

Committee(s): Professional Standards and Integrity Committee	Date(s): 26 th November 2020
Subject: Stop and Search data breakdown	Public
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Summary

This gives a short overview of governance of Stop and Search data and also includes the Force response to observations made at the last Professional Standards and Integrity Committee about the Q1 Stop and Search data presented.

The City of London Police currently share publicly on the Force Website, the full data set as seen by the Police Authority, which shows transparency.

Internally, Stop and Search data is presented to the Force Stop and Search and Use of Force Working Group, chaired by the Superintendent Operations, Uniform Policing. This group meets quarterly. At Authority level the Force was recently directed by the Chairman of the Police Authority, to present Stop and Search data to this Professional Standards and Integrity Committee. The Force had previously reported on Stop and Search in an Annual Update to the Police Authority Board.

In addition to now presenting Stop and Search data to this Committee, it is also presented and scrutinised by the Independent Advisory Scrutiny Group (IASG) whose role is to give input and insight from a community perspective. The IASG meets every quarter to discuss the data and any other topical issues that are in the public domain.

Feedback was received at the last meeting from an Observer. Having considered this in Force, it is suggested that any further feedback from Members is collated and shared with the Force Stop and Search and Use of Force Working Group and changes can be considered before the new years' data set is agreed. The data runs from 1st April to 31st March (Financial Year). However, Members may wish to note that any more detailed breakdown than is already presented, would require an extensive manual trawl and data reconciliation. The system does not capture the data exactly in the same format as the Observer at your last Committee outlined.

To capture all data requirements at the Force Stop and Search and Use of Force Working Group meeting would allow the Performance Information team to consider if any system changes are required. This would almost certainly have a cost implication and may not give us the information needed due to the small data samples we are working with. However, this approach would ensure that in-year changes are avoided and any changes required are fully considered and introduced for the new financial year if feasible and appropriate.

Members will also be aware that the City of London Police has a very different demographic than our surrounding policing partners and as the financial hub of the UK, Members will be aware that the City also has a significant transient population, which also impacts on the demographic of individuals stopped in the City. Recent recommendations made by the IOPC for the Metropolitan Police Service, is also covered in a report on this agenda, and will also be on the agenda for the next Independent Advisory Scrutiny Group.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Members note the report.

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