

Safer Neighbourhood Board - stop and search scrutiny sub-committee

Members of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee were invited to attend the Lewisham Safer Neighbourhood Board Stop and Search Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 10th October 2018 to gather evidence for their review. The following notes were taken from attending this meeting:

- The following was noted regarding information on the Met Police stop and search dashboard <https://www.met.police.uk/sd/stats-and-data/met/stop-and-search-dashboard/>
 - Ethnic appearance is defined by the arresting officer
 - The age is listed where given
- Stop and search age profile by ethnicity with Lewisham age profile by ethnicity overlaid would be useful.
- Challenges included the age profile information by ethnicity data being largely based on the 2011 census and therefore not necessarily accurate for current figures. In addition to this the rate per 1000 of population didn't take into account age profile. I.e. it considers the borough as a whole rather than the ethnicity of a particular age group making the accurate statistics on proportionality difficult to extrapolate.
- The Forum were keen to get more information such as:
 - Stop and search data overlaid with monthly crime stats
 - Statistics on age profile broken down by race
 - Outcomes data broken down by age and race.
- It would be useful to view stop and search slips to look for patterns – the group had the right to do this and members were invited to should they wish.
- Peak activity around particular dates such as Halloween was raised.
- The Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee's in-depth review was shared with members of the group and the date of the next meeting shared.
- Members of the group felt that more data broken down more simply was key for them to affectively look at the issues.
- It would be useful to look in more detail at stop and search complaints statistics.

Please note this is not minutes of the meeting but notes of some of the issues raised that may be of relevance to the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee's in-depth review.