

Dear Partners,

Stop and search survey: This week the Met launched a survey seeking the views of Londoners on how we undertake stop and search to help inform a charter which is being drawn up between London's communities and the Met.

As part of the New Met for London plan, the Met is reshaping its relationship with London's communities. We know that when done correctly, stop and search can be an effective tool - officers take 4,000 dangerous weapons off our streets every year as a result of using this tactic. However, when done poorly, it can have a detrimental impact on our relationship with communities – especially those who are disproportionately affected by it. The survey focuses on the public's perception of stop and search, personal experiences of the tactic, training for officers, and what could be done better.

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Ade Adelekan, who leads the project, said: "I know some Londoners have a poor experience of stop and search and that has damaged the trust, confidence and co-operation of some communities. That distrust is higher in communities where stop and search powers are used most often, generally where violent crime, driven by a small minority, is highest. This is why we are taking the first steps to reset our approach. We want to hear from Londoners and create an agreement between the Met and the public on how we conduct stop and searches in the future."

Over the past few months teams across the Met have been speaking to a diverse range of people across the city including charities, faith groups and youth groups – having open and frank discussions about stop and search practises. In addition, neighbourhood policing teams have held local engagement sessions across their respective boroughs. Some of the key themes to come out of these discussions have included the need for better training for officers, better public education around the tactic, and improvements on how stop and search is recorded and audited for transparency.

Abdul Ezedi's body found: Detectives leading the hunt for Abdul Ezedi, wanted for a brutal attack on a mother and her children in Clapham, believe his body has been recovered from the River Thames. On Monday afternoon the crew of a passing boat reported they had seen a body in the water at Tower Pier. The body was recovered by the Met's Marine Policing Unit and has been viewed by detectives working on the investigation. Commander Jon Savell said: "Based on the distinctive clothing he was wearing at the time of the attack and property found on his body, we strongly believe we have recovered the body of Ezedi. We have been in contact with his family to pass on the news. "As you may expect after a considerable period of time in the strong current of the Thames, formal identification is not possible visually, nor from fingerprints. We will work with the coroner on other ways to complete formal identification, such as DNA testing and dental records. That may take some time. Our enquiries continue into the attack. I am pleased to say the condition of the 31-year-old woman has improved. She remains in hospital but she is in a stable condition and no longer sedated. We have still not been able to speak to her but hope to as soon as she is well enough."

This week a man who acted as a driver for another man to commit an acid attack on a family was jailed for 27 months. Jadiel Williams-Douglas from Luton, was sentenced at Aylesbury Crown Court on Monday, after pleading guilty of three counts of assisting an offender. He had driven Denico Raymond to and from an address in Colindale in July 2021. Raymond, also from Luton was jailed for life in December 2022 with a minimum term of nine years – he was identified by a PCSO who recognised him from the footage. Williams-Douglas was identified after being linked to the car the pair had used to flee the scene.

Tackling abuse: A former Met officer has been convicted of multiple counts of rape following an investigation by Met detectives. Cliff Mitchell, 24 of Putney was found guilty of ten counts of rape, three counts of rape of a child under 13, one count of kidnap and breach of a non-molestation order following a trial at Croydon Crown Court on Wednesday. He was a serving PC in Hounslow when a number of the offences were committed. Deputy Assistant Commissioner Stuart Cundy said: “This is a truly shocking case and I am sickened by Mitchell’s abhorrent behaviour and the pain he has caused the victims, who have shown enormous bravery by coming forward and giving evidence in court... “I know this is another case which will impact the confidence people have in us. We are doing more than we have done in decades to rid the Met of those who corrupt our integrity, including investing millions of pounds into our professional standards team and bringing in additional officers and staff with specialist skills and experience to investigate criminality and misconduct. Part of that is dismissing officers who should not be here at the earliest opportunity. Mitchell was dismissed from the Met in December 2023 - we did not wait for his conviction today.”

