West Midlands Police Freedom of Information

1) In light of section 4 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts (P.C.S.C) Act, has a new strategy or policy been drafted by your force in relation to Unauthorised Encampments.? If so, is this document accessible to the public?

No there is no new strategy. The 60 Criminal Justice and Public Order offence and the amendments to the existing UE legislation have been consumed into our standardised working practices. A training package was delivered across key Departments to ensure staff understood the new legislation. In West Midlands Police, each of the 7 Local Authorities has a joint strategy with partners outlining their response to UEs.

Our Force Lead is in the process of writing a joint UE protocol with key stakeholders which will outline our approach. However individual Local Authorities and Neighbourhood Policing Units have different approaches given their autonomy, access to Transit Sites, political persuasion, frequency of UEs etc.

- 2) Has your force implemented section 4 of the P.C.S.C Act? If so in what capacity i.e., direction to leave, confiscation of vehicle and or arrest.
 - Yes S60 has been used by in West Midlands Police. This has been in order to give a direction to leave land. There have not been any vehicle confiscations or arrests
- 3) Have there been any prosecutions in your area under section 4 of the P.C.S.C Act?

No