

London Policing Ethics Panel Minutes of Meeting

Monday, 13 November 2023

Membership

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Minutes of Meeting

1. The minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Chair's Update

2. The Panel agreed that the Chair should convey to the MPS appreciation for the professional policing of the marches that had been held the previous weekend in London in response to the atrocities in Palestine and Israel.
3. The Chair updated the Panel on her recent discussion with AC Barbara Gray on a project the Met would like the Panel to undertake regarding disproportionality in re-vetting. The Panel had a discussion of the ethical questions they could explore. It was agreed that for the Panel to undertake this project, the Met would need to be open and candid with the data it provided the Panel.

Policing in Schools

4. The Panel thanked the Chair for her work on producing a high-quality draft report.
5. The Panel reflected on the overall findings and discussed any gaps and potential recommendations:
 - The views of parents, carers and Safer Schools Officers (SSO) to be expanded, noting that this did not change the report's conclusions.
 - The dual role of SSOs – educational and policing – would be treated separately in the report, with separate recommendations.
 - There would be a recommendation regarding the training of safer school officers.

- The preventative role of SSO would be referred to, linking to the potential for criminalisation.
6. The Panel agreed to work towards having the next version of the report ready for a final discussion at their December meeting.

The Panel's next meeting will be on 11 December 2023