



**Questions from the Board on Matters not on the Agenda**

**Question 1:**

**To be asked by Wasim Ali, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner**

We celebrated all the great work that our volunteers do at the beginning of June during Volunteers' Week and that included our Community Speedwatch volunteers.

How do West Midlands Police ensure consistency of Community Speedwatch operations and engagement with volunteers across Local Policing Areas and are West Midlands Police able to outline the positive outcomes from Community Speedwatch operations for the last two years? Would West Midlands Police be able to supply the OPCC with a list of all Community Speedwatch groups and volunteers?

**Question 2:**

**To be asked by Wasim Ali, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner**

Given the increased level of arrests across the WMP force area, what appropriate steps has the Acting Chief Constable taken to ensure appropriate levels of staff safety, well-being and welfare within police custody sites, and what steps have been taken to ensure the safety, well-being and welfare of detainees in police custody, including the offer of wash kits and the carrying of ligature knives by officers?

**Question 3:**

**To be asked by Natalie Queiroz, Victims' Advocate**

The Sentencing Act 2026 has meant that the Fixed Term Recall mechanism (FTR56) has now been implemented as a permanent recall route, so individuals recalled to prison will be released after a fixed period of 56 days, where eligibility criteria is met. The initial tranches of FTR56 releases have now taken place from 31 March 2026.

Have WMP and Victim Liaison Officers been informed promptly, where any releases have public protection or victim safety implications and how have WMP managed the increase in releases from a public protection and risk management perspective?