

MOPAC MPS OVERSIGHT BOARD

Note of Meeting 20 March 2019

Present:

Sophie Linden, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime
Cressida Dick, Commissioner
Steve House, Deputy Commissioner
Rebecca Lawrence, Chief Executive, MOPAC

In attendance:

MOPAC and MPS officials and officers

1. Minutes of 29 November 2018 meeting

1.1. The minutes of the 29 November 2018 Oversight Board meeting were agreed.

2. Use of Force

- 2.1. The Oversight Board had a detailed discussion of the MPS's recording of its use of force in line with the national Use of Force Recording programme. There was a marked increase in the recording of use of force during 2018, following changes in processes and training. The MPS has confidence that the current figures are now getting more reflective of the true use of force position.
- 2.2. The Board noted that in the majority of cases the force used was minimal, with compliant handcuffing occurring on 55,000 cases in 2018. Taser accounted for about 4% of all tactics recorded in 2018, with it being fired 559 times.
- 2.3. There was a discussion of disproportionality in use of force and how the disproportionality more correlated to that of the population within the criminal justice system than the general population. The MPS will have a better picture once there is sufficient data. Research has been commissioned at a national level that should help to inform future understanding.

- 2.4. There was a discussion of strip search in custody and the use of tactical contact.
- 2.5. In light of the discussion, the Board:
 - a. Acknowledged the significant progress that the MPS had made in data recording compliance on the use of force recording system, and how the MPS was one of the forces which achieved full compliance with Home Office Annual Data Return (ADR) requirements for the 2017/18 period.
 - b. Noted that the Home Office ADR on Use of Force (UoF) for the period 2017/18 was published in December 2018 and was classified at the time of publication as 'experimental statistics' as nationally there was significant differences in the quality and amount of data provided by forces. It was considered by both the Home Office and NPCC that it was too early to draw any conclusions from the data submitted.
 - c. Agreed with the intention of the MPS to integrate UoF into core performance dashboards and noted that all of the MPS UoF data was published monthly, both in a tableau format (data graphics) and as the core record data allowing public scrutiny [<https://www.met.police.uk/sd/stats-and-data>].
 - d. Noted the progress that had been made in Use of Force recording in custody following the HMICFRS custody inspection and recommendations in July 2018, leading to a significant increase in compliance across the MPS.

The MPS's Use of Force paper is available on the website alongside this minute.

3. Information Governance in the MPS

- 3.1. The Board received its annual update on the MPS's information governance. It was advised that the organisation had addressed significant challenges to date, however information governance remained on the corporate risk register. Since May 2018, the MPS had seen an unprecedented rise in demand for Data Protection Act requests under the GDPR regulations and Freedom of Information requests.
- 3.2. The Board discussed the steps the MPS had taken to address the issues and the further action it would be taking to ensure that data and information was handled appropriately and requests were complied with in a timely manner.
- 3.3. There was also a discussion of data sharing between partners and the need for the MPS to ensure that its processes enabled the appropriate sharing of data.

- 3.4. In light of the discussion, the Board noted the challenges faced by the MPS, the progress made in the area of information governance, and the preparations to implement new capabilities within the MPS.

The MPS's Information Governance paper available on the website alongside this minute.

4. Performance, Financial Position and Commissioning Quarter 3 Report

- 4.1. The Board discussed the Quarter 3 performance report. There was a particular discussion of:

- local borough priorities
- vehicle crime
- anti-social behaviour
- knife and gun crime
- detection of crime
- stop and search

- 4.2. The Quarter 3 financial position for 2018/19 was discussed. The MPS confirmed that there were no material changes since the Quarter 3 report which would effect the year end position.

The Quarter 3 Performance Update Report is available [here](#) .

5. Met Business Plan Monitoring Quarter 3 Report

- 5.1. There was a discussion of the progress the Met had made in the third quarter of 2018-19 towards implementing its Business Plan.

The Met's Business Plan 2018-2021 is available [here](#) and its 2018-19 Quarter 3 progress update is available [here](#).

6. Force Management Statement

- 6.1. The MPS updated the Board on its process for drafting its second Force Management Statement in line with the timetable set by HMICFRS, and any issues that had arisen.

The Met's 2018 Force Management Statement is available [here](#).
