

INDEPENDENT ADVISORY GROUP STOP AND SEARCH SCRUTINY PANEL (Hart and Rushmoor District)

Date of Meeting: 20 May 2026

Overview

The Independent Advisory Group review stops relating to children this month, with a focus on the Constabulary's Child Centred Policing approach.

Review of Stops

Stop 1 – Two young people stopped based on intel available to officers. The officers' language was appropriate and varied depending on detainees responses. Important information was repeated multiple times to ensure the young people understood. This was carried out with a firm, but fair approach.

Stop 2 – This was a stop carried out by officers from the force's Violent Crime Taskforce. It was a stop of four people in a car. Panel noted use of humour within the stop to ease tension. Noticeably confident officers, and stop was positive, with a catapult found.

Stop 3 – A stop carried out by response officers. Feedback supplied by the group on the support given by the more experienced of the two officers present. The stop was lawful and an offensive weapon was located.

Final summary

Based on the final stop, the group discussed what their next focus would like to be, with a decision to look at stops involving tutors and their tutees.