Mitchell had previously been subject to a rape investigation in 2017, which had resulted in no further action. Following his arrest, the case was re-investigated and a file passed to the CPS. This resulted in Mitchell being charged with an additional three counts of rape of a child under 13 and three counts of rape. These six charges relate to a second victim and occurred between 2014 and 2017. Following his charge in September 2023, the MPS asked the head of vetting at another force to review the decision to allow Mitchell to join the service. They concluded the vetting clearance in 2020 was in line with the

Authorised Professional Practice issued by the College of Policing. As part of our New Met for London plan, we are reforming the way we vet officers and staff. We have changed our approach and are confident that under our reformed approach, Mitchell would not be granted vetting clearance and be able to join the Met.

In an unrelated case, a police officer appeared in court on Wednesday charged with various offences. PC Grant Fulker, attached to Specialist Operations, appeared in custody at City of London Magistrates’ Court on Wednesday charged with sexual assault on a male aged over 13; abuse of position of trust (inciting sexual activity) and misconduct in public office. PC Fulker was arrested on Monday. He is suspended from duty.

Protest: Karen currently leads our Public Order command and is one of many “Gold” commanders who have led the policing response to the regular protests that have been happening in response to the situation in Gaza. Last weekend saw up to 30,000 people in central London and a police presence drawn from 29 forces. There were 12 arrests for placard related offences, assaults on officers and refusal to remove face coverings.

Thankfully, none of the officers who were assaulted were seriously injured. Despite these arrests, the overwhelming majority who took part were peaceful and acted entirely with the law. We worked closely with the organisers and their stewarding team in the run up to and during the protest and we're grateful for their cooperation. We'd also particularly like to thank officers from South Yorkshire Police who were travelling back to their accommodation when they stopped and arrested a suspect fleeing a robbery.

On Wednesday, at a smaller protest outside Parliament while MPs debated the situation in Gaza, the words "From the River to the Sea" were projected onto the building. This is a chant that has been frequently heard at pro-Palestinian demonstrations for many years and we are very aware of the strength of feeling in relation to it. While there are scenarios where chanting or using these words could be unlawful depending on the specific location or context, its use in a wider public protest setting, such as on Wednesday, is not a criminal offence.

999 response: We know that how quickly we respond to calls for help is critical to people's confidence in us. We are pleased to be able to tell you that the response times for our call centres has dramatically improved in recent months to exceed national targets. In January we answered 91 per cent of 999 calls within 10 seconds last month, with an average wait time of seven seconds. This is above the national target of 90 per cent and a dramatic improvement after falling to below 60 per cent last Summer. Waiting times for callers to the 101 non-emergency number have also reduced as a result of call handlers assessing the needs of the caller more quickly and being able to redirect the more than 25% of calls that do not have a policing purpose. As a result, wait times were down from nearly eight minutes last Summer to under two minutes.

Marie Heracleous, Director of Business Services at the Met, said: "With calls being answered more quickly we can get help to those who urgently need it. It means our officers can respond more quickly to incidents happening in their local community, helping victims of crime and arresting the criminals responsible. Our call handlers work around the clock to take calls and help those who need police assistance, where they don't, we will assess the call, and ensure they get the right care that they need."

