

London Policing Ethics Panel Minutes of Meeting

Monday, 12 December 2022

Membership

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Chair's Update

1. The Chair advised the Panel that she had recently met with Barbara Gray, Assistant Commissioner, Professionalism. AC Gray's portfolio included professional standards and culture in the MPS. Arising from that meeting, the Chair was considering how the Panel could assist the Assistant Commissioner in a timely manner with ethical challenges. Professor Shale was considering the value in having round table discussions on specific issues, with relevant experts and would discuss this further with the Panel.

Openness and Transparency in Policing Report

2. The Panel reviewed the first draft of their report. They discussed:
 - the editing required to ensure a balance across all of the sections of the report
 - how to express in the report the tension between the need for both secrecy and openness
 - expressing in the report the value for the MPS to work in partnership with local authorities
 - the relative importance of how internal culture shapes an organisation's external operations
 - including in the report how police and public interactions could be teachable moments
 - the distinction between openness and transparency
 - the MPS's open approach to the recommendations contained in the Panel's interim report on police searches exposing intimate parts, which was published on the Panel's website alongside their report
 - the audience for the report

- the report's conclusion and the pulling together of common threads from the two case studies

Future Projects

3. The Panel is having an extended meeting in January to discuss their ways of working and their next projects. There was a short discussion planning that session.

The Panel's next meeting will be on 9 January 2023