

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Community Scrutiny Panel

Minutes of Community Scrutiny Panel AGM

21st March 2023 18:30 – 20:30

Cambridgeshire Constabulary Headquarters, Huntingdon

Panel Members

- 14 independent panel members attended

Constabulary

- Jon Hutchinson
- Robin Sissons
- Jamie Rice
- Ciaran Constable
- Julie McDougall-Waters
- Caitlin Bones

OPCC

- Darryl Preston, PCC
- Jack Hudson
- Matilda Henry
- Catherine Kimberley
- Charmaine Christie
- Fran Toovey
- Charlie Murfitt

Welcome and Introduction

AG introduced members in attendance from the Constabulary and OPCC.

Address from Darryl Preston, PCC

Addressed the MET report.

(BRIEF NOTES)

Address from Jon Hutchinson, Detective Chief Superintendent

Thanked AG and the Panel for their work on the scrutiny panel and urged them to challenge the Constabulary further.

The search found percentage is the highest in the country.

Reflected on the MET report. Does not recognise racism, homophobia or misogyny within Cambridgeshire Constabulary, however there is need for the Panel to continue to scrutinise the Constabulary on this.

Outgoing Address from Al Gadney, Panel Chair

Review of AG's entry to run as Chair of the Panel from December 2020, reflection of what we have achieved since then and what more needs to be done.

Thanks to members of the OPCC for their involvement in assisting the Panel.

Thanks to the Constabulary for their positive response to the Panels feedback.

2022 Round-Up (NOTES ON SLIDES)

Review of the improvement of availability of video from both stop and search and use of force incidents, as well as an improvement in Red, Amber, Green ratings.

ACTION: Action for the Chair, OPCC and Constabulary to decide how Red rated incidents are referred to PSD.

There has been a change in reviewing incidents, where the Panel can view BWV from multiple officers in attendance and provide feedback to officers in attendance other than the officer whose BWV is being viewed.

Average number of members in attendance is currently 9.

Review of the most common qualitative observations, as well as commendations, across stop and search and use of force – (NOTES ON SLIDE).

2022 Round-Up of Recruitment and Awareness (NOTES ON SLIDES)

Review of the creation of the CSP logo and recruitment leaflet. AG encouraged Panel members to take leaflets and distribute them to their local communities.

AG advised that the OPCC website will be moving over to single online home in May 2023 and will be looking to provide more of a CSP presence at that point.

AG advised that although we feature the CSP on OPCC social media, this does not reach everyone and we should consider face to face meetings, radio interviews, etc (NOTES ON SLIDE).

Reminder for members to sign the confidentiality agreement.

AG asked members that are willing to provide a quote and photo to Catherine during the break for CSP media presence, please speak to Catherine and sign a photo consent form.

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Data Report and response to recommendations – Chair and Constabulary (NOTES ON SLIDES)

AG advised the Panel of the key findings within in report.

Advised the Panel of the population mix of ethnicities within Peterborough and Cambridge.

Efficacy of stop and search has increased this year to 46% positive outcome.

Discussion of disproportionality of stop and search – the data shows there is still a disproportionate number of people of ethnic minority being searched and more needs to be done by the Constabulary to address this.

Jamie Rice advised the Panel about the Constabulary's internal scrutiny panel, who sits on this panel and what they do. The panel will scrutinise BWV in line with the written ground and cross reference their assessment with Robin Sissons assessment of the written grounds.

ACTION: Action on OPCC and Chair to decided how best to distribute Jamie Rice's feedback report to the Panel.

AG advised that there is sometimes a discrepancy between who takes charge of a situation between neighbourhood officers and members of JPS, with JPS officers generally being more forceful in their approach.

AG advised the Panel of the recommendations to the Constabulary made within the report.

Constabulary Achievements (NOTES ON SLIDES)

RS advised the Panel of the achievements made by the Constabulary due to the scrutiny and feedback from the Panel.

Constabulary response to recommendations (NOTES ON SLIDES)

1 – RS advised the panel that there is a need for the Panel to continue to challenge the Constabulary, so it does not become complacent.

2- The force recognises that the Panel is understanding that the police are handling incidents involving people in mental health crisis that would be better suited by another agency. However enhanced training is required for officers in dealing with members of the community struggling with mental health issues.

3 – Force to deliver training sessions to front line staff to challenge and improve behaviour and advise of the panels involvement in scrutiny.

Reaching beyond panel

- 1- RS advised the panel of the #havingtheconversation initiative to ask officers to consider their personal beliefs vs facts.
- 2- Advised panel member that PowerBi maps are in development which will allow officers to view a live time map of stop and search to improve intelligence.
- 3- Panels to do a "Road Show" to get direct feedback from those identified (youth, mental health, etc) on how they wish to be treated.

The Scrutiny Journey

AG advised the panel of the scrutiny journey and encouraged the panel to continue to challenge the Constabulary in order to continue to create positive change.

Formalities

AG approved the minutes from the previous AGM and future ToR.

AG announced the election of the new Chair and Vice Chairs of the Panel. Welcome to the new Panel Cahir Keith Parish.

Address by the new Panel Chair

KP thanked the AG for their work and leadership within the panel over the last 2 years.

KP advised the Panel of his working background including his time as an auditor. He advised the panel it is important to try and provide the Constabulary with positive feedback, alongside the negative, when they are able, recognising that they cannot make positive feedback up if there is none.

KP advised he has worked on panels for the NHS and his involvement in supporting local charities. He also attends training for sniffer dogs that are supplied to organisations including the police.

KP thanked Martin and Richard for stepping up as Vice Chairs and stated his thanks to the panel for their work.

KP advised the panel that he wishes to cut admin and increase the number of scrutiny videos that the panel watch, aiming for 6 per session.

KP would like to encourage panel members to attend ride alongs with officers.

Would like to get officers to attend schools and youth clubs to enact stop and search role plays to try and recruit younger people to the panel.

Would like CSP to have their own facebook presence.

Would like the panel to provide a presentation to new officers at Monkswood to explain to them who the panel are and what they do.

July 1st 2023 – JPS are doing a demonstration at Monkswood – encourage panel members to attend. Invites are to come.

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END OF MEETING