

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ETHICS COMMITTEE, HELD ON MONDAY 12  
MARCH 2018 AT CHURCH HOUSE**

**PRESENT:**

Bishop David Walker (Chair)  
David Arnold MBE  
Dr Ruth Bromley  
Nasir Hafezi  
Peter Joyce  
Sean McHale  
Shaid Mushtaq  
Sally Lester

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Arif Nawaz	Greater Manchester Police (GMP)
Phil Reade	Greater Manchester Police (GMP)
Dave Byrne	GM Combined Authority (GMCA)
Emma Stonier	GM Combined Authority (GMCA)

**EC/18/09 INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES**

The Chair welcomed members of the Ethics Committee to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Cym D'Souza, Paul Horrocks, Roy Walters and Deputy Chief Constable Ian Pilling.

**EC/18/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

**EC/18/11 MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 15 JANUARY 2018 AND MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 January were submitted for approval. The minutes were approved.

**Matters arising**

**i. Communications Strategy**

The Ethics Committee discussed the Communications Strategy. It was highlighted that members of the Committee attending police stations and speaking to police officers and staff about their work may be useful to widen the knowledge of the existence of the Ethics Committee. It was agreed that GMCA officers would draft a short presentation outlining the work of the Ethics Committee and circulate this to the Committee for

approval following discussions with the Chair regarding the Committee's Terms of reference.

Members had briefly looked at the website and felt that it was simple and straightforward to use and the available links were clear. It was agreed that the Ethics Committee email address will be added to this webpage.

The Committee were informed that there was a dedicated email address for contacting the Ethics Committee and that this was managed by staff at the GMCA. It was also confirmed that any correspondence received was logged and would be shared with the Committee as appropriate. The Committee were informed that some correspondence, such as complaints, was not appropriate for them to consider as there was an official complaints process.

## **ii. Stop and Search Update**

The Ethics Committee received an update on stop and search. The data in Q2 2017-18 showed that 9% of stop and searches led to an arrest. This was noted as being in line with national figures. It was also noted that the figures available for stop and search at present were not able to go down to individual officer level. Work was underway to ascertain what officers performance measures should be in relation to stop and search. GMP were also looking at stop and search to further understand the figures, in line with Home Office advice and guidance.

The Ethics Committee requested that once available the up to date research regarding stop and search was circulated to them by GMP for information. It was agreed that they would make a decision at this point whether there was any further work they would like to consider around this.

## **iii. Members tenure**

The Chair informed Members that he had met with the Deputy Mayor. Representation at the meeting was still being considered and the terms of reference were also being reviewed. It has been agreed that tenure for the Committee will continue on a rolling basis until a final decision has been agreed.

## **iv. Ethics Committee Conference**

A meeting has been arranged between an Ethics Committee representative, the GMCA and GMP to discuss the potential for holding an Ethics Committee conference.

## **RESOLVED/-**

1. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018;
2. That a short presentation outlining the Ethics Committee's work would be produced by the GMCA and circulated; and
3. That the Ethics Committee contact email was added to the webpage; and
4. That GMP circulated the stop and search research once available and at this point the Committee would decide whether they would like to investigate this further.

### **EC/18/12 OPERATION GRANTHAM – HUMAN TISSUE ACT**

Ch Supt Phil Reade provided the Ethics Committee with an update on Operation Grantham. GMP had carried out 172 family visits/contact with next of kin. There were 5 cases where GMP had been unable to trace the next of kin and the Ethics Committee were asked to advise on these. Each case was discussed and the Committee provided advice which GMP would take away.

The Ethics Committee recognised the way this work had been undertaken, with a huge amount of sensitivity. GMP also thanked the Committee for their advice in relation to this investigation. GMP have also raised this with the National Lead for Forensics and Human Tissue when discussing how GMP had arrived at their decision about how to handle the investigation.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

That the update be noted.

### **EC/18/13 EXTREMISM AND THE PREVENT AGENDA**

Members of the Ethics Committee had attended a meeting with staff from the GMCA regarding the Cohesion Commission. The Commission is intending to produce a report in May 2018 and a series of recommendations will be produced which can be taken forward by individual organisations. It was highlighted that implementation of recommendations posed challenges.

The Committee had the following further comments;

- That the meeting they attended had not included anyone from the Cohesion Commission and the Committee felt that hearing their views was critical due to the importance of this issue;
- That consideration needed to be given to other issues alongside this, such as the impact of austerity etc.;
- That the consultation questions focused on Prevent; and
- It was felt that more input from communities into the Commission should have been sought to ensure that the recommendations were ones which delivered better for GM.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. That Dave Byrne, GMCA, would feedback the further comments from the Ethics Committee to relevant colleagues at GMCA and ensure these are included in the consultation comments;
2. That Ruth Bromley produce a report on behalf of the Committee outlining their response and send this to the GMCA; and
3. That Nasir Hafezi circulated a copy of the letter re; Prevent that he will be sending to the GMCA.

### **EC/18/14 BODY WORN VIDEO AND DOMESTIC ABUSE**

The small working group provided an update to the Committee on Body Worn Video and Domestic Abuse. The small working group had developed a set of 20 questions which had been sent to the GMCA to review and forward to the relevant organisations for feedback. Once comments had been received it would be decided how to move this work forward.

Women's Aid had advised that they supported the GMP stance of prosecution if there was evidence from Body Worn Video and had stressed that the victim should be supported and vulnerability taken into account. A Committee member noted that they could share the experience of victims where there was evidence from the Body Worn Video and they had not wanted to pursue this further.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That this was added as an agenda item at the next meeting.

**EC/18/15 SPIT GUARDS**

It was agreed that this would be considered at the next meeting once GMP had completed the investigation into their prevalence and instances and effects of their use, and the potential impact and consequences of using spit guards.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That this was considered as an agenda item at the next meeting.

**EC/18/16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items of other business.