

QUESTION FROM PROFESSOR ADRIAN JAMES RE: DISPROPORTIONATE USE OF POLICE POWERS / STOP AND SEARCH

Question

In the light of the recent HMIC report, "Disproportionate use of police powers: A spotlight on stop and search and the use of force", does the PCC intend to review the systems in place for monitoring the use of stop and search and the use of force to ensure that SYP meet the recommended standards, and to work with SYP to implement the recommendations made where they do not currently reach these standards and where it has the ability to do so?

Response

The PCC published his Addendum to the Police and Crime Plan in December of last year. One of the priorities outlined in that Addendum is 'Disproportionality and Inclusivity'. The OPCC has been considering how that priority translates into work for the team, as well as the PCC's Assurance Panels, to be sure any activity 'adds value'.

The IEP has been asked to focus its activity on stop and search, complaints, hate crime and use of force. Terms of reference for this work have been drafted for discussion at the next IEP on 27 April 2021. The Chief Executive will provide a further update in her next report to this Panel.

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