



Cherwell and West Oxfordshire LPA

IAG Meeting

DATE Wednesday 23 March 2022

TIME: 17.00 hours

LOCATION: MS Teams

Attendees	Init	Position and Area
	EG	Superintendent – LPA Commander
	JH	Chief Inspector – Deputy LPA Commander
	IR	Neighbourhood Inspector – Cherwell
	CB	Neighbourhood Inspector – West Oxon
	NT	ICR Inspector
	SK	IAG chair
	RB	IAG member
	MT	IAG member
	KT	IAG member
	GW	Admin Support Officer, note taker
No contact made		
	LS	IAG member
	AB	IAG member
	AA	IAG member
	RM	IAG member
	DP	IAG member

Welcome and Introductions

Introductions were made. The resignation of ML was noted.

Previous notes/actions:

Minutes from the last meeting were agreed to be accurate.

Action 41 – carry forward to June meeting

Action 42 – on-going

Action 43 – GR to check with Firearms when an appropriate time to bring back to meeting

Action 44 – Complete – covering in meeting

Action 45 – Complete –covering in meeting

Action log updated.

IAG Chair

SK has volunteered to take on the role of Chair. He said that he is keen to improve the attendance at the IAG meetings and ensure that the group is representative of the community.

Commanders Update:

EG reported that the senior management remains the same and the points of contact remain the same.

The LPA has benefitted from the national Uplift programme and we have had a high number of students joining us. Some of the new entry routes require the student officers to spend time away from the LPA studying. Whilst they are studying this leaves gaps on their teams and to ensure we still have sufficient numbers of officers on duty at all times we are having to use some of our neighbourhood officers and tasking team officers to backfill. This clearly impacts on those officers ability to perform their core roles. This does not impact on PCSO's who remain working on their neighbourhoods.

This is not something which is unique to this LPA and is happening across the Force area.

Covid has also had an impact on numbers when staff test positive they are required to isolate. We will monitor for changes in National guidance relating to Covid isolation requirements.

It was asked how the staff are feeling.

They know that it is unavoidable and on the whole as they are police officers they have to deploy where they are sent. This happened at the beginning of Covid and senior officers have been impressed by the professionalism of officers.

BWV

NT produced some statistics showing that in the last 3 months on the LPA 34 Stop Searches had been made in respect of drugs 32% had a positive outcome.

The total of 69 stop searches resulted in a 30% positive outcome.

It was asked if these are comparable to national statistics.

It is difficult to compare against due to different geographical areas.

A neighbouring LPA's stop search figures were shown and whilst it showed that not as many people were searched on this LPA we did have a better outcome rate so the group considered that we were stopping the right people.



Search/ Ethnicity figures were shown for the past 3 months

Combined Ethnicity*	Number of searches	Population	Searches per 1,000 population	Disproportionality
White	55	232,230	0.24	1.00
Black	7	3,358	2.08	8.80
Mixed	1	1,202	0.83	3.51

Disproportionality was discussed and work is ongoing to try and understand this better. The impact of being searched by the Police was recognised.

BWV video clips were chosen, viewed and discussed by the panel. The searches were thought to be proportionate and the officers conducted themselves professionally.

Crime Update

Figures are based on 1/4/21 to the present day and compare against the previous 5 years. Cherwell and West have seen a 33% reduction in burglary, Robbery is down 34% and serious violence is down 2%.

Currently a 9% increase in outcomes which could include a charge, caution, or community resolution.

Volumes of calls – Year to date 1/4/21-today

10463 calls graded at immediate

7808 graded as urgent (actioned within 60 mins)

22000 dealt with on the telephone

4200 dealt with by appointment

Crime has seen a 25% increase which equates to 17000 crimes.

1/3 of crimes are domestic related.

Focus for now and next year is to look at continuing to improve victim satisfaction. Keeping victims engaged, making timely arrests and supporting victims through the Criminal Justice process.

A national and force level theme which is being focused on from April is Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

Murder in Banbury – 5 have been arrested and this is still a live investigation.

Bullington prison – Our CID team deal with prison crime reported from Bullington, reports are often violent or sexual offending.

Cherwell District Council have agreed funding for CCTV for another 12 months.

Area has seen an increase of deaths – from traffic accidents, suicides, unexpected deaths. Keeping an eye on this due to the impact to staff.

Officer assaults – monitoring and ensuring that they are dealt with appropriately.

MT : Men are victims of Domestic Abuse too but they seem to be taken less seriously.

How safe do you feel : Discussion

Linking in with the VAWG theme it was asked how safe do people feel in their local area.

On the whole the members felt safe. Sometimes travelling back from Oxford at night didn't feel as safe.

Visibility was discussed as public want reassurance to see police but when they do they raise concerns.

Trying to use Social media more to get messages out to the public why Police are in certain areas.

Lighting was discussed. Sense that in dark places feelings of being unsafe increased.

Safe Spaces survey collates information from public on where they don't feel safe and can be used to influence patrol strategies and problem solve with other agencies.

Bicester youths, a group of 13-15 year olds who have caused ASB in Bicester town centre. Police are dealing with them and using a power under the ASB act that can disperse crowds from a designated area. Cherwell District Council are currently consulting on a PSPO – for a designated area and if consultation is accepted then this could be a permanent order.

Seeking thoughts of businesses and local residents and able to feedback until end of April.

The outcome will be known end of April/ beginning of May.

Mental Health

CB gave a presentation on Mental health.

Cherwell and West - 62 detainees under S136 and 17 under S135 warrants.

Places of safety are Littlemore and Warneford hospitals.

A multi-agency meeting is held monthly where information is passed amongst different agencies. Shortage of beds is going to be a factor and loss of private sector which will mean more individuals may need to be taken out of county.

Veterans were discussed.

Data didn't give this information previously, but as of September last year this has started to be recorded. Probably not a significant enough timescale to be able to see if a spike or not.

CCTV Systems

IR gave a presentation as requested from the previous meeting on Ring Door bells and personal CCTV systems.

Guidance from the Information Commissioners Office website.

Domestic CCTV with video and audio surveillance.

No issues if it covers up to boundary of own property. If outside the boundary then need to consider GDPR and Data Protection 2018.

Own data – clear and justifiable reason for capturing the imagery.

Clearly notify that CCTV is in operation.

Respond to Subject Access Requests within 1 month.

Case law : Fairhurst v Woodward 2021

Agenda items requested for next meeting:

Community Mapping – JH

Rural Community – cost of oil, poaching how affecting Rural economies.

Impact of the war – Russia/ Ukraine – local communities

Please send any future agenda items to GR.

Next Meeting Dates: 3 months - TBC

Action Log

Action 41	GR to add to the agenda for 6 months time an Update on Community Mapping (June 2022 meeting)	GR
Action 42	IAG members to complete and return Body Worn video confidentiality agreement. 8/12 GR to chase outstanding forms 5/4 Forms completed by those present – some still required from members not present at this meeting	IAG members
Action 43	Firearms licensing to be invited back to meeting once Plymouth incident has completed investigation 5/4 carry forward	GR
Action 44	NT to supply data around Stop and Search for the next meeting including breakdowns of location, ethnicity and results of searches. 5/4 Complete	NT
Action 45	CB to present on mental health at next meeting and explain wider SPOC networks 5/4 Complete	CB