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## Police and Public Encounters Board (PPEB)

Thursday 22 August 2013 - 1pm to 4pm -  
Suffolk Police HQ

### Record of Meeting (RoM)

#### Present

Cdr Adrian Hanstock - MPS <b>(Chair)</b>	Alison Mayes - Suffolk Police
ACC Tim Newcomb - Suffolk Police	Phanuel Mutumburi - Ipswich and Suffolk Council Racial Equality (ISCRE)
Jane Basham - Runnymede Trust/StopWatch	Stephanie Palmer - ISCRE
Supt Terry Byford - Suffolk	Emma Peeke - Dorset Police
Supt Nick Budden - HMIC	Alexandra Prottis - College Of Policing (COP)
Dr Rebekah Delsol - Open Society Foundations/StopWatch	Katy Reade - EHRC
Zin Derfoufi - Stopwatch/University of Warwick	Steve Riley - Leicestershire Police
Ch/Insp Bryan Duffy - Dorset Police	Insp Andy Smith - BTP
Insp Nick Glynn - NBPA (Leicestershire)	
PS Sally Henderson - Suffolk Police	
Ch/Insp Ryan Howat - West Midlands	<b>MPS - Stop and Search Team (S&amp;S)</b>
Franstine Jones - National BPA	Ted Henderson - S&S Team
Claire Light - GMP	Pat Bastin - S&S Team <b>(RoM)</b>

#### Apologies

Insp Darren Brown - West Yorkshire	ACC Julian Kirby - South Wales
Ch/Insp Ralph Copley - Lancashire	Ch/Supt Julian Knight - Gwent
Supt Andrew Cox - Northants	Ch/Insp Colleen Lavery - TVP
Mike Day - Surrey	Romel Mallick - Chair ISCRE
John De Souza - Home Office	Ch/Supt Simon Nickless - Nottinghamshire
Insp Michele Edge - COP	Supt Nick Pender - HMIC
Ch/Insp Ricky Fields - Staffordshire	PS Sally Trattle - Northants
Mark Franklin - IPCC	Supt Mark Travis - West Mercia
Supt Nigel Harrison - North Wales Police	Supt Philip Trendall - BTP
Mark Hines - IPCC	Ch/Insp Martin Wilson - Kent
Jennifer Izekeor - IPCC	Insp James Willis - TVP
Adil Khan - Humberside	Insp Gareth Woods - Cheshire



## 1 Introduction

**Cdr Adrian Hanstock**

Commander Hanstock welcomed everyone and introductions were made. Future meetings would be chaired by Commander Hanstock with the Deputy Commissioner chairing two meetings a year with strategic leads. The meeting was the first themed PPEB meeting.

## 2 Overview of Stop and Search in Suffolk

**ACC Tim Newcomb**

An overview was given by ACC Tim Newcomb. Points included:

The importance of an effective Stop and Search Reference Group  
 Suffolk Police are transparent, open to communities and criticisms  
 There has been just under a 50% reduction in volume since 2008  
 During 2012 there were 3500 stop and searches conducted  
 Volume per officer has recently increased to a level compatible with other similar forces  
 Current work includes realignment to HMIC findings  
 Suffolk will continue to record stop and account (will be done through Airwave)  
 Confident workforce is needed

Following a discussion, the main points raised included:

**ISCRE** - felt Suffolk are leaders in community engagement. Quality of forms has improved. Felt if officers are doing their job professionally and effectively, stop and search should not be an issue.

**Runnymede Trust/Stopwatch** - pleased some forces are keeping stop and account. Raised concerns at lack of follow up. Raised concerns at identifying on-going issues re ethnic profiling. Felt stop and search has to be intelligence/evidence based.

**MPS** - doing detailed work on how many stop and searches are done per officer. A clear understanding of effective use of stop and search is needed. The MPS will look at who are stopped and why. Currently contacting all MPS BOCUs to discuss their stop and search figures. It is hoped that Behavioural Detection Training (BDT) will be used for all front line officers.

**StopWatch** - considered stop and search is not a deterrent and Section 60 is not effective.

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

## 3 HMIC Stop and Search Powers -

**Supt Nick Budden - HMIC**

**are the police using them effectively and fairly?**

A presentation was given by Supt Nick Budden - HMIC (circulated with RoM). It was stressed that HMIC will revisit forces in 18 months time.

