

Cherwell and West Oxfordshire LPA



IAG Meeting

DATE Wednesday 19 May 2021

TIME: 17.00 hours

LOCATION: MS Teams Only

Attendees Init	Position and Area
EG	Superintendent – LPA Commander
JH	Chief Inspector – Deputy LPA Commander
SH	Neighbourhood Inspector – West Oxon
IR	Neighbourhood Inspector – Cherwell
RK	Performance Inspector
NT	ICR Inspector
RB	IAG member
AA	IAG member
AB	IAG member
MT	IAG member
KT	IAG member
GW	Admin Support Officer, note taker
Apologies	
LS	IAG member
SK	IAG member
DP	IAG member
ML	IAG member

Welcome and Introductions

Introductions were made. One new member welcomed.

Previous notes/actions:

Minutes from the last meeting were agreed to be accurate.

Actions : Action 17 – close – normal business

Action 28 – carry forward.

Action 29 – complete

Chairs Report:

New Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has been elected – Matthew Barber who is the current Deputy PCC.

He will look at the priorities set by the Chief Constable and ensure that he agrees with these. The Strategic Plan for this year has been published and the priorities include reductions in burglary and robbery offences. Due to Covid the reductions will be measured over a 5 year preceding average.

Vulnerability – including Domestic Abuse – looking at attendance of jobs, what we do when we get there and how we deal with perpetrators.

Other priorities include :

Stalking and Harassment

Fraud – preventing and educating about scams

Rural Crime

Hate Crime

Organised crime, County Drugs Lines, Exploitation

Victims focus runs through all of our work.

It was asked if ethnicity is recorded in DA cases – for those reporting the incident.

Action : RK to see if this data is available and will share at the next meeting.

Palestine/ Israel any local community concerns?

Some protests have been recorded in Reading. There is also some information shared on social media regarding a protest in Banbury.

JH explained that we collect local community messages and this is then fed into the centre.

JH explained that she is involved in a piece of work looking at who our community are.

Key partners want to understand who they are – looking to use census data.

With this information we can look to understand the community better.

Action : JH to bring Community mapping work to next meeting.

Mental Health

SH is the LPA lead for Mental Health he explained that Mental Health is one of the biggest non-crime generators for the police.

Section 136 - police power to detain someone who appears to have a mental disorder and in immediate need of care or control and remove them to a place of safety. Power is available anywhere except a place where any person lives.

This LPA performs well in the compliance of using this power and the associated forms.

With a Section 136 then the individual cannot be taken into Custody but has to go to a designated place of safety.

Youth Mental Health – schools officers is working to understand this and looking at psychologist work of how youths present.

Training – training is being put together with different agencies. This will help to ensure that there are no misunderstandings in where the responsibilities lie.

RB asked about Mental Health in veterans with there being a few bases on our area.

He said nationally, a spike in suicides within veterans had been reported. This was not something we have seen locally and it may be that other agencies are picking this up.

Action : SH to check this trend in the monthly multi-agency meeting he attends. SH to report back to RB outside of meeting.

Disparity in service provision (Disproportionality in Stop and Search)

NT introduced himself and explained part of his role is the Stop and Search manager for the LPA.

He attends a quarterly meeting where good working practices are shared.

Monitors and scrutinises use of Stop and Search and ensure that the Stop and Search policy is being adhered to.

Training – ensuring all officers have had Stop and Search training.

Body Worn Video – should be used when completing a Stop and Search.

Share learning with officers and if necessary hold them to account.

Corporate memory database records specific events or operations where they may be higher searches in a particular area.

Currently using paper forms but hope that this will go electronic.

Action : Next meeting look to share and discuss examples of Stop and Search forms and if possible view BWV clips.

KT asked about a presentation he had seen – GO WISELY – this might be useful for the group.

Hate Crime

RK introduced himself as the Hate Crime lead on the LPA.

RK explained that a recent re-focus of how Hate Crime is dealt with has been put in place. There is a morning meeting where crimes are discussed from the previous 24 hours. At this meeting hate crimes are discussed, ensuring that the victim has been taken care of, any community tensions are identified and actions are delegated to the correct resources.

Overall, a commitment to improve Victim response as previously mentioned in the Strategic Plan.

Risk Assessments are completed for every Hate Crime. Depending on the level of risk is where the different levels of management are involved. E.g. if medium or high then it is dealt with by the Neighbourhood. If it is immediate then this is dealt with by an Inspector.

Action : MT and IR to discuss Hate Crime cases and IR to share relevant feedback with RK.

AB said that within her role she helps people report crimes as the individuals have very little English language knowledge.

Action : RK to link in with Contact Management and see what other options are available to access the police without English language. RK to feedback to AB.

Action : RK to also raise the issue of accessibility into the local Hate Crime delivery group.

AB raised that there used to be lots of engagement with the police and relationships were good. It would be good to bring this back.

