

London Policing Ethics Panel Minutes of Meeting

Monday, 13 May 2019

Membership

Dr Suzanne Shale (Chair)
Dr Priya Singh
Professor Leif Wenar
Professor Deborah Bowman

Also in attendance

Fiona Mallon, MPS
Anne Dubois, MPS
Catherine Roper, MPS
Martin Tunstall, MOPAC

Apologies

Ben Bradford, Institute of Global City Policing
Matthew Horne, MPS

Minutes of Last Meeting

1. The minutes of the meeting on 8 April 2019 were agreed.

Chairs Update

2. The Chair gave an update of her activities in the past month.
3. The Chair invited panel members to consider what they would like included in an update report to be provided to MOPAC and Deputy Mayor on the Panel's activities and impact since its inception.

Scoping the next phase of work

4. DCS Fiona Mallon and Anne Dubois attended as subject matter experts to outline considerations in relation to investigating child sexual exploitation.

Action: Following discussion it was agreed that the Panel should undertake to provide advice as requested by MPS, and the Chair would liaise with MPS to develop a work plan to take this project forward.

Ethical dimensions of police misconduct

5. Panel members considered the work that MOPAC and MPS has undertaken on misconduct proceedings and penalties, and possible differential impact on different groups. It was agreed that in light of the work already carried out by MOPAC this was not a priority for the Panel as a whole. However, it was noted that there was value in continuing discussion between Dr Priya Singh and DAC Matt Horne as the MPS develops policy in this area.
6. The Panel also noted national work taking place in relation to police officer abuse of position.

Observations on producing the LFR Report

7. The panel considered what had worked well and ways of working that could be strengthened in future. It was noted that the issues on which the Panel works are necessarily novel in nature and that undertaking background research and inquiries to inform its work can be challenging and time consuming. Additionally, there is limited time available to Panel members for Panel work, and this inhibits the speed at which the Panel can produce advice. Nevertheless, the approach adopted for production of the full LFR report appeared to have worked well and resulted in a thorough examination of the issues.

The Panel's next meeting will be on 10 June 2019.