



Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner
Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel
Tuesday 11 September 2018, 10am



Attendees

Maggie Ayre	Member of the Public Representative – MA
Pete Browning	Dorset Police – PB
Nick Budden	Dorset OPCC – NB
Garfield Charles	Chair – GC
Michael Cummings	Member of the Public Representative – MC
Jessica Farrow	Member of the Public Representative – JF
Garry French	Member of the Public Representative – GF
Anna Giles	Governance Officer, Dorset OPCC – AG
Jane Healy	Member of the Public Representative – JH
Rebecca McDade	Poole Council (Observer) – RM
Tom Smith	Scrutiny Manger, Dorset OPCC – TS
Daniel Tamblyn	Dorset Police – DT

Apologies

None

Summary of Meeting

Dr Jane Healy was introduced as a new Member of the Public Representative and welcomed to the panel. The panel were informed that Mr Dylan Clark had resigned from the panel and tanks were given. The minutes and the summary from the previous meeting were confirmed as a true record. The action list was reviewed and updates provided.

The panel reviewed the performance data, which is publically accessible. It was noted that there were anomalies in this data and the format made it hard to read and understand. The panel noted that it was likely an ordinary member of the public would have a similar experience. It was agreed that performance data would be summarised for the panel at the next meeting and the panel would then discuss how to make this more accessible to the public. It was noted that the amount of cases resulting in no further action appeared high, 432 out of 596. PB confirmed that nationally approximately 70% of cases result in no further action, meaning this figure is in line with expectations.

The panel reviewed a sample of stop and search cases and found them all to be appropriate with the exception of one case where further information was requested.

The panel were provided with a letter from a member of the public giving feedback on a stop and search that they were subject to. Upon reviewing this letter they found that this was very balanced feedback, as although the individual was unhappy to have been the subject of a stop and search the necessity for this was acknowledged and the individual states that officers were polite and courteous throughout.

The panel were update on the research, commissioned by the PCC, conducted by NB, into the cause(s) of the disproportionality rate in Dorset stop and searches. It was noted that in the year 2016-17 individuals from a BAME background were 19.5% more likely to be stopped and searched than those who are not. NB confirmed he is looking into a number of areas including reviewing the different types of searches, looking for the amount of searches on non-residents and looking at the amount of intelligence on BAME individuals. The panel were informed that A report of the findings of this research will be provided to Martyn Underhill, PCC, by November 2018 and will feature as an agenda item at the next panel meeting.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 11 December.