Unfortunately, Covid has been the major factor behind this and abiding to the guidelines has meant that a lot things have been put on hold. However, it has shown how much the community engagement is needed.

Action : RK and AB to look at explaining the Hate Crime process to the groups AB runs.

With regards the resourcing issues the national uplift programme has helped the LPA. There are 20 officers and more coming. The force is looking to better match resources to demand and Cherwell and West is the 4th largest demand generator out of 12 LPA's.

KT asked about special constables.

It was explained that we do have Special Constables on the LPA and they also help out with local events and the Night Time Economy.

Rural Crime

The definition for Rural Crime has been updated since the last meeting. It is now :

Offences that relate to farms, agriculture, wildlife, the environment and heritage sites where they are targeted due to their isolation or rural location.

- Agricultural crime constitutes any statutory or common law offence which may be committed against people in agricultural communities, their lands, businesses and property (property includes plant and agricultural machinery and animals such as livestock and horses).

Agricultural communities are those who live within a rural area as defined by the Office of National Statistics 2011 Rural Urban Classification to Super Output level and are involved in the agriculture industry.

- Environmental crime constitutes an illegal act which directly harms the environment. This element of the strategy will be largely delivered by supporting partner agencies.
- Heritage crime constitutes any offence which harms the value of heritage assets and their settings.
- Wildlife crime constitutes any unlawful act or omission, which affects any wild creature, plant or habitat

SH reported that there have been 40 incidents in the previous 90 day period.

Action : SH to provide a breakdown of the types of offences.

SH reported that there has been a restructure in how Rural crime is dealt with which will lead to continuity within teams and the community will receive a higher standard of service. It is hoped that this will give confidence in public to report.

Crimes which are flagged as rural crime will see a visit from the Neighbourhood team within 3 days.

SH looking to hold a Rural Crime conference towards the end of the year after harvest.

RB: Increased nervousness in rural area. Due to lockdown more dog owners and more individuals walking across fields not sticking to footpaths.

SH said that there had been a few incidents of a trespass element and his team are encouraging landowners to refresh their signage for their land.

Members Feedback / Issues to raise:

AB said that as part of her work she gives talks to groups on CSE, safeguarding, social media, knife crime, racism and bullying, PREVENT, drugs and she was hoping that the police may be able to support her in these presentations.

Happy to support. **Action : IR to link in with AB.**

KT raised ASB in Elmsbrook estate.

Action : IR to look at data and link in with KT.

RB raised an issue previously discussed – modern slavery – car washes etc... JH explained that in her previous role there is a department which looks into this Intelligence Bureau, however they do rely in information from the local community. There is also multi-agency work dedicated to this issue.

Action : For a future meeting look at spotting the signs of exploitation.

Locally there is some exploitation in drug dealing. Also, Bullingdon prison is in our area and we respond to calls from prisoners where it may have happened elsewhere in the country.

IAG Chair

EG reminded members that this meeting should be chaired by an Independent person and not the police. All to give thought to volunteering to be Chair of the meeting.

RB raised the representation on the group and in the past some groups have wanted to part of this when there are issues specific to them. A suggestion was to have a list of people to go to if there are specific concerns for a community.

AOB

None to raise

Agenda items requested for next meeting:

Please send any future agenda items to GR.

Next Meeting Dates: 3 months - TBC

Action Log

Action 17 30/1/20	IR and JB to organise an event in the Polish community and liaise with MG. 11/8 Revisit and look at other media of how to engage with Polish community. 10/11 Carry forward 24/2 Carry forward- Andy Ryan to contact Michal Gogut 19/5 Close – normal business	IR/ JB IR/ AR
Action 28	MT to link in with Iain Roberts regarding Hate Crime – specific figures and those not reporting. 19/5 carry forward	MT
Action 29	GR to send out Hate Crime figures 19/5 Complete	GR
Action 30	RK to see if data is available to show ethnicity of DA reporters and will share at the next meeting.	RK
Action 31	JH to bring Community mapping work to next meeting.	JH
Action 32	SH to check the trend of increased suicides within veterans in the monthly multi-agency meeting he attends. SH to report back to RB outside of meeting.	SH
Action 33	Next meeting look to share and discuss examples of Stop and Search forms and if possible view BWV clips.	NT

Action 34	RK to link in with Contact Management and see what other options are available to access the police without English language. RK to feedback to AB.	RK
Action 35	RK to also raise the issue of accessibility into the local Hate Crime delivery group.	RK
Action 36	RK and AB to look at explaining the Hate Crime process to the groups AB runs.	RK
Action 37	SH to provide a breakdown of the types of rural crime offences.	SH
Action 38	IR to link in with AB re community engagement/ presentations at group	IR
Action 39	IR to look at ASB data on Elmsbrook estate and link in with KT.	IR
Action 40	For a future meeting look at spotting the signs of exploitation.	JH