

**DATE:** 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022  
**TIME:** 5pm – 7pm  
**LOCATION:** MS Teams Only

### Attendance

	IAG Chairman
Supt Lis Knight	LPA Commander for TVP South and Vale
	IAG member
Inspector Damien Isherwood	Team 4 Inspector
Julia Williams	ASO/Minute taker
<b>Apologies</b>	
	IAG member

### Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Minutes/actions from the last meeting
3. Stop and Search – Inspector Damien Isherwood (*Example of Body Warn Video*)
4. Youth IAG
5. Update on South and Vale issues – Supt Lis Knight
6. AOB

#### 1. Introductions

The Chairman opened the meeting.

#### 2. Minutes/actions from the last meeting

The Group were happy with the minutes from the last meeting with no issues raised.

#### 3. Stop and Search

The Group was sent Stop and Search data before the meeting as below:

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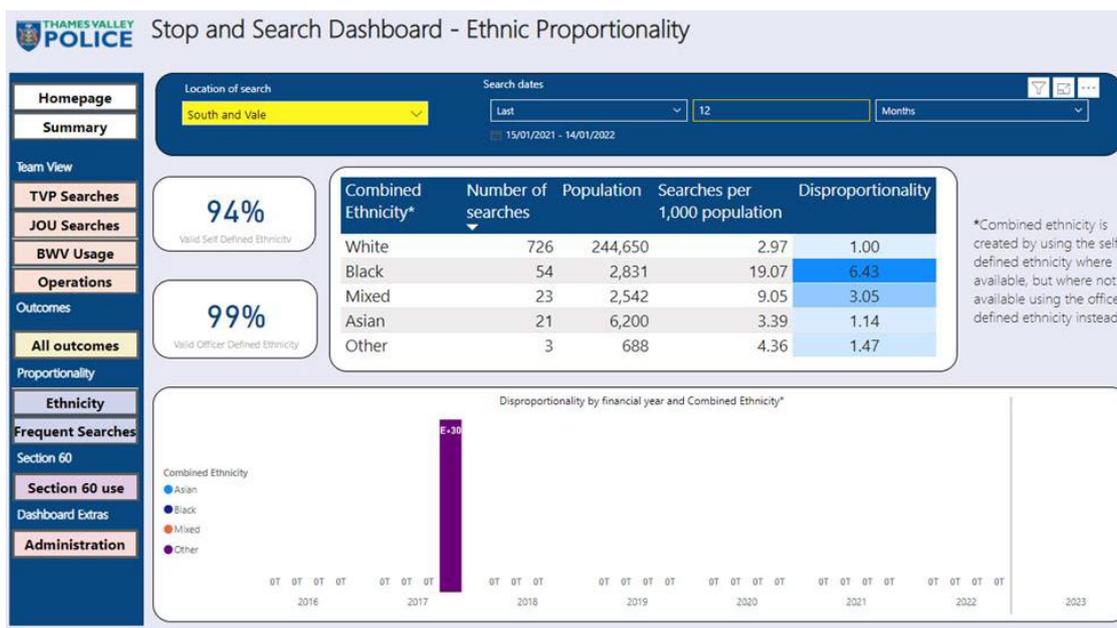
The below screen print shows of the 12 LPA's, across TVP, South and Vale are "This year" (Last column right hand side highlighted in blue) sitting at 6<sup>th</sup> highest for positive outcome rate at 25.1 % having searched 832 people (A fall of 10% against a Force average of a fall of 19%). All LPA's bar Reading saw a fall in stop searches (They have had several high profile knife crimes that maybe why there searches are up 30%). Our yearly positive outcome rate has fallen by just point seven percent dropping from 25.8% to 25.1%.



Below is the ethic disproportionality. In the 12 months that we stop searched 726 white people we stop searched 54 black people, 23 mixed and 21 Asian.

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To make sure we are being ethical Inspector Isherwood searches the frequent searches portal for a period of 8 months and all 9 people on the frequent searches are white. Of those 9 people 7 had something on them when searched and the positive % were high meaning we were searching the right people.

An example of a Stop and Search captured on Body Worn Video was shown to the Group. The example was a man and a woman sat at a bus stop. The man was smoking cannabis. He told the officers he only had cannabis on him and when he was searched the officers found a knife. As the sound was not clear further examples will be shown at the next meeting.

**Action – Inspector Isherwood to show another example of a Stop and Search at the next IAG meeting.**

### 4. Youth IAG

The IAG had a discussion around youth representation in the IAG. It was agreed by the Group that instead of having a separate Youth IAG, we would invite youth workers to sit on the South and Vale IAG who could represent the Youth due to the difficulties of getting young people in the area to come to the police station. The youth workers are in regular contact with troubled children and can bring an honest

The council have set up an initiative for young people called Council Voice. Might be opportunities to tie in with this.

**Action – Chairman and IAG member to discuss and invite Damascas and any other youth projects coming to future IAG meetings.**

**5. Update on South and Vale issues**

**Covid** - Christmas was difficult with resourcing because of Covid as the number of absences across the teams was high (9.7%). This week the absence rate was 5.75% so hopefully this is on the decrease. TVP has kept isolation to ten days to protect the front line officers.

**Domestic Abuse** – TVP is developing a strategy along-side partner agencies. Domestic Abuse is a high demand generator for our area. Chief Inspector Guy Elkins is leading the South and Vale's Domestic Abuse Plan which includes training of officers, partnership working, reporting and prevention. We have started Domestic Abuse 'Cocooning'. This is when officers will make sure victims are visited as well as their direct neighbours. We have used this for burglaries for some time. Victims and neighbours are visited and offered crime reduction advice and encouraged to report anything they may have witnessed to the police. The victims are visited regularly and are sign posted to any partner agencies who can offer support (like Child Social Care, alcohol and drug abuse support etc).

Our biggest challenge with Domestic Abuse reports is our response times (due to the large size of our local policing area) and there is a Domestic Abuse Working Group, led by A/Insp Lewis Boyce, who are looking at problem solving this to try and reduce it.

**Action – to invite Ch/Inspector Guy Elkins to the next meeting to update the IAG on the South and Vale LPA's Domestic Abuse plan.**

**6. AOB**

**Ride alongs** – two members of the IAG have been out for a part shift with response officers. The feedback was positive and the rest of the group were encouraged to go on them to give some insight on resourcing, workload, challenges of the LPA size etc.

Some feedback from one IAG member:

*"I was extremely impressed with the empathy and thoughtfulness of all the PCs I encountered, very professional! It also gave me insight, that I couldn't have achieved without the Ride-Along, into the complexity and dynamic nature of the job."*

**Action for all IAG members – please email [abingdonadminsupport@thamesvalley.police.uk](mailto:abingdonadminsupport@thamesvalley.police.uk) if you would like a ride along with response officers.**

The Chair welcomed a new IAG member.

**Next meeting – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 22, 5-7pm.**