

Stop and Search IAG Meeting

Minutes

DATE **Wednesday 25 November 2020**

TIME: **18:00 – 20:00 hrs**

LOCATION: **MS Teams.**

Attendees:		Position and Area
JR	JR	Chair S&SIAG and Vice Chair for SIAG
T/ACC Christian Bunt	CB	ACC Local Policing
Ch/Supt Bobbi Rai	BR	Ch/Supt Local Policing
Supt Geoff Robinson	GR	Force Diversity, Equality & Inclusion Programme Lead
MT	MT	NLCC – Member of SIAG and SSIAG
CL	CL	Academic in the School of Law at Oxford Brookes University
DT	DT	Oxford IAG. S&SIAG and SIAG – HR Manager at University of Oxford.
A/Ch/Insp Chris Young	CY	VRU Co-ordinator
PS Jade Hewitt	JH	VRU
Owen Miller	OM	VRU
Donna Henderson	DH	Service Improvement Department
Jo Braithwaite	JoB	COA ACC Christian Bunt TVP
Apologies:		
Supt Gavin Wong	GW	Thematic Lead for Stop and Search – TVP
DK	DK	Milton Keynes –
Insp Emily Roberts	ER	SO to T/ACC Bunt
CD-F	CDF	Wycombe IAG
Insp Georgia Pickwick	GP	Local Policing – TVP
Nita Pankhania	NP	People Directorate - Diversity and Inclusion for TVP

1. Introductions and Apologies - Chair

Welcome, introductions and apologies noted.

2. Review of minutes and actions from the last meeting - Chair

The minutes from the meeting held on 23 September 2020 were agreed as an accurate recording of the meeting. The actions were discussed, updated or closed accordingly.

3. Stop and Search Data / Power Point Slides Presentation – sent to members prior to the meeting. - Donna Henderson

DH presented the stop and search data to the group.

- Slide 1: Number of searches Jan - Oct 2020
- Slide 2: Stop searches by Local Policing Area, Jan – Oct 2020
- Slide 3: Positive outcome rates by Local Policing Area
- Slide 4: Stop Searches – all search reasons
- Slide 5: Ethnicity - Jan – Oct 2020
- Slide 6: Ethnicity - 2018 – 2020
- Slide 7: Children Stop Searches
- Slide 8: Stop Searches - Children Ethnicity

A discussion followed – the key questions asked:-

Q. Why have the number of searches increased by nearly a half in a year.

A. This is due to the decreases in early 2010 – 2015 relating to lack of confidence in officers undertaking stop searches. Officers now have more confidence to carry out stop and searches. TVP are doing more, safeguarding and enforcement activities in tackling County Drug Lines and Knife Crime and are promoting stop search to officers in order to protect communities.

- Going equipped – this relates to a lot of work we are doing around dwelling burglaries. People who we have stopped, as we believe they might be looking to do those acquisitive crime type offences. .

Q. Increase in number of searches, but not an increase in positive outcomes.

A. More searches in numbers, the positive outcome rate remains the same but the numerical number has gone up to be able to maintain the actual percentage rate

- Stop Search is an alternative to arresting someone – it allows the police to do a filter on the street instead of arresting, taking to custody and then doing the search. The police seldom deals with individuals – normally groups are stopped and all of that group will be searched but only one individual from that group may be carrying drugs or an offensive weapon. .

Q. Decrease in positive outcome rate in Wycombe – are they LPAs notified.

A. This issue would be discussed through the Force Stop and Search Tactical Meeting
Action 01: 25.11.2020 – JR to make request for information to Supt Wong around the decrease in positive outcome rate for Wycombe.

- The Force Stop and Search Tactical Meeting will look at sharing good practice across the LPAs and any issues and concerns will go through that meeting and will inform this SSIAG.

Q. Increase in the number of stop searches by 5,000 but disproportionality remains the same.

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A. The disproportionality figure uses the ratio of the number of searches of black individuals compared to the number of searches of white individuals and it see what the skew is like compared to the population demographics.

When we do a stop and search, we are policing the street population and not the residential population.

Action 02: 25.11.2020 T/ACC Bunt: Supt Wong will undertake a deep dive analysis, around the disproportionality figures. Feedback will be provided at the next meeting.

Concerns were raised around the number of children being drawn into drugs.

JR: This is not just the police role – there is a lot of collaboration work going on with Partners, but Community members should help the police and do some work in our own Communities.

Action 03: 25.11.2020: T/ACC Bunt: The VRU are taking the whole system approach to tackling this issues – Early intervention is just one of the work streams and is focused on working with children. An update at the next SSIAG can be provided.

TVP have had 13 murders this year where a knife or bladed article was used. Both the offender and victim from the Milton Keynes murder were under 18years of age.

Action 04: 25.11.2020 Whenever there is homicide, Thames Valley Police do a serious case review- when this is completed, can share with members.

