

London Policing Ethics Panel Minutes of Meeting

Monday, 12 June 2023

Membership

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Minutes

1. The minutes of 17 April 2023 were approved.

MPS's Tackling VAWG Project

2. Professor Lawrence Sherman (MPS Chief Scientific Officer) and members of his team presented to the Panel a project they are developing as part of the MPS's ambition to reduce violence against women and girls.
3. The project intends to have an evidenced-based focus on the perpetrators of violence against woman, with the intended outcome of increasing prosecutions and preventing harm.
4. There was a detailed discussion of the ethical issues that may arise with the project, including whether it would result in any disproportionality in the results.
5. The Panel would consider the issues further and provide advice to the MPS.

Schools Project

6. The Panel discussed further their approach to investigating the ethical issues arising from the presence of police officers in schools, including information sources and interested people and bodies they should speak too. It was agreed that the MPS leads would be invited to attend the Panel's next meeting to start the process.

Data Project

7. The Panel discussed their upcoming work on the use of the data within policing.
8. The Panel agreed to hold a roundtable discussion with policing partners and will further explore the ethical considerations for discussion at the next Panel meeting.

The Panel's next meeting will be on 10 July 2023