

London Policing Ethics Panel Minutes of Meeting

Monday, 8 April 2024

Membership

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Chair's Update

1. The Chair advised the Panel of the meeting she had with MOPAC to discuss the principles of accountable policing and the London Policing Board. They intend to meet again to further discuss and clarify some of the issues in the LPEP report as to how they may pertain to the work of the LPB.

Live Facial Recognition

2. Given the recent MPS media releases about its use of Live Facial Recognition (LFR), the Panel discussed its effectiveness, noting that the Panel's 2019 report had commented that the use of the technology should be predicated on increasing police efficiency and effectiveness.
3. The Panel considered whether it should revisit its 2019 report given the advancement in the technology and number of deployments that have since been carried out. It agreed that it would discuss this as a potential future piece of work at its May meeting.

Disproportionality in Re-Vetting

4. The Panel discussed the draft of its advice note to the MPS on ethical issues that may be raised by the re-vetting processes in Operations Onyx and Assure.
5. It was agreed that the Chair would amend the report in light of the discussion and share it with the MPS.

The Panel's next meeting will be on 17 May 2024