

## **Oversight Board Meeting 21 April 2022 – Issues MPS would like raised with the London Safeguarding Children Partnership Executive**

**Action 9** – MPS to advise MOPAC of any issues they would like to have raised with the London Safeguarding Children Partnership Executive

### **The MPS has provided the following response:**

Nothing specific at the moment. The issues are broadly:

1. Stopping and searching is not just a policing issue and we need to look system-wide at some of these issues. For example, we have anecdotal evidence from focus groups with the safeguarding team that when groups of school children were asked if stopped by the police, very few put their hands up. When asked if searched by their school they nearly all did.
  2. We are looking at commissioning 'adultification' training but need to explore procurement rules and processes, and ensure it is fit for purpose. The BCU Commander for East Area is considering this. We may come back at some point with a broader commissioning question about its delivery as, again, this probably shouldn't just be focussed on policing.
  3. Support in the messaging that MTIP and Strip Search are an important tactic in keeping people safe in our custody and safeguarding children from exploitation by gangs etc. Clearly we need to use it appropriately and proportionately but support in that messaging is helpful.
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