

Please see below relevant meeting minutes relating to spit hoods

WEST MIDLANDS POLICE

UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2016 – 1000 HOURS

Spit Hoods

A revised risk assessment had been completed for the use of spit hoods and PC Jason Sayers briefly discussed it. Numbers of officers being spat at has increased. The use of spit hoods is included in the NPCC Manual of Guidance for PST but not used in this Force. Due to the closure of custody blocks and the introduction of the two super blocks, journeys to book in prisoners are lengthier and vans need to be decontaminated after any spitting. If a prisoner is threatened with a spit hood, it can be a deterrent. Steve Middleditch agreed to brief Superintendent Miles and after this takes place, PC Sayers to provide a report on spit hoods to Superintendent Miles for forwarding to ACC Cann.

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THURSDAY 19TH MAY 2016 – 0900 HOURS

PCSO Long said that spit hoods had been raised at Force Health and Safety. The Force has previously considered and not approved the issue of spit hoods. Any further requests will need to be referred to Command Team.