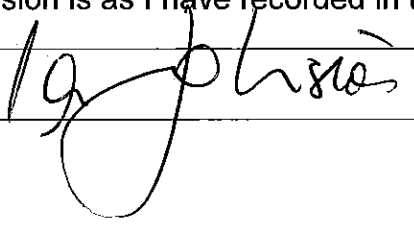


Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2013-001	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session
Subject	Stop and Search Dip-Sampling
Summary	To record the decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the implementation of a dip-sampling procedure for stop and search to support his duties under Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Code A 5.4 and any wider accountability responsibilities.

DECISION

1. PACE Code A 5.4 requires that the police force, in conjunction with the Commissioner, must make arrangements for records to be scrutinised by representatives of the community, and to explain the use of the powers at a local level.
2. In the interests of fulfilling this duty, I have decided to implement a stop and search dip-sampling procedure to be undertaken by a stop and search dip-sampling group. The group will be made up of Gwent community volunteers administered and supported by staff of the Commissioner's office and force, where necessary. A summary of results will be published following each meeting of the scrutiny group, to take place on a 6-monthly basis starting from April 2013. A formal procedure has been created in support of this activity.
3. Arrangements will be undertaken in conjunction with the force, who have agreed to this approach.
4. With the creation of a stop and search dip-sampling group, I am satisfied that I will be able to meet the requirement of PACE Code A 5.4 and provide public reassurance and transparency in the use of stop and search powers in Gwent.

Ian Johnston QPM, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent	
My decision is as I have recorded in this paper	
Signed 	Date 31/1/13

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