



**Lewisham Safer Neighbourhood Board  
Minutes**

**Tuesday 22nd September 2020 – 7.00pm**

via Zoom

Tayo Prince- Chair	The Tabernacle
Gary Connors	London Borough of Lewisham
James Mitchell- Vice Chair	Independent Customer Visitor
Royston John	NCBI
Trinity Ashon	SLCS
Superintendent Andrew Ricketts	Lewisham Police
Inspector Benn Pollard	Lewisham Police
PC Tara Duffy	Lewisham Police
Chief Superintendent Rob Atkins	Lewisham Police
Amanda Tetteh	South Park Crescent Neighbourhood Watch
Saxon Hailes	METRO Charity
Cllr Brenda Dacres	Cabinet Member, Safer Communities, Lewisham Council
Mervyn Kaye	Youth First
Joe Burchell	Bromley and Lewisham Synagogue
Florence Emakpose	World of Hope
Funmi Ademilua	The Good Samaritan Foundation

12 members of the public were also in attendance.

	Item	Actions
1.	<p><b>Chair's Welcome</b></p> <p>Tayo Prince welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked everyone for attending tonight's online meeting- the first online public meeting of the SNB.</p> <p>She then asked each Board Member to introduce themselves, including Chief Superintendent Rob Atkins, who then introduced himself to those in attendance.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Apologies</b> Cllr Juliet Campbell</p> <p><b>For lateness</b> Funmi Ademilua</p>	Information

3.	<b>Minutes of last meeting - March 2020</b>  The minutes were agreed with no issues.	
4.	<b>COVID-19 and Community Policing</b>  <i>There was an update from the local police, as well as a Q&amp;A from those in attendance.</i>  Inspector Pollard provided an update on local data, which showed an increase in hate crime, as well as rising trends in other criminal activities. He mentioned that his colleague, PC Tara Duffy, would provide an update on local work taking place to reduce hate crime.	

Superintendent Andrew Ricketts spoke about the work being done locally on stop and searches, and shared some data relating to stop and search.

He said that there would be a Board set up to look at stop and search across the BCU, which would include the chairs of each of the Stop and Search Scrutiny groups from the individual boroughs.

James Mitchell asked for the data, which looked at the overall BCU, to be separated into borough data so that we can see data for Lewisham.

Questions came from Cllr Brenda Dacres and Royston John, about the ethnicity data.

A member of the public raised the issue of transparency, and Chief Superintendent Rob Atkins invited Board Members to join his team on patrols.

Inspector Pollard then said that the body worn camera viewings will restart, which the Stop and Search Scrutiny group have asked for.

Mervyn Kaye asked if the Stop and Search data could be sent out, and if the data could be split down into ethnicity and age by borough. He was told it could be.

Joe Burchell said that this is not the first time that stop and search is a topic in the borough, and he was concerned about how much impact this initiative might have.

Chief Superintendent Rob Atkins, and Tayo, said that this was an important priority for the local police and that they were working with partners.

James Mitchell asked about social distancing measures at the Independent Custody Unit, and Chief Superintendent Atkins said he was happy to take this forward outside of the meeting.

Funmi Ademilua asked about the alarming number of stabbings and other crimes. Chief Superintendent Atkins and Inspector Pollard spoke about the work taking place to reduce these issues in the short and long term.

One member of the public asked some questions around anti-social behaviour, and how the police deal with this.

Inspector Pollard spoke about the process that anti-social behaviour cases take. Gary Connors spoke about the process from a council point of view.

	<p>Gary also said that if the question was about a specific case, then he was available to take that offline after the meeting.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Ward Panels Update</b></p> <p>Inspector Pollard gave an update that the next Ward Panel Forum meeting, with the newly appointed chair, would be happening over the coming weeks.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Hate Crime Awareness Week Update</b></p> <p>PC Tara Duffy gave a presentation about Hate Crime Awareness Week, which was being held on 10th-17th October.</p> <p>She said that there will be a social media campaign around hate crime to raise awareness about local and national services. She then spoke about the various events being held throughout the week, and the partners that they are working with.</p> <p>PC Duffy also spoke about the 'We Stand Together' campaign.</p> <p>Royston John asked a question relating to the figures for race-related crime. He also asked if the slides could be sent out, which PC Duffy agreed to.</p> <p>It was noted that there would be an expected peak in hate crime cases around January, and James asked the police to think about the additional resources they would need for this expected increase.</p>	<p>PC Duffy agreed to share the slides so that they could be sent out alongside the minutes</p>
7.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>A member of the public thanked the local police for the work they have done on specific cases of hate crime.</p> <p>Tayo thanked everyone for attending.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Future dates for public meetings were outlined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tuesday 1st December 2020</li> <li>- Tuesday 2nd March 2021</li> </ul> <p><i>(Please note: due to the social distancing rules, we will be holding public meetings online until further notice. Details of how to 'attend' these online meetings will be sent to the Lewisham SNB email distribution list, which you can sign up to at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/LSNBoard">https://tinyurl.com/LSNBoard</a>)</i></p>	