

# London Policing Ethics Panel Minutes of Meeting

Monday, 8 November 2021

## Membership

Professor Suzanne Shale (Chair)  
Dr Jyoti Belur – Apologies  
Professor Jennifer Brown  
Abdul Hye Miah  
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## Research Adviser

Ben Bradford, Institute of Global City Policing - Apologies

## Observers

James Bottomley, MOPAC  
Commander Paul Betts, MPS  
DS Tony O’Sullivan, MPS

## Retrospective Facial Recognition

1. Lindsey Chiswick attended the meeting, accompanied by specialist colleagues from the MPS, so that the Panel could further explore the ethical issues arising from the use of retrospective facial recognition technology.
2. The Panel had a detailed discussion of the MPS’s plans for trialling the technology in the operational live environment.

## Youth Engagement

3. The Panel agreed that it would benefit from bringing into its work insight from a youth perspective. There was a discussion of the best way to achieve this. It was agreed that an initial approach would be to use, as a consultative group, youth forums that MOPAC had already established relationships with.

## Ethical Foundations Matrix

4. The Panel was updated on the outcome of the meeting Jennifer Brown and Abdul Hye had with MOPAC to trial the draft matrix. It was agreed that the matrix would be a useful tool in policy development. The trial identified some aspects of the matrix that would benefit from clarification. Drafting changes were being made as a result. The report would be finalised in the coming weeks.

## Future Work Plan

5. There was a discussion of the challenges the MPS was currently facing in respect of ethical and cultural issues, and the various reviews in the MPS and nationally. The Panel considered how it could contribute to this work. The Chair would discuss the

emerging work plan further with the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and the MPS.

6. It was noted that one of the current challenges for the MPS was to win back the confidence of Londoners. Greater transparency was identified as one method to help to achieve this. The Panel agreed that consideration of the ethical issues around transparency and candour could be accorded higher priority than it was in earlier discussions. It was agreed to have further discussion between the Chair, Deputy Chair and Research Advisor and to bring a further developed proposal to the December meeting.

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The Panel's next meeting will be on 13 December 2021.