

Hackney Community Stop & Search Monitoring Group

Terms of Reference

The aims and objectives of Hackney's Community Monitoring Group are to:

- Support local communities across Hackney to secure an effective monitoring process for stop and search activities in the borough
- Provide an arena for representatives of the local community to engage in discussion and debate of stop and search policing, operation, safety and community engagement
- Represent and be a voice for members of local communities and vulnerable groups who are disproportionately targeted or experience negative interactions with the police
- Monitor stop and search impact and progress in Hackney through the receipt and interpretation of local data, reports and presentations and underlining issues in relation to stop and search
- Share information with the wider community and support other boroughs through sharing of best practice
- Commission reports and request the attendance of local police officers, other statutory partners, representatives of local voluntary/community organisations and young people to support the monitoring process
- Discuss complaints and bring reoccurring stop and search

issues to the attention of the Superintendent – Partnerships, LB Hackney’s Assistant Chief Executive with responsibility for Community Safety and other key stakeholders to attain early resolution

- Promote access to the local complaints system so as to resolve stop and search complaints at borough level; to receive briefings on outcomes of complaints and lessons learned.
- Observe police operations and feed back to local communities
- Increase the capacity of membership to ensure representatives are diverse and their interests are to improve local policing around stop and search operations
- Inform, influence, support and/or challenge community policing policies that impact on the communities in the borough and promote equality of opportunity
- Represent the borough at London-wide level to monitor Stop & Search across London
- Facilitate discussions between the Mayor’s Office for Policing & Crime (MOPAC) /the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS), community groups and organisations concerning stop and search activities
- Provide feedback from consultation, to inform the improvement of MPS stop and search practice, to MOPAC and MPS.

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