

# London Policing Ethics Panel Minutes of Meeting

Monday, 14 March 2022

## Membership

Professor Suzanne Shale (Chair)  
Dr Jyoti Belur  
Professor Jennifer Brown  
Abdul Hye Miah

## Research Adviser

Ben Bradford, Institute of Global City Policing

## Observers

James Bottomley, MOPAC  
Jane Gordon, MOPAC  
Commander Jon Savell, MPS  
Insp Ben Smith, MPS

## MPS Openness and Transparency Project

1. The Chair presented her initial literature research and thinking regarding the ethical issues arising from secrets and openness.
2. Jennifer Brown and Jyoti Belur summarised the findings of the initial work they had both undertaken, including literature research and an interview with Jane Gordon from MOPAC.
3. The Panel discussed the themes arising and the implications for organisations of being open and transparent and maintaining secrets. There was consideration of the issues in the context of the Met Police and the areas that the Panel would like to explore in detail with the MPS. This included:
  - 3.1. the underlying cultural attitude to openness and transparency;
  - 3.2. secrecy by omission;
  - 3.3. what an 'informed citizen' would need to know; and
  - 3.4. implications for the concept of policing by consent.
4. It was agreed that an evidence gathering session would be arranged with the MPS to understand their views on openness and transparency, and the policing and data protection needs for confidentiality.

## Youth Voice

5. Abdul Hye Miah updated the Panel on his discussions regarding the involvement of the Young People's Action Group with the Panel, as a means for the Panel ensuring that the views and experience of young people are incorporated into its considerations.

6. It was agreed that it was important for a 'youth voice' to be involved in the openness and transparency project, particularly in the aspect of strip search, which the Panel would be using as a case study.

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The Panel's next meeting will be on 11 April 2022.