

**DATE** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022**TIME:** 18:00 hrs**LOCATION:** The Point Milton Keynes

<b>Init</b>	<b>Position and Area</b>
AK	IAG Chair
JH	TVP Community & Diversity Officer
NS	TVP Community & Diversity Officer
KM	IAG Member
MT	TVP LPA Commander
RRK	IAG Member
PS	IAG Member
AA	IAG Member
TV	IAG Member
NR	AVMKSASS
ZM	IAG Member
MB	PCC
SB	IAG Member
LH	IAG Member
JS	IAG Member
TG	IAG Member
NA	IAG Member
LS	IAG Member
HS	IAG Member
PK	IAG Member
AK	IAG Member
NR	IAG Member
TV	IAG Member

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**Welcome and Introductions:****IAG Chair**

AK Welcomed everyone to the meeting. The list of apologies / attendees is above.

AK welcomed NR and MB to the meeting.

2. **Previous notes/actions:**

**All**

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and agreed.

3. **Chairs Report:**

**IAG Chair**

AK said that he and LS had visited the family of the person who passed away due to knife crime. They would like to attend an IAG. AK said there are opportunities to learn from their experience.

MB spoke about knife crime, he said that this is a big area of concern in MK and across Thames Valley.

There is going to be a yearlong pilot/project in MK currently named OP Deter dealing with knife crime.

Where knife crime offences are being committed the response is good, but where there are possession offences only, the response is currently low-level and slow. There is concern that young people think it is okay to carry a knife and we need to address this.

If the person is over 18, police will take action quickly, we will remand and get the person to court within days. Offences will be separated out so that anyone carrying a knife will be dealt with quickly for that offence, even if there is another offence which can be dealt with later. We need to get tough on knives. The PCC has given £150k to the YOT to scale up their early intervention scheme. It will take a bit of time to get the team in place. The team will take a tough approach and will be available 18 hours a day. Within 1 ½ hours of someone being identified, they will speak to the individual in relation to diversion and provide follow up meetings. Currently this takes months but we need there to be a linkage between action and consequence.

The numbers of people across MK who are involved are low, but the fear is huge. We need publicity and reassurance and we need to remind those who might be drawn into knives that there will be tough consequences. For those caught in possession of a knife, who don't accept diversion, they could end up in prison. The referral mechanism will be sped up. Messaging to parents needs improving, they need to know that if their child is caught with a knife there will be tough consequences and they should speak to the police if there are any concerns.

MT said that we are currently running a violence interrupter programme and are speaking to people directly who are at risk of being drawn into violence. We are having those conversations and offering support.

AK said it is not a police or education problem alone, this needs to be community led.

MB said that he has a community fund which is used for charitable purposes. He said that he would rather give some money to a group of parents who want to run a football league to help provide equipment, rather than pay the Council to get their staff to run a programme as this will have more impact.

MB said that we need to get tough with adults and children and we also need a culture change. If you are a young person and you are carrying a knife, there will be consequences. If you want to avoid prison, don't do it. There will be a knife crime conference later on in the year and the knife Angel is coming to MK. MB said that MK has a strong community that some other towns and cities don't have.

AK thanked MB for being honest and frank, he said it is refreshing to hear about the pilot scheme. AK said MK is a unique place with unique individuals.

#### **4. LPA Commanders Updates:**

#### **LPA Commander**

MT spoke about victims of crime, he said it is very important and is also a priority for Milton Keynes officers and TVP as a whole to look after victims of crime. There are obligations under the victims code which set out key points. Each Victim has a contract to agree how they want to be contacted, how often and by what means.

All victims are referred to 'Victim's First'.

Time is set aside for officers to contact and update victims.

There is a champion on each team to make sure that officers are providing the level of service that we want to achieve. The performance of each team is reviewed regularly.

In Milton Keynes the satisfaction levels are lower than some other areas of Thames Valley, this may be due to the volume of work per officer. MT said that the sample of victim satisfaction is quite small. There is limited information from the surveys, various issues are sighted in relation to satisfaction levels.

RRK said that in the rural area the crimes are different. The PCSOs are very proactive and visit victims of burglary and the elderly. There is a positive response in the rural community.

