

DATE Thursday 3rd March 2022
TIME: 18:30 pm
LOCATION: MS Teams Only

Attendees	Init	Position and Area
	GH	IAG Chair
	GW	IAG Member
	DA	IAG Member
	MS	IAG Member
	AV	Observer
	VS	Observer
	MJ	Observer
	EB	TVP – LPA Commander
	JE	TVP – Neighbourhood Inspector
Apologies		
	RV	TVP
	GS	TVP
	DW	TVP
	AS	IAG Member
	SG	IAG Member

1. Welcome and Introductions:

IAG Chair

Welcome to those who have come along as new members and observers.
Update on applications is being sought.

2. Previous notes/actions:

All

Domestic assaults and LBGTQ+ hate crimes have been added to the agenda as requested.

Minute approved as a true record.

3. Chairs Report:

IAG Chair

GH has attended his first SIAG. Discussed Op Crooked – **Northamptonshire Police initiative** where the police attend all residential burglaries. Asked if TVP could do the same and discovered that they already do.

As there are a number of different issues for IAGs to look at, particularly the SIAG, it has been decided to have sub groups which will concentrate on specific areas of crime/issues ie Stop & Search, Equality & Diversity, Ethics etc. GH will be participating in the Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) and Victim Feedback groups.

GH encourages the group to be involved in this meeting and to voice opinions.

4. Hate Crime Headlines:**NH Insp JE**

JE gives an overview of where we sit as an LPA.

Seen less reporting since the last meeting. We sit roughly in the middle compared to the rest of the nation (per capita). The lessening of reporting could be either less crimes or less confidence in reporting.

LGBTQ+ reporting – not a significant number year on year that qualify. Two that are relevant to our area - Trans and Homophobia - the numbers are small. Look to see if there any trends/concerns as due to low numbers percentages can spike.

GW – if reported does it automatically go on the list or does it have to meet a certain threshold?

JE – There are 2 qualifiers: hate incidents and hate crimes. Any report provided where prejudice is considered to be a motivating factor will be recorded. Police have a duty to record all crime reported. Prejudicial treatment is recorded whether it's the person or a third party reporting. There has been a lessening in the tolerance displayed by our communities.

We have a robust system in place for satisfaction levels. We have a tactical plan for stronger oversight for the management of hate crime and investigation. Across the entire force it has been recognised we need to assess risk better for hate crime and to support victims better. We have the Victim's Code which sets the parameters – these are under significant scrutiny. Cases are reviewed on a fortnightly basis, any remedial action is taken and can be escalated if required. Already seeing good positive signs of compliance.

GW –Where does hate crime sit as a priority for the LPA at the moment?

JE – It is an area that receives daily oversight.

EB – Daily scrutiny – for example current climate with Russia and the Ukraine. National Community Tension reports are fed back to the Home Office. Risk involved depends who investigates and the extent of our enquiries.

5. Stop and Search:**Supt EB**

Stop and Search (S&S) needs to be a standing agenda item on all IAGs.

Further work has developed around S&S and the requirement for IAGs to review.

Discussed how essential the IAG input is into the legitimacy of S&S.

Police are most challenged on the abuse of Stop & Search. It is a very intrusive power and we need to ensure we follow due process.

IAG should become an active part of the scrutiny of S&S. You would see the steps officers have to go through and challenges they face.

TVP Body Worn Video (BWV) Scrutiny Processes discussed:

- Peer Scrutiny – SAME / PSD / Volunteers – independent
- IAG – Chair of IAG would choose at random a selection to view. Vetting & confidentiality agreement required.
- Community Scrutiny Meetings – all walks of life/age – vetting or equivalent & confidentiality agreement required.
- On-line Scrutiny – redacted material only
- Personal & Family Scrutiny – no redaction requirements
- Automated Scrutiny – no redaction.

BWV is invaluable – example given where a young male had told his mum a version of events which had led to him having injuries. She quite rightly complained to TVP. BWV was viewed which showed a different version of events to that given by the young male. Without BWV there would have been a very long protracted investigation.

BWV scrutiny form shown to members.

IAG in agreement to be part of the scrutiny of Stop & Search.

LPA Self-Assessments – where the LPA believes they are with the use of BWV footage. C&SB LPA in a very good place with compliance/turning on at the beginning of interaction/downloading.

6. LPA Commanders Update

Supt EB

Crime Updates:

Stop & Search - numbers on C&SB LPA have reduced: 1200 to 637 (48% reduction) – could be in part due to Covid however need to keep a focus on. In 2020 BLM - strong sentiment, some officers reluctant to conduct S&S. It is a very valuable tool and it is important we continue to use where appropriate.

