

London Policing Ethics Panel Minutes of Meeting

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Interim Report – More Thorough Searches Exposing Intimate Parts (MTIP)

1. The Panel had a detailed discussion, developing their thinking on the key ethical issues they wished to focus on in their interim report. They discussed:
 - The complexity of the legislation underpinning these police powers.
 - The Children’s Commissioner’s analysis of the MPS’s strip searching of children.
 - The use of the term ‘child’ versus the term ‘young adult’ or ‘juvenile’ and the importance of the use of language.
 - Some individual cases, to gain insight into the use of MTIPS – the reasons and the outcomes. They also explored the role of the supervisor and the difficulties they may have in accessing the data required, and the completeness of that data, in order to adequately undertake their role.
 - The grounds needed to escalate a standard search to an MTIP search.
 - The policing needs for MTIP searches and for its use to be proportionate to the alleged offense.
 - Whether the potential for a MTIP search to be undertaken is a deterrent.
 - What the views of the public might be on when MTIP searches were justified.
 - The inclusion in their report of the views expressed at the round table discussion held by the Young People’s Action Group.
 - What might be a useful measure of success when an MTIP search is undertaken.
 - The importance of adequate, reliable data that enabled analysis of the use of MTIP searches in order to understand its use and effectiveness.
 - The need for appropriate comparator data.

- The importance of the training given to officers and to supervisors.



The Panel's next meeting will be on 12 September 2022.