ZM said that the feedback from the Mosque in Granby and Bletchley is positive. ZM said that they also work part time at the college and the staff there have felt supported by the police following the incident which took place outside of the college. ZM said that they also work with refugees and their experience has been positive, except one occasion, but when this was fed back, it was taken on board.

JH said that the Cado's have been into ICR briefings introducing themselves and explaining the role that they perform, letting officers know that they can help with a softer approach.

**5. Stop and Search Data and Discussion:****All**

MT spoke about stop and search, he said that taking a tougher position on knife crime will lead to more stop and search. He said that he wants to maintain community support. There are processes in place to ensure that stop and search is used appropriately. There are bi-monthly community scrutiny meetings where body worn video of stop and search is showed and discussed, this is fed back to the officers. We also have peer scrutiny to review others use of stop and search. In the last 12 months 1600 stop and searches were completed. 62% were for drugs and 9% were for weapons. Drugs are linked to violence, weapon carrying and exploitation. 26% resulted in finding something.

The figures are good and are not disproportionate in MK. From Section 60's there have been 250 searches in the last 12 months, these have a lower outcome rate of 10% but this is because it is a pre-emptive power. We have had 4 section 60's in the last 12 months.

MB spoke about a new serious violence reduction order. It is a civil order and is like a personal Section 60 which provides police with the right to stop and search a person within a maximum of 2 years and a minimum of 6 months' time frame. 4 forces are trialling them and TVP is one of the forces but it has not been introduced force-wide yet.

AK said that Section 60 is supported because it prevents crimes.

**6. Hate Crime Case Studies and Discussion****All**

NS provided a case study in relation to racially aggravated criminal damage in the mosque at Bletchley. Someone was damaging the cars in the car park and leaving bags of dog mess. This was reported via 101. ICR officers provided reassurance patrols overnight throughout Ramadan. Security cameras were installed and there have been no further incidents. The swift intervention reassured the community building trust and confidence. The camera is still in place.

NS said there are mosque open days in the community and they also hold interfaith events. The residents were invited to the Iftaar and were welcomed into the mosque to see what happens inside. This promotes two way communication.

ZM said that there is a national visit my mosque day. They used the mosque for the vaccination programme, with residents given priority.

**7. Other Crime Updates****LPA Commander**

Nothing of note.

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#### 8. Members Feedback / Issues to raise:

All

RRK reported that the recent barn event had gone very well. He thanked MT and MB for showing senior attendance and said that the feedback had been good.

RRK said that the Rural Crime Taskforce is having success in recovering stolen plant. By marking equipment there is a chance it can be recovered. The taskforce are working proactively with Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire and are also targeting County Lines. RRK said that if a crime has taken place it should be reported.

MT said that the Rural Crime Taskforce supervisor is encouraging reporting and marking of property.

A question was raised in relation to whether people have lost confidence in the police and therefore don't bother reporting. MT said that we would like to give a gold standard of service, but there aren't enough officers to give that.

MB said is it not just a resource issue, sometimes things get blow out of proportion in the media and on Facebook.

MB said that we need to get better around the issue of reporting.

NR provided some information about AVMKSAASS the local charity that she works for who look after victims of sexual assault and rape from 16 years upwards. These can be recent or historic incidents and may involve a partner, family member or more rarely a stranger. Last year they service received 600 referrals. They work alongside Victim's First and SAFE. They offer therapeutic services and stabilisation to help people get back on track. Funding is from various sources including the PCC. They have just been awarded 5 years funding from the National Lottery. They have been around for 25 years and are happy to work with any community in whatever way works for them.

#### 9. AOB

IAG Chair

MB said that communication is really difficult it is hard to make sure that information is received by the right people. He said that he is always willing to attend events, other commitments permitting, even at weekends.

MB spoke about an advertising campaign for 'Op Deter' he asked the IAG if they would be able to assist him to access different communities and help with using the right language. If anyone is able to help, please send MB an email. The advertising will be put up on the side of buses and bus stops and will focus on a culture change.



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RRK said the best way of finding out what is happening in your community is to know your PCSO and speak to them.

It was said that more Community Centres are needed for young people to meet up and play sport. Boxing Clever was also discussed.

#### **10. Agenda items requested for next meeting:**

**All**

Nothing of note.

#### **11. Next Meeting Dates:**

7<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Meeting Closed.**