aim was to update the Board on the HO Recommendation - To consider the alignment of Stop and Search data record.

3.3.1 The full presentation given by Supt Paul Burrows, Nottingham Police. The presentation was given on behalf of Supt Mark Travis, West Mercia Police.

3.4 Mapping Update

The aim was to update the Board on police.uk website

3.4.1 The following points were included in a verbal update given by Jayne Pascoe - Home Office:

- 14 forces are now live on police.uk with another four forces due soon. By December 2014, 25 forces had signed up to police.uk
- There is more information visible to the public on the mapping page, this means police don't have to map down to street level
- Is keen to work with the public to see what data the public would like to see on police.uk
- Some data will be mandatory by 2016
- Over 10,000 hits since police.uk went live - no questions received
- Publicity will be done when MPS join the scheme

3.4.2 Concerns were raised that only 18 forces were contributing to police.uk

3.5 Best Use of Stop and Search Scheme (BUSSS)

The aim was to update the Board since the launch of BUSSS on 26 August 2014.

3.5.1 The following points were included in a verbal update given by Mr John DeSousa - Home Office:

- Have eight forces outstanding - currently working towards implementation.
- It is hoped that by the General Election more forces will be on board.
- The priority is to get all forces into the scheme.
- Forces will be fully compliant by November 2014.
- There has been a large reduction in the use of Section 60.

Other updates given

3.5.2 **PACE Code A** - this was revised following a recent HMIC consultation. All Chief Constables and PCCs will be told when the changes take effect. Document from consultation will demonstrate what is an effective stop and search. DCC Hanstock stressed that clear guidance on removal of clothing will be included.

3.5.3 **Use of Section 60** - following a discussion of S60 issues, DCC Hanstock suggested that looking at the R v Roberts case.

3.6 COP Update

The aim was to update the Board on current COP work on training and APP

3.6.1 Insp Nick Glynn circulated at the meeting "Stop and Search on a Page". The main points include:

- to achieve what stop and search is on a page
- page to be suitable for police and public.

Any feedback can be sent to Insp Glynn.

3.6.2 A presentation given by Insp Nick Glynn on current COP training.

Other training issues discussed:

3.6.3 Volunteer forces are needed

Derbyshire, North Yorkshire and Hampshire volunteered. DCC Hanstock raised concerns that volunteers are sought for something that's not known what's involved.

3.6.4 Training Consultation Debate

This will take place at Ryton on Tuesday 17 February 2015 with all forces are invited. A report will be produced by Ch/Supt Paul Phillips. DCC Hanstock suggested that COP should develop a set of principles.

3.6.5 BWV

Supt Paul Burrows reported that they have a group which look at insufficient grounds. Five officers have been suspended for misuse of powers.

3.6.6 Media/Social Media

COP will be devising a page on their website. It was noted that #stopsearch should be used when sharing good practice. Insp Glynn encouraged all forces to communicate with each other.

3.6.7 Final thoughts

Ch/Supt John Martin felt the focus should be on lawful use of powers and not numbers.

4 Conclusion and Recommendations

4.1.1 DCC Hanstock asked how does the police encourage greater public inclusion. How do we make stop and search meaningful in a quality way to the public? DCC Hanstock asked for this to be an agenda item at the next PPEB.

4.1.2 Update of the PPEB Executive Group

This new group met for the first time on Friday 19 December 2014 and the next meeting would be on Tuesday 24 February 2015. Items on the agenda would include:

- consistent data set for all forces
- new Code A - this needs to be in a single public issued to all forces. Possibly as a handbook.

Ideas for the PPEB Executive Group should be sent to Pat Bastin.

4.1.3 Next PPEB

DCC Hanstock encouraged all forces to bring any interested parties to the meeting. Stop and search solutions will be needed.

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Appendices

Appendix A - National contact list

Force	Stop and Search lead
Avon & Somerset	Ch/Supt Jon Reilly
Bedfordshire	Supt Rob McCaffray
British Transport Police (BTP)	Supt Richard Moffatt
Cambridgeshire	D/Supt Tony Ixer
Cheshire	Insp Gareth Woods
City of London	Ch/Insp Helen Issac
Cleveland	Ch/Insp Jason Dickson
Cumbria	Insp Jon Sherlock
Derbyshire	Ch/Supt Jagdev Atwal
Devon & Cornwall	A/Supt Matthew Lawler
Dorset	Ch/Insp Ashley Adams
Durham	Mr Bradley Howe
Dyfed-Powys	T/Supt Christopher Curtis
Essex	Ch/Insp Craig Carrington
Gloucestershire	Ch/Supt Neil Mantle
Greater Manchester	Ms Claire Light
Gwent	Ch/Insp Rod Grindlay
Hampshire	PS Francesca Hills
Hertfordshire	Supt Andy McCracken
Humberside	Ch/Supt Steven Graham
Kent	Insp Ian Sandwell
Lancashire	Ch/Insp Damian Kitchen
Leicestershire	Ms Lynne Woodward
Lincolnshire	Supt Kieran English
Merseyside	Ch/Supt John Martin
Metropolitan Police (MPS)	Mr Ted Henderson
Norfolk	Ch/Insp Jason Broome
North Wales	Ch/Insp Nigel Harrison
North Yorkshire	Ch/Insp Mark Grange
Northamptonshire	Ch/Insp Tom Thompson
Northumbria	Ch/Supt Andy McDyer
Nottinghamshire	Supt Paul Burrows
Police Scotland	Insp Mark Nicol
Scottish Police Supts Assoc	Supt Martin Fotheringham
South Wales	Supt Steve Furnham
South Wales	Insp Steve Clarke (Deputy)
South Yorkshire	Ch/Insp Andy Kent
Staffordshire	Ch/Insp Amanda Davies
Suffolk	Supt Andrew Mason
Surrey	Ch/Supt Charlie Doyle
Sussex	Insp Simon Starns
Thames Valley (TVP)	Ch/Insp Colleen Lavery
Warwickshire	See West Mercia
West Mercia	Supt Mark Travis
West Midlands	Ch/Supt Christopher Todd
West Yorkshire	Insp Wayne Horner

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Wiltshire

Supt Mark Sellers

Appendix B - Board dates and venues

2013

Date	Host	Record of meeting
Tuesday 14 February	Metropolitan Police Service	Available from secretariat
Thursday 30 May	Metropolitan Police Service	Available from secretariat
Thursday 22 August	Suffolk Constabulary	Available from secretariat
Tuesday 03 December	Nottinghamshire Police	Available from secretariat

2014

Tuesday 15 April	Metropolitan Police Service	Available from secretariat
Wednesday 16 July	Greater Manchester Police	Available from secretariat
Wednesday 05 November	West Mercia Police	Available from secretariat

2015

Thursday 05 February	West Midlands Police	Available from secretariat
Friday 12 June	BTP - Force HQ - London	
September/October		