



Questions from the Board on Matters not on the Agenda

Question 1: To be asked by Wasim Ali

In September 2024, West Midlands Police made some operational changes to the Tipton NHT, whereby they began to parade from West Bromwich and not Tipton. At the time we were advised this would have no impact on response times or visibility in the neighbourhood and that this operational change was a trial, pending review.

Can you confirm that response times in the Tipton area have not worsened and that crime has not gone up, since the changes were implemented? In your view, was the trial a success and if so, why was it a success and will it continue?

Question 2: To be asked by Wasim Ali

At Accountability and Governance Board on 26 November 2024, the Chief Constable advised that whilst female officer recruitment was down that quarter, it was unlikely to remain low, and was expected to pick up.

Can the Chief Constable advise whether this has occurred, and if so, what worked well to return numbers to previous levels, and if this has not happened, what actions he intends to take to return female officer recruitment to representative levels?