

Stop and Search IAG Minutes.

DATE	Wednesday 1 May 2019
TIME:	18:00 – 20:00 Hrs.
LOCATION:	Thames Valley Police Headquarters, South, Oxford Road, Kidlington, OX5 2NX. CCMT Conference Room.

Attendees:		Position and Area
	JR	Chair S&SIAG
Ch/Supt Gavin Wong	GW	Local Policing – TVP
Insp Georgia Pickwick	GP	Local Policing – TVP
	LV	Oxford, SIAG
	CDF	Wycombe IAG
	PS	My Life My Choice
	JoB	COA ACC Nikki Ross, TVP
Apologies:		
ACC Nikki Ross	NR	ACC Local Policing – TVP
	SR	Bracknell, SSIAG
	DT	IAG
	DO	S&V IAG
	JW	Reading IAG
	RM	
	MT	NLCC

1. Introductions and apologies. Chair

Welcome, introductions and apologies noted.

2. Review of minutes and actions from the last meeting. Chair

The minutes from the meeting held on 13 February 2019 were reviewed and agreed as an accurate recording of the meeting. All actions were discussed and updated on the action log located on the bottom of the minutes.

23.05.2019 – Amendments as requested by JR added to minute – highlighted in italics and in yellow.

3. Organisation Review meeting 23 April 2019 – Overview and Power Point Slides presentation. Ch/Supt Wong.

In 2018 – 2019 there has been a 27.2% increase in the use of Stop and Search across the force, with the exception of West Berkshire, all LPAs have recorded an increase.

The rise in Stop and Search is really reflective around greater confidence in Thames Valley Police Officers to use their powers. This has been achieved through greater training, more capacity for officers due to the Force becoming more established in terms of its resources. *Added email from ACC Ross to JR on 29 March 2019 - "There are some concerns raised by the trainers at having an observer at the sessions – I recognise that they may be nervous of delivering a really new product and the timings and the debate to be generated. With that in*

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mind I have decided to withdraw the offer of attendance for now. It is being rolled out across the 12 LPAs so once we know how it is going we can maybe give you some alternative dates.

Meanwhile if you would still like to see it at the SSIAG in August and if they are available then please let Jo know.

NEW ACTION 01: 01.05.2019 – Presentation of Street craft Training at next meeting.

In 2018 / 2019 only 9% of the searches completed were done utilising the mobile phone app. 11 LPAs preferred to use paper forms.

GW advised, *the APP log in is very long.* The APP supports all the information which the Home Office requires, particularly around Geo-coding. The APP was not very popular, it didn't run very well as it was designed for an android phone, and not a windows phone, however, there were some good pockets of it use, with Wycombe LPA being an example. The APP was discussed at the ORM Meeting, and it was agreed our ICT Lead will come and provide an update. TVP are currently rolling out android phones with the new APP on. **NEW ACTION 02: 01.05.2019 – Update required at the next meeting on the APP.**

NEW ACTION 03: 01.05.2019 – GP to liaise with Service Improvement to see if it is possible to do a Survey Monkey on whether officers like / dislike the new or old phones.

- **Knife Crime Slide:**

Knife Crime is rising – it is 12% up year on year, and it is 41% higher than 2016. *ADD: Knife crime was up 50% without injury, this may be that the weapon used was as a threat.* The knife crime figures do not include possession of a knife – Knife Crime refers to crimes where a knife has been used in very specific offences – e.g. violent, sexual or robbery offences.

Thames Valley is the second highest area in terms of knife crime per population. In view of this, knife crime is part of the Force Strategic Plan as a specific measure. We are putting together a Force Lead at Superintendent level, who will lead on the activity around knife crime and will link in with other violent crimes. The Government have given all Forces some funding to focus on knife crime.

Thames Valley Police do pay a lot of attention to their crime recording, and the figures which are given to the Home Officer are really accurate

- **Stop Searches – Ethnicity Slide – April 2018 – March 2019.**

The officer defined ethnicity is indicated on the right hand side of the slide under disproportionality. For example: Bracknell Forest & Wokingham says 5.6 % of black people are more likely to be Stop and Searched. In brackets states 9.0% which is based on the officer defined ethnicity. *ADD the explanation given why the LAP S&S this ethnicity group Cherwell and West LPA with (16.0) more likely to be stopped if you are black. This has been through their local IAG and they are comfortable that it reflects their County Drug Lines issue where people are coming into their towns to deal drugs. This is something we do keep any eye on.*

ADD in Action: On request for data under 25yrs that are predominantly male for a breakdown on Race – As requested at the recent SIAG meeting.

- **Stop Searches – Children – April 2018 – March 2019.**

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The numbers are fairly low – The Stop and Search SPOCs for the LPAs will continue to monitor all age groups. The under 10 age bracket figures are normally down to inadequate recording. **ADD this is due to Officers inputting the date.**

However, the data for knife crime and robbery does indicate a big group of offenders who are between 11 – 17 age group – this will be a focus for the Knife Crime lead.

