

NOTES

Stop and Search Independent Scrutiny Panel

27 June 2019 17.30 – 19.30

1. In Attendance

Members: Carolyn Mercer [Chair] plus 5 members

Also in attendance: Police & OPCC

2. Apologies for absence

Members: 5 members offered formal apologies

3. Any other urgent items notified to the Chair to be considered for inclusion

None

4. Consideration of Notes from previous meeting - accuracy and matters arising (13th & 14th March 2019)

The Notes which had been circulated were **accepted as accurate and were to include the amendment sent through from the OPCC**. All Actions were **reviewed and it was noted that the OPCC were still awaiting feedback from members regarding the feedback forms for the Ride-A-Long Scheme**.

5. Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary

Discussions took place around appointing a new Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary for the Panel. It was voted and agreed that [IM be the Chair, SvW be Vice Chair] and the OPCC would be the Secretariat. Everyone thanked Carolyn Mercer for all her work and support over the last 5 years for chairing the meeting. IM chaired the remainder of the meeting.

6. Standing Agenda Items:

A Section 60 Authorities

The Inspector informed the Panel that since the last meeting in March, there had been 4 Section 60s put in place across Lancashire:

- 1 As a result of a serious violent crime the area covering Glenburn Road, Skelmersdale, M58 area on 27th May-28th May from 1700hours to 0500hours – authorised by the Deputy Chief Constable and to be reviewed by the Inspector every hour. Section 60 stayed in place for 12 hours.
- 2 As a result of NWS witnessing a group of people armed with weapons in the Tanhouse & Digmoor estates, Skelmersdale on 4th May-5th May for 4hours 47 mins – authorised by an ACC.
- 3 As a result of a call saying there was a fight involving 16-18 people with weapons in Faringdon Place (Brockholes/M6 area), on 9th April-10th April from 1900hours to 0300hours – authorised by an ACC.

- 4 As a result of a call stating there were 2 males armed with weapons chasing someone on the Promenade in Blackpool, on 26th April-27th April from 1900hours to 0700hours – authorised by an ACC.

The Panel agreed that the rationale provided by the Constabulary for introducing the Section 60s were legitimate. However, whilst it was accepted that publication of section 60s provided reassurance to the public and prevented issues taking place it was suggested that future consideration should be given that when the Section 60s are in place, the public aren't informed, to enable the Police to have a better chance of catching any offenders.

B Any complaints received about Stop & Search incidents

The Panel noted that there had been 2 complaints in the last 12 months resulting from the use of stop and search:

- 1 June 2018 – a stop and search was conducted on a male and a witness noticed that no form was completed. This was dealt with internally and words of advice were given to the officer.
- 2 March 2019 – an anonymous call received to say they had witnessed a stop and search on a vehicle and no reason was given for the search. As there was no further details, this couldn't be progressed.

C Power BI Performance Overview

The panel saw an overview of how the Power BI Performance system works if further detail.

7. Report back Ride-along Scheme (Police and OPCC)

There was an outstanding action from the last meeting around feedback from members about the content of the feedback sheets given to people taking part in the Scheme.

A discussion took place about the current feedback sheets for those who have taken part in the ride along scheme. The OPCC had only received 3, but were aware that a few more ride-alongs had taken place. It was agreed that officers ensure that volunteers are contacted to facilitate a ride-along and to ensure any outstanding reports are forwarded to the OPCC.

8. Any other urgent business.

None

9. Date, time and place of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9th October 2019

ACTIONS

- A. To communicate the Notes of the meeting to all members of the Panel, the OPCC and the Police OPCC**
- B. To implement that both good and bad feedback from the Panel should be distributed to the whole force. POLICE**
- C. Panel members to take a copy of feedback sheet for Ride-along away and provide feedback directly to the OPCC. ALL PANEL**

D. That officers present reports to future meetings which would assist the Panel in determining the legitimacy, effectiveness and proportionality of Stop and Search in Lancashire.