Local Good News

- In early February, Officers from the TCT, Lower Edmonton and Edmonton Green were on Fore Street, specifically for proactive patrols to tackle the ongoing drugs issues. All the officers worked well as a team to get a fantastic result in an area that seems to be a huge hotspot for various offences. A situation occurred where a male had made off from Police out of a vehicle, but was chased by officers and with excellent teamwork between all of the officers, the male was detained. It was later confirmed that the male in question was wanted for ABH, Burglary and also had in his possession Cannabis consistent with supplying drugs including a set of scales, a mobile phone and Cash! The male was subsequently arrested for Wanted X 2 for ABH and Burglary and also for Possession with Intent to Supply. Further to this...officers from the Upper Edmonton Ward were completing weapon sweeps and on their patrols...2 Knives were recovered from Bushes outside Plevna House in Upper Edmonton. The knives were hidden in Bushes with easy access.
- Good work from our Proactive Syndicate 2 Team Recently, the officers from Syndicate 2 responded to a call to police that detailed a member of the public had seen a male who was concealing a large knife in his waist band in EN1. The Syndicate Unit identified the suspect in a mass of other possible suspects...The male was found to be concealing himself inside some public toilets. The male was then detained for a purpose of a search, where the knife was recovered after it was discarded in the female toilets...The male was arrested on suspicion of being in possession of an offensive weapon in a public place. This weapon is no longer on the streets, good news all round and good work from Syndicate 2! This was amongst a host of great work they did during this shift.
- Officers from Edmonton Green, Upper Edmonton and Lower Edmonton Safer Neighbourhood team, were on Vehicle crime patrols as part of Op Poethlyn in Upper Edmonton recently. During these patrols a lost/stolen vehicle was located and seized! While awaiting for recovery of the vehicle, officers also responded to assist a Safer Transport Officer, who was dealing with a Knife point robbery at Pymmes Park, which spilled out onto Fore Street. There was several suspects, two victims and a large crowd gathering to record the interaction between police and suspects. Dynamic thinking and concise communication with of the all officers involved...they managed to identify that there was a knife point robbery of the two victims at the same location, Pymmes Park. This was committed by a group of six suspects. With two of the Suspects located, identified and Arrested for Suspicion of Robbery, it was also mentioned that one of the victims fathers had been stabbed/threatened at the scene, but fast action by all of the officers prevented any serious injury! With victim descriptions provided, a pedal bike located and seized as one of the bikes used in the robbery. Followed up with CCTV, it seemed

that the two males arrested were confirmed as part of the group of six suspects. A busy situation for all of the officers, but one that they did extremely well by assessing the information, acting and reassuring the victims of crime.

- The Innovation Hub Haringey and Enfield event was held this week for Eastern European Communities and it saw a great attendance from Romanian, Polish, Bulgarian and Albanian communities. NGO's working with Polish communities and the delegation from the Polish Consulate in London. Officers and the members of the public in attendance, discussed how police can improve trust and confidence in amongst those communities and what their preferred method of engagement would be. Much to be said about reporting crime and reasons for it were raised. The local police team were able to explain how data based policing relies upon communities calling in with their concerns and reporting crimes. The Innovation Hub was facilitated by West Green SNT team led by PS Monika Malecka. Also in attendance was Supt. Chris Byrne for North Area Neighbourhoods. Great to see as part of the recent Neighbourhood Policing Week.
- In the middle of January, two young males were arrested for possession of an offensive weapon, and Possession with the intent to supply Class B, at Trafalgar Place N18. Local Enfield SNT Officers were conducting patrols in relation to an operation and whilst driving along Fore Street N18, three young males made eye contact with the officers and immediately made off, but two were then shortly detained. A huge machete was found in a close proximity of where the males had ran from the Officers. One of the males had burner phone, a large sum of cash and a substantial amount of Class B drugs on him. Officers have then arrested both of the males. A search of their addresses was then authorised and a large amount of Cash and items relating to drug dealing were recovered from the suspect's home address. The knife recovered is yet another dangerous blade off the streets. Great work.
- Recently there was a 100 plant (three rooms full) cannabis factory on Hertford Road which was a joint enterprise between Town and Grange ward. 1 arrest was made for cultivation of cannabis.
- Bush Hill Park arrested a Burglar. Whilst on route to a suspects on at Lena Crescent they spotted the subject near the location. The subject stopped and searched and found in possession of a crowbar and believed stolen watches.
- Another Burglary arrest was made on Brownlow Road. A call to an address for suspects on scene. Town and Carterhatch SNT Officers have attended and searched the gardens with dog unit and thus lead to finding the suspect hidden in a nearby garden.
- Over the past couple of month our local officers have been engaging with local businesses who play a vital part in our community, this resulted in handing out over

120 crime prevention packs. It's imperative our officers and businesses have a good working relationship. Our businesses are the eyes and ears in our community. Officers conducted a high volume of high visibility patrols to deter and disrupt street robberies and violence against women and girls in the Upper Edmonton Area. These operations were in conjunction with CCTV operators identifying any subjects of interest and building intelligence profiles in hot spot areas. This information was relayed to officers on the street to conduct on the spot stops.