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CPC Recommendations and Questions on the Seattle Police Monitor Preliminary Assessment: Stops and Detentions

CPC Feedback	Report Section
This report should include numbers and definitions from previous monitor reports	Context & Key Findings
where they found the department in compliance - i.e., what does "exceedingly	
small" amount to? The expectation is that the reader should believe the report	
without evidence – show, not tell if relying on past findings.	
Expand on the sociological factors that could affect disparate impact in stops and	What Disparate Impact Does &
detentions for minority groups.	Does Not
This report should include numbers for the randomly reviewed sampled stops -	Quality of Stops and Frisks
.e.g. how many stops were reviewed in total in this random sample. Although it is	
understandable that statistical jargon be kept at a minimum, providing this	
baseline number will ensure impacted City of Seattle citizens that this random	
sample is representative of the larger whole.	
Could you speak more about these changes that led to a decrease in the	Quality of Stops and Frisks
adherence to policy for frisks? It seems that there is a lot of speculation about	

how process and evaluation changes led to this decrease – but more needs to be	
said on this.	
I notice there's a keen lack of graphics in this report as compared to the crisis	General Feedback
intervention reports. I recommend keeping a similar consistency between reports.	
No serious graphics are needed, but at least histograms showing the changeover	
year for the stated #'s.	
It's great to hear how more data is being generated and better collection methods	How Stops Originated
are resulting.	
Agreed on needing to reclassify field contact into a "no action" and "no criminal	Stop Outcomes
activity" section.	
The way that the information is presented on "frisk hit rates" assumes that the	Weapons found & search hit rates
weapon being found is evidence of a successful determination to execute a frisk.	
This is, at best, misleading as it implies that the presence of a weapon justified the	
frisk. Does SPD disaggregate the data on whether the weapon was registered to	
the individual/in their possession for a good reason?	
The report states there are disparities in enforcement activities and SPD had been	Disparate Impact
found in compliance previously. Will the monitor continue to review SPD disparate	
impact assessments?	
Report states that SPD's disparity analysis found that "the chances of an individual	Disparities in Stop Practices

racial composition of the neighborhood the individual was stopped in." And that	
"the finding reinforces the need for the Department to evaluate the call-	
taking/dispatching segment of police response to mitigate bias." Where is there	
accountability for officers in these types of stops? Officers have the discretion to	
determine if they will carry out a stop/frisk.	
There is a heavy reliance on SPD data – are there other sources to gather this	General Feedback
information?	
The assessment mentions input from the community and engagement only from	General Feedback
CPC and not from other sources or engagements by the monitor team. This might	
fulfill the consent decree requirements but does not allow for much community	
voice at the table.	