

London Policing Ethics Panel Minutes of Meeting

Monday, 9 October 2017

Attendance

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

Also in attendance

Professor Ben Bradford, Institute of Global City Policing
Richard Martin, MPS
Martin Tunstall, MOPAC
Sarah Egan, Secretariat

1. Professor Ben Bradford from the Institute of Global City Policing gave a presentation on the foundations of the police's legitimacy and the public's trust in the institution, how the public's view of the police's legitimacy and its level of trust can change, and the implications of that.
2. The Panel had a discussion of some of the issues raised in the presentation, including the importance of technical competency and being viewed as having the right intentions; the importance of procedural justice; and the concepts of the public's 'leap of faith'.
3. The Chair provided an update on the initial meetings she has had with the MPS, MOPAC and others with the aim of ascertaining the range of aspirations and expectations people have for the Panel, to help inform the discussion on potential ways forward.
4. There was a discussion of the principles that will underpin LPEP's approach, and what the Panel's focus should be. It was noted that other bodies already had a role in giving guidance on ethical issues, and it would be preferable for the Panel to identify where it might best add value. Two areas discussed were providing advice on high level strategic ethical concerns and uncertainty (in particular policing priorities); and helping to identify and learn from ethical excellence in policing.
5. The Panel discussed the impact it would like to have and the range of outputs it could produce to achieve that. It was agreed that the Panel needed to have a good understanding of the police's operational realities, and to engage with the public.
6. The Chair introduced the concept of the logic model as a way of clarifying the impact the Panel wants to have, the outputs and outcomes, and therefore the inputs and activities required.
7. It was agreed that each Panel member would scope out a possible topic of work which the Panel could focus on and that this would be discussed at the next

meeting. Members were asked to find out what work has already been done in the field to avoid duplication, and to consider the ethical issues that it would be useful for the Panel to investigate. Professor Ben Bradford offered research resource to assist with this.

8. There was a discussion of the meetings and briefings to be arranged as part of the Panel's induction.

The Panel's next meeting will be on 13 November at 14:30.