Outcomes for S&S discussed – 22.9% is a healthy figure. Primarily for drugs but also stolen goods and weapons.

Burglary – down.

Street Robbery – reduction

Theft from Person – increased slightly – items left in a hotel area and bag stolen/mislaid items.

Theft from Vehicle – decrease in this area.

Theft of Vehicle – primarily keyless theft incidents.

Domestic Assault – there has been an increase. As a positive we have encouraged individuals along with partner organisations, such as Women's Aid, to report crime, whether it be the victims or third party. We have a positive action policy that if a report is made we will arrest the offender – to give the victim time and space to make a decision on whether to support the investigation.

Seen a decrease in the number of outcomes (a charge or positive result at court). Had some challenges with CPS and the extent of the detail they are asking. An area where we need to continue to support victims. Preventative measures on how we can support them from being victims of crime.

MS – Are these purely partner on partner or parent against child?

EB – anyone over the age of 16 who is either in or was in a relationship with an individual, includes family – a very broad classification. **Full definition – as per attached document.**

GW – outcome rate and work to try and improve that: Securing victim support remains a challenge, is there more we can be doing as a partnership?

EB – the issue with victim engagement is across all areas. CPS on this area is challenging – threshold seems to be much higher. Significant backlog with ERO's – try to share around however, struggling to recruit suitable people. Losing victim support as 3-4 months down the line perpetrator can convince them they are sorry/changed.

GW – Cross partnership working – are we pushing the High Sheriff/MPs etc. people within the judicial system to look at this problem?

EB – DA Board chaired by DCI AA just been set up. Meeting a couple of weeks ago, discussed getting the right people round the table. Will share issues.

Repeat Victims – couples together for many years, whatever intervention they continue to remain together and report DA. We scrutinise these individuals. Look at 7+ years, discussed in a 5 weekly meeting and a partners meeting to look at what we can do as these are the cases that can potentially end in a homicide. Look at housing, drug/alcohol support – if don't want to support a criminal prosecution what else can we support with.

Violence against Women & Girls (VAWG)

Anniversary of Sarah Everard's death. We have been looking at our processes and how we manage our communities, but also what we are doing internally to build public confidence. That individuals like Wayne Couzens are in the minority, not the majority. Clear that there are still areas or pockets of individuals who are behaving in this inappropriate manner in the workplace.

Shared what we are doing as a force within the National Context.

Internal survey to understand culture to take a reflective look at the internal police culture and challenge ourselves to consider misogyny and harassment in the workplace.

NPCC's Strategic Objectives discussed.

- Pursuit of perpetrators.
- Safer spaces.
- Improve trust and confidence in policing.

TVP's Internal Strategic Objectives and activity discussed.

Op Vigilant discussed – officers out in the community in an undercover capacity to identify individuals who prey on young girls while enjoying a night out. Already we have intervened and made arrests – seen a reduction in key areas of offending.

Positive Engagement Team – Chief Constable figure of 20% to achieve for under-represented groups within TVP. Was at 7%, now at 11%. 50/50 male/female ratio.

7. Members Feedback / Issues to raise:

All

MS – concerned for a number of years, that people, especially from ethnic minorities and within disadvantaged communities, are reluctant to report crime. How to give them the confidence?

EB – Bucks Council launched a hate crime forum with this objective. An area we struggle with. Mistrust. There are various forums but still a gap.

MS – A challenge for the police with how they communicate – takes time to investigate but how to get across to people that a lot of work is going on to stop people losing faith.

EB – will take away and report back at the next meeting.

Community Scrutiny Panels – what are they and should people from the IAG be on them?

In Wycombe we have one member from the IAG on a Scrutiny Panel. It is another audience of people who don't want the commitment of being part of an IAG, member's from the community who come forward – some young people from the university. Community members who would like to assist the police. Not a set cohort of people, flexes due to demand.

GH – requests that a member of the IAG is present at any Community Scrutiny panel that is set up on C&SB LPA.

Agenda items for the next meeting:

- CSB approach to reports of dwelling Burglaries.
- Review of BWV footage of Stop Searches by officers
- Reasons to why DA outcome rate for Bucks is lower than in other County's (Oxon/ Berks)

- Creating trust for the Community to report Hate Crime
- Community Scrutiny panel for CSB

8. AOB**IAG Chair**

n/a

9. Next Meeting Dates:June – Thursday, 9th June - MS Teams 630-8pmSeptember – Thursday 29th September

December – Thursday 1st December