All children under the age of 18 years the local Stop and Search SPOCs check to ensure referrals are in place.

ADD this as an Action: The Service Improvement Department are looking at whether there are any repeat stop and searches.

• **Stop Searches – Children – April 2018 – March 2019 – Disproportionality.**

GP advised when looking at disproportionality for Children the data is taken from the 2010 census population, and we are comfortable it is a guideline. **ADD – S&S IAG did not say we were comfortable with this but noted this was the guideline used.**

PS asked if we have any figures on the homelessness – do Thames Valley know out of all the Stop and Searches who may be homeless. GW advised, when recording a Stop and Search, we may record a person's details as NFA (no fixed abode), but that does not mean they are homeless.

4. Stop and Search Complaints – Insp Georgia Pickwick.

GP advised from the beginning of 2019 there have been 2 x Stop and Search complaints.

- Feb 2019 – 3rd party complaint. Father of 12 year old son complained that his 12 year old son was not provided with the officer's names and shoulder numbers for the search. That was allegedly a breach of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) Code A – The complaint was dealt by means of local resolution.
- April 2019 – Complainant stated search on him was unlawful. This is still live

5. 3 x Body Worn Video (BWV) – Insp Georgia Pickwick.

LPAs are now producing paper work on the BWVs for the SSIAG to preview prior to seeing the actual footage. **ADD Not all LPAs are sending in BW footage and paperwork.**

2 x BWV were chosen, based on the paperwork, to review.

GW advised an officer, when under taking a Stop and Search will go through an **ADD “Go Wisely”** process, they need to:-

ADD Action: GW to send out a reminder to all LPAs to comply with this new request for paperwork with BWV.

- explain what the grounds are for a S&S – PACE section 1, Drugs Act or Section 18.
- explain what the object of the search is.
- identify themselves as police officers, their shoulder number, and the station they are attached to.
- interaction with the person being searched – courteous and appropriate to the situation.

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NEW ACTION 04: 01.05.2019 – GP to circulate the outcome codes (e.g. 5), search codes (e.g. D), and success codes.

6. AOB.

- JR – Membership / recruitment; JR will look at and work with Insp Georgia Pickwick on how to increase the membership of this group. *ADD – JR raised concerns with TVP's Peoples Directorate managing the recruitment of IAG volunteers of which do not reflect independence.*

NEW ACTION 05: 01.05.2019 – GW to see of Tea / Coffee/ biscuits can be provide at future meetings.

- Criminal Justice Alliance – *ADD Briefing on Stop & Scrutinise – How to improve community scrutiny of Stop & Search* - JR to provide a link to members to read document and to provide any feedback at the next meeting. JR will look to invite the Director from the Criminal Justice Alliance to a meeting in the future.

DATE / ACTION NO.	ACTION	STATUS
Action 02 13.02.2019	<p>JR will look at the local IAG minutes around stop and search and bring to this meeting for a discussion.</p> <p>Updated: 01.05.2019 JR advised not every IAG are uploading minutes on to TVP website, and it would appear minutes differ from each IAG. S&S should be a standing agenda item at every IAG. GW will send contact LPA Commanders requesting S&S as a standing agenda item, and for minutes to be uploaded on TVP website. GW to look at Wycombe IAG and discuss with them their use of independent logo, and not using TVP Logo.</p>	Carried over. GW
Action 03: 13.02.2019	<p>Definition required for White North European and White South European</p> <p>Update 01.05.2019 There is no definition – when an officer is completing the relevant documentation – Northern European will refer to someone who is of fair colouring, and Southern European will have a Mediterranean appearance. It is the police officers perception of preserved ethnicity Closed.</p>	Closed
Action 04 13.02.2019	<p>NE to look at the Stop and Search Form Miss 100C and advise ethnicity codes.</p> <p>Update 01.05.2019</p>	Closed

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	Closed.	
Action 05 13.02.2019	<p>Not Stated for Children – Service Improvement Team to break down the disproportionality figures as they have done for adults – email to the group prior to the next meeting.</p> <p>Update 01.05.2019 This has been included Closed.</p>	Closed
Action 07 13.02.2019	<p>NE has been tasked at looking what Hampshire do that is different from Thames Valley.</p> <p>Update 01.05.2019 GP advised there has been a considerable amount of work done around what Hampshire are doing – there are disparities between what Hampshire and TVP are doing. Therefore, GP to make contact with Hampshire again Hampshire are currently doing Community Resolutions – this is something which TVP are not capturing.</p> <p>JR to put Community Resolution as an agenda item for next meeting.</p> <p>JR will write to the Home Office and College of Policing to get their definition and understanding on Voluntary Attendance and the recording of it.</p>	Carried over. GP /JR
New Action 01. 01.05.2019	Street Craft Training. The Street Craft Training to be presented to S&SIAG members at the August meeting with an update whether it is going well. .	New
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	– How to improve community scrutiny of Stop and Search	
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Date/Time of Next Meeting:

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14 August 2019	18.00 – 20.00	TVP Headquarters	