

Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission 31st January 2019 Item 5 - Evidence gathering for review - Stop and Search - ensuring quality interactions - work by the police and community	Item No 5
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Outline

There have been historical concerns around the quality of interactions between the police and the community during the deployment of stop and search, and the further impact that these can have on trust and confidence¹.

There is concern that Section 60s and stop and search activity generally - often regarded as 'coercive tactics' - can bring negative impacts on police relationships with the communities they serve².

This item is intended to gauge the action being taken to reassure the community, to keep them informed, and to help ensure good quality interactions with the public during the use of stop and search.

The Police will be in attendance for this item.

Each London Borough has a Local Community Monitoring Group with responsibility for scrutinising the use of stop and search³. This group meets with local senior police officers to discuss operational practice and local data including volumes, arrest rates and disproportionality. The Chair of these groups come together quarterly in a Community Monitoring Network meetings in which Metropolitan Police Officers are held to account.

In addition to the Community Stop and Search Monitoring Group, Hackney also has a Young Person's Stop and Search Monitoring Group in place, supported by Hackney CVS.

Members of both Monitoring Groups will be in attendance for this item.

¹ <https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/wp-content/uploads/metropolitan-police-service-stop-and-search.pdf>

² <http://criminaljusticealliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/No-Respect-290617-1.pdf> and <https://www.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/human-rights/justice-and-fair-trials/stop-and-search> and <http://www.stop-watch.org/uploads/documents/StopAndAccountConsultation.pdf>

³ The overarching responsibility to ensure that monitoring takes place lies with the Safer Neighbourhood Board

This is in order for the Commission to gain an insight into their work in monitoring and seeking to enable improvement in the police's deployment of stop and search, and any observations from this work.

Guests expected:

- Sue Williams, Central East Commander, Metropolitan Police Service
- Nicola Baboneau, Support Officer to Hackney Safer Neighbourhood Board, and Designated Chair of Hackney's Stop and Search Monitoring Arrangements
- Members of Hackney Stop and Search Community Monitoring Group (to be confirmed)
- Deji Adeosun, Youth Leadership Manager, Hackney CVS (and support for (Young People's) Stop and Search Monitoring Group

(Young People's) Stop and Search Monitoring Group Members:

- Javade Wilson
- Olamide Olusegun
- Oluwatosin Adegoke
- David Agan

Papers enclosed:

- The paper enclosed in pages 19 - 23 has been provided by the Police in support of the item.
- The paper on pages 25 – 26 is a summary of the terms of reference for the Hackney Stop and Search Community Monitoring Group

Action

The Commission is asked to review the papers enclosed.

They are asked to use these to ask questions of the police on its work to help ensure good quality encounters in its deployment of Stop and Search, and of the Stop and Search Monitoring Groups around the insights gained from their work.