



REPORT TO: Stakeholder Relations & Communications Strategy Committee
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SUBJECT: Stop and Search Scrutiny
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1. PURPOSE OF PAPER

- 1.1 To update the Stakeholder Relations & Communications Strategy (SR&CS) Committee on the position regarding Performance Analysis of Stop, Account and Search encounters over the period 31 August 2008 31 December 2009

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 There is a requirement on Police Forces under s 95 Criminal Justice Act 1991, to publish data on stop, account and searches to ensure proportionality in the use of the power. Whilst BTP (BTP) are not bound by the legislation BTP has monitored the data in a way that would meet the legislative requirements if necessary.
- 2.2 In addition, the SR&CS Committee need to see the relevant data to be able to carry out its 'scrutiny' role.

3. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There is a risk if BTP and the Authority are not fully aware of stop and search issues, particularly in relation to proportionality publications and responding to Freedom of Information requests.



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6. DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 6.1 The analysis at Annex 'A' considers whether there are indications of disproportionality in the use of stop, account and search powers against persons of Black, Asian and Other ethnic origins.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 Members to note the content and presentation delivered at the meeting on 20 October 2009.