

London Policing Ethics Panel Minutes of Meeting

Monday, 8 January 2018

Attendance

Dr Suzanne Shale (Chair)
Professor Deborah Bowman
Dr Priya Singh
Professor Leif Wenar

Also in attendance

Richard Martin, MPS
Martin Tunstall, MOPAC
Sarah Egan, Secretariat

Minutes of Last Meeting

1. The minutes of the meeting on 11 December 2017 were agreed.

Reflections on Progress to Date

2. The Panel reflected on its ways of working and progress made since it was established.

Chair's Update

3. The Chair gave a summary of her activities in the past month. The Panel's discussion included the Police Ethics Network quarterly meetings and future attendance of LPEP members alongside the Chair.

Action: The Chair to advise the Panel of the dates of PEN meetings so that another Panel member can attend along with her.

Administrative update

4. The Panel was updated on arrangements for visiting the Met Specialist Training Centre at Gravesend and for the Panel to meet with key people and organisations as part of considering digital policing and automatic facial recognition (AFR) technology.

Action: Secretariat to share with the Panel the MOPAC-Met Oversight Board discussion of facial recognition when it considers it as part of its wider consideration of GDPR issues at its meeting on 5 Feb.

Action: Secretariat to confirm the Panel's visit to Gravesend on 25 January.

AFR in Context of Wider Digital Policing Issues

5. Leif Wenar and Martin Tunstall gave a summary of their meeting with Dave Musker (MPS), and their initial views arising from that discussion. It was agreed that further information was needed from the Met in order for to have a greater understanding of the technology, how it is used in the Met and its potential.
6. The Panel discussed the regulatory environment that the Met operates within. It was agreed that the Panel would meet with the Home Office to gain a greater understanding of this area and the Home Office's current and future focus.
7. There was a discussion of the most suitable way for the Panel to access to public's view on this topic and also to learn from relevant academic research and studies.
8. The Panel had an initial discussion of the ethical issues that they might wish to consider further and the next steps.

Action: A separate note has been produced on the actions.

The Panel's next meeting will be on 12 February 2018.