

1. The date on which west midlands police adopted the best use of stop and search scheme

West Midlands Police was one of 24 launch Forces who were part of the initial launch on 26th August 2014. This means we are able to satisfy the first two (of four) components of the Scheme on launch date, namely;

1. Raising the authority level for S60 Criminal Justice & Public Order Act searches to Assistant Chief Constable level
2. Recording the full set of Stop and Search outcomes beyond arrest.

The full launch of the Scheme took place on 30th November 2014 and WMP are also able to satisfy the final two components of the scheme, namely

3. The Lay Observations Policy
4. The Community Complaints Trigger. In relation to the Lay Observations Policy, we are also carrying out some further work to ensure we are compliant with data protection requirements.

2. The number of authorisations that have been made by WMP under section 60 of the criminal Justice and public order Act 1994 (section 60 Authorisations) since the police force adopted the scheme

As of the date of your request (22/04/2015) there were no section 60 authorisations.

In recent weeks there have been 2 section 60 authorisations, one within Wolverhampton and one within Walsall.

Please see the following website for further information on each of these section 60 authorisations

<http://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/key-issues/stop-search/stop-and-search-section-60-authorisations>

3. The number of section 60 authorisations made by WMP since the adoption of the scheme which have been compliant with the scheme in all respects

In both cases (as above) the force complied on each occasion.

4. The number of Section 60 authorisations made by WMP since the adoption of the scheme in relation to which advance community notification has been given, as envisaged by part 4 of the scheme and the means by which advance community notification was given

None

The Force ensures that advance notice (if pre-planned) and subsequent results, are relayed to Communities in order to ensure compliance with the Best Use Scheme.

5. The number of section 60 authorisations made by WMP since the adoption of the scheme in which community notification was only given after the authorisation and/ or not given at all

2 – Details are available on the following website

<http://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/key-issues/stop-search/stop-and-search-section-60-authorisations>

Both authorities were spontaneous and the Force was therefore unable to provide advance notice. However, our Force Stop and Search Project Team monitor pre-planned Force Operations which may result in S60 authorities being granted and will ensure that advance notice (if pre-planned) and subsequent results, are relayed to Communities in order to ensure compliance with the Best Use Scheme.