The presentation highlighted concerns in a number of key areas including the lack of consistency in recording grounds, effectiveness of use, poor supervision and a lack of strategic direction.

Following a discussion, the following points included:

**NBPA (Leicestershire)** - felt findings and outcomes very thorough. Requested that recording of Stop and Account is reintroduced.

**BTP** - have high percentage of drugs searches. Spoke of using stop and search powers at railway stations. Better training and analysis currently being done at BTP. Right message is needed for officers.

**Dorset** - use of community surveys. Felt HMIC report made good recommendations and wants to know what is HMIC mandate for underperforming forces?

**COP** - trying to work out commissioning work. Authorised Professional Policing (APP) being looked at with Next Steps and leadership being reviewed. The view is that Next Steps should be business as usual rather than a tool kit. Discussions are being had at the College in relation to resourcing – particularly over the next 18 months in light of the HMIC inspection findings. Felt that PPEB could be used to look at accountability instead of setting up another group. A meeting is taking place between the College and Deputy Commissioner Mackey on 16 September 2013 to discuss.

**Runnymede Trust/Stopwatch** - raised concerns that past lessons (for example training) may not have been learnt. Training on stop and search is key.

**ISCRE** - are used as a third party reporting tool. They guide people through the complaints process. Community meetings are held bi-monthly.

**GMP** - holding an Open Public Select Community event on Thursday 03 October 2013. Asked if HMIC could look at officers' understanding on the impact of stop and search. Added the number of records held on public encounters should be looked at.

**West Midlands** - are holding a Stop and Search Summit on Friday 20 September 2013 at Tally Ho Police Training Centre.

**Intelligence** - following a debate, the main points included:

- 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.

Supt Budden was thanked for his presentation.

Commander Hanstock thanked everyone for their input. It was clear that police should get stop and search right. Agreed stop and search is a very intrusive process.

#### **4 Home Office Consultation**

**John DeSousa**

In the absence of John DeSousa, Commander Hanstock reported that the Home Office Consultation was open until Tuesday 24 September 2013. All forces were asked to submit their own views.

#### **5 Questions and Debate**

Took place during the meeting.

#### **6 Searchlight**

**Ch/Insp Bryan Duffy/Emma Peeke - Dorset Police**

A presentation was given by Ch/Insp Bryan Duffy and Emma Peeke - Dorset Police. The main points included:



A different way of looking at information. All Dorset staff have access to Searchlight Build on Next Steps. Shows how stop and search works in different areas  
Briefings have been given to Gwent, Hertfordshire, Nottinghamshire and Cambridgeshire Constabularies  
Form easier to record  
Accountability and intelligence has improved. Situation Background Assessment Recommendation (SBAR) is used when dealing with intelligence  
Scrutiny Panels are held regularly - the next one will be on Friday 6 September 2013  
Mapping can be used in relation to stop and search  
Stop and Account is done via Airwave  
All stops and searches are recorded except Schedule 7 and traffic offences  
Understanding of stop and search has improved.

Commander Hanstock thanked Ch/Insp Duffy and Emma Peeke for their presentation.

## **7 Actions update**

RoM from last meeting were agreed. Following the meeting, Dr Rebekah Delsol asked for the following changes to be noted:

**Item 3 - Future Meetings** - Dr Rebekah Delsol wanted the minutes to reflect that she objected to the tokenistic use of community representatives who were selected by the police to attend rather than objecting to having community representation at future meetings. Dr Delsol is very supportive of having wider representation from NGO and community representations.

**Item 4 - Use of mobile technology** - StopWatch do not see the recording of stops as a concern per se and can see some real advantages to recording stops. StopWatch are concerned at the lack of independent evaluation into the impact of body cams and related issues to do with privacy.

### **Actions Update**

Action 1 - on-going. One response received.

Action 2 - Complete - new on-line platform available

Action 3 - can be sent directly to COP.

Commander Hanstock felt the meeting had been useful

**StopWatch** Link to the recent Release report is below:  
<http://www.release.org.uk/publications/numbers-black-and-white-ethnic-disparities-policing-and-prosecution-drug-offences>

### **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 03 December 2013 at Nottingham. The meeting will start at 1pm.

Meeting ended at 4.10pm.

