

London Policing Ethics Panel Minutes of Meeting

Monday, 10 January 2022

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Investigative Genetic Genealogy

1. In November 2021 the MPS was offered funding by way of a Home Office Science Technology Analysis and Research for Policing (STAR) grant to explore the viability of using Investigative Genetic Genealogy (IGG) in UK law enforcement. The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime requested that the London Policing Ethics Panel consider the ethical issues associated with this research.
2. Chris Porter, Director of Forensic Services in the MPS and his colleague Shazia Khan, T/Head of Secure Operations attended the meeting so that the Panel could explore with them the ethical issues.
3. The Panel had a detailed discussion of the MPS's plans for the research project, and the legal and ethical implications. It will be providing the Deputy Mayor with a report setting out its views. It is hoped to publish the advice on the LPEP website, subject to agreement by the project sponsors.

MPS Institutional Culture of Candour, Openness and Transparency Proposal

4. The Chair advised the Panel of the discussion she had had with the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime on the Panel's proposals for its next piece of work considering the issues around openness and transparency.
5. The Panel discussed ways of approaching this topic and the issues they would want to consider. The draft terms of reference for the work was being developed, would be brought to the next meeting and will be discussed with the MPS.

The Panel's next meeting will be on 14 February 2022.