4. Stop and Search Draft Strategy:

Action 05: 25.11.2020: Carried over to next meeting. SSIAG members will meet for a discussion outside of this meeting and feed back into this meeting.

5. Thames Valley VRU Update – Op Rasure. Ch/Insp Chris Young

- Op Rasure links into VRU and focuses on combating the rise in knife crime and serious violence.
- Linked in to all 12 LPAs across Thames Valley to encourage focused activity to prevent knife crime and violent crime.
- Schools Officers and Diversion schemes for young offenders – VRU liaising with local Football Clubs
- Utilising enforcement methods – links into this SSIAG group. Stop and Search briefings are provided to officers – where we want them to target that activity.
- 50 Op Rasure operation to date

OM presented the Serious Violence Dashboard and provided an overview on the use of the Dashboard.

The question was raised if Thames Valley Police could share any instructions / manual on how to use the dashboard and what can be viewed

Action 06: 25.11.2020: T/ACC Bunt: Will need to run through the VRU before sharing due to the restriction on licenses, and personal information in the Dashboard.

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TVP will look at adding ethnicity data to the Dashboard and consider how we can share with members of the SSIAG and with our communities.

6. Stop and Search Complaints.

Complaints will be discussed at the Tactical Group and GR will provide an update to this group.

DT asked if the SSIAG member that submitted a complaint had been dealt with yet. The SSIAG member confirmed that he has not had any communication with TVP since submitting the complaint two months ago. Members discussed the length of time TVP has not acknowledged the complaint and questioned on the timeline of responses to complaints from TVP. SSIAG Member asked for a full account of how Thames Valley Police dealt with said complaint at the next meeting,

Action 07: 25.11.2020: T/ACC Bunt: Confirmed a full account of the SSIAG members complaint will be presented at the next meeting.

7. AOB

There was no AOB

8. Date of next meeting: 13 January 2021

ACTION LIST:

DATE / ACTION NO	ACTION	OWNER AND STATUS
Action 02 13.02.2019	<p>JR will look at the local IAG minutes around stop and search and bring to this meeting for a discussion.</p> <p>Updated: 01.05.2019</p> <p>JR advised not every IAG are uploading minutes on to TVP website, and it would appear minutes differ from each IAG. S&S should be a standing agenda item at every IAG.</p> <p>GW will send contact LPA Commanders requesting S&S as a standing agenda item, and for minutes to be uploaded on TVP website.</p> <p>Updated: 23 September 2020</p> <p>JR: This is still ongoing – LPA IAG minutes have not been uploaded onto Thames Valley website.</p> <p>Updated: 25 November 2020</p> <p>Members of the public are not viewing minutes on TVP website. Still work in progress – looking at alternative ways to provide information from the SSIAG meetings and topics discussed.</p> <p>CB: TVP now has a Senior Officer, Supt Robinson, who is the Force Diversity, Equality & Inclusion Programme Lead and will look at formalising a number of processes, which includes SSIAG minutes and publication.</p>	GR Carried over

	GR: will re-iterate to LPA Commanders S&S must be a standing agenda item.	
ACTION 06 29.01.2020	<p>Behaviour profiling – ACC Ward will contact JR to provide feedback of the meeting with the Metropolitan Police, and for consideration at a future SSIAG meeting.</p> <p>Update: 23 09 2020 No feedback received ACC Bunt will take the action over.</p> <p>Update: 25 11 2020 Aylesbury are looking at some training for their Tasking Team around behaviour profiling, and VRU are exploring whether we can take some parts of this project forward. Bring back to next SSIAG for update</p>	CY/VRU Carried over
ACTION 08 29.01.2020	<p>Membership & Training - JR to draft a recruitment drive message and forward to ACC Ward. TVP Corporate Communications may be able to assist with the press release.</p> <p>Update 23 09 2020 Recruitment is still ongoing for both SSIAG and SIAG JR to action a meeting with JB and ACC Bunt to look at a plan for recruitment in a coordinate way.</p> <p>Update 25 11 2020 TVP are reviewing SIAG and SSIAG Policy next year – will bring back to SIAG meeting</p>	Carried over to SIAG
Action 01 23.09.2020	<p>Development of the Community Engagement Strategy – engaging with our Communities. CL to send his thoughts on Community Engagement through to T/ACC Bunt on email.</p> <p>Update 25.11.2020 GR will be looking at a Community Engagement Work strand – CL to forward thoughts to GR.</p>	CL/GR
Action 03 23.09.2020	<p>GP to track the complaint through Professional Standards Department and then discuss with SSIAG member on how to take it forward.</p> <p>Update 25.11.2020 T/ACC Bunt has contacted Supt Joe Kidman, Oxford LPA Commander and D/Ch/Supt Colin Paine, Head of PSD re SSIAG member complaint. GR has contacted GP re the SS complaints data.</p>	GR /GP

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