MELKSHAM AREA BOARD REPORT – APRIL 2018

Hello and welcome to Community Policing report. This report introduction will focus on Independent Advisory Groups (IAGs) being set up across all of Wiltshire and Swindon.

The primary role of an IAG is to act as a 'critical friend' to the Police. IAGs were created to work as genuine partners with the Police to inform improvements in service delivery with a particular focus on diversity and the protected characteristics as covered by the Equality Act 2000.

IAGs do not represent the views of the community as a whole, but of the individual IAG members. IAGs are only one part of the jigsaw of wide community consultation engagement.

What do IAGs do?

As critical friends, IAG members constructively advise and work with the Police as a genuine partner in driving service improvement. Members will challenge conventional thinking and giving an independent perspective on issues through a process of open discussion and feedback.

IAG members are not expected to provide 'specialist advice' on policing issues. Rather, they are designed to provide advice on how policing services may be, or are being perceived by communities. IAG members are not independent scrutinisers, as this function is carried out via existing established mechanisms.

What do members do?

- Give individual perception / advice on policy (including policy development), and practices, which impact on diverse communities.
- Provide a view on how particular police activities are likely to be perceived by communities, for example Stop & Search.
- Give a personal perspective as a person who is connected to a particular community – IAG members do not speak on behalf of the community.
- Advise the police on cultural and other issues, specifically relevant to the community involved.
- Give post incident advice in regard to critical incidents, noting how the incident advice may differ in different communities and cultures.

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<u>IAG Meetings</u>

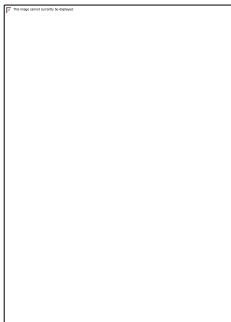It is recommended that IAGs meet at least 4 times a year.

The IAG Chair and Coordinator will consult members and set meeting agendas.

The agenda can be informed from the information offered in the IAG information pack and will be updated at intervals in time for each meeting by the Strategic Service Improvement Department within Wiltshire Police.

The information pack will contain amongst other things, Hate Crime and Stop and Search activity data. If there is a rise in activity for example, members may wish to understand why and cover this as an agenda item.

A recent IAG recruitment campaign was conducted and there was a good response with a broad spectrum of people signing up who can bring a range of skills and experience to the role. We are pleased to announce the IAG is now up and running. The first "Meet and Greet" meeting was held in Trowbridge by Insp Andy FEE on the 29th March. In this meeting a Chair and deputy chair were elected, and a discussion held on the roles and responsibilities of all members. The first full meeting of the IAG will be towards the end of April or early May 2018.

OTHER INFORMATION

We would like to welcome Sergeant James Williams, who has joined the West Wiltshire Community Policing Team as the Sector Deputy, having taken over from Gill Hughes who has recently been promoted to Inspector.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Gill for all of her hard work during her time with us.

James joined Wiltshire Police in 2001, aged 27. He began his career as a Community Beat Officer for the Studley Green area of Trowbridge.

Having been promoted, James moved on to Chippenham as a response Sergeant, before spending a number of years based in the Melksham Custody Unit, where he was responsible for implanting the changes to police bail for Wiltshire Police under the Policing and Crime Act.

In October 2017 James moved to the East Wiltshire Community Policing Team, where he covered as Acting Sector Inspector for a period of six months, before joining us at the end of March.

Wiltshire Police confirm that Chief Constable Mike Veale left Wiltshire Police on the 4th march 2018 to take up the post as Chief Constable for Cleveland Police. Mr. Veale said "It's been a very difficult decision to make, after serving here in Wiltshire for 13 years and the wider West Country for almost 34 years. However, I feel it is the right time for a new challenge and it is for that reason that I plan to make this move. I would like to publicly thank my officers and staff for their unwavering support for me during my tenure as Wiltshire Police Chief Constable".

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Kier Pritchard has become Temporary Chief Constable as of the 5th March 2018. His appointment will be for a period of 12 months. Kier is an experienced senior Police Officer and will provide stability, innovation and build upon excellent foundations.

Paul Mills, who was an Assistant Chief Constable, has been appointed as Temporary Deputy Chief Constable.

Mr. Pritchard said "I'm delighted to be able to announce that Paul Mills will become Temporary Deputy Chief Constable as of Monday 5th March. The appointment of a Deputy provides additional stability to the Senior Leadership Team in the force and will allow us to continue to work closely with the Police and Crime Commissioner in meeting the priorities he has set for the Force within his Police and Crime Plan."

Craig Holden, who is currently a Superintendent, has been appointed as Temporary Assistant Chief Constable, as of Monday 5th March.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact PCC Angus Macpherson on: policeandcrimecommissioner@wiltshire.pcc.pnn.gov.uk

CRIME EXCEPTIONS DATA

These figures are based on an evaluation of data, over a two year rolling period. Using this data we can predict what figure is the average that should be reported in a specific month, and what are the higher and lower parameters that we may expect. Figures outside of these parameters are classed as 'Crime Exceptions'.

*** Domestic Abuse figures will also be included in the values as it is on our Control Strategy but here will be no details shared on these cases ***

FEBRUARY 2018 DATA

Melksham Area (Town and Villages)

February 2018 showed 123 reported crimes across the whole of the Melksham area against the average of 123.9 for this same month over the last 2 years.
There are no exceptions within the data.
The three largest crime groups accounted for 85% of Melksham crime as follows;

Violence against the person showed 44 crimes compared to the average of 42.8
Theft showed 43 crimes compared to the average of 41.5
Criminal damage showed 17 against compared to the average of 22.5

This breaks down into the 3 beat areas as follows;

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ED11 (Melksham Town Centre)

February 2018 showed 89 reported crimes across this Beat area against the average of 84.3 for this same month over the last 2 years. There are no exceptions within this data.
The three largest crime groups accounted for 91% of ED11 crime as follows;

Violence Against the person showed 34 crimes compared to the average of 28.2
Theft showed 31 crimes compared to the average of 30.3
Criminal Damage showed 12 crimes compared to the average of 14.6

ED12 (Shaw, Whitley, Atworth, Broughton Gifford, Beanacre, Bowerhill, Berryfields)

February 2018 showed 23 crimes for this Beat Area against the average of 30.1 for this same month over the last 2 years.
There are no exceptions within the data.
The three largest crime groups accounted for 87% of ED12 crime as follows;

Theft showed 9 crimes compared to the average of 7.8
Violence Against the person showed 6 crimes compared to the average of 11.2
Criminal Damage showed 5 crimes compared to the average of 6.7

ED13 (Seend, Bulkington, Poulshot, Keevil, Semington, Great Hinton, Steeple Ashton)

February 2018 showed 11 reported crimes across this Beat area against the average of 9.5 for this same month over the last 2 years. There are no exceptions within this data.
The three largest crime groups accounted for 72% of ED13 crime as follows;

Violence Against the person showed 4 crimes compared to the average of 3.6
Theft showed 3 crimes compared to the average of 3.6
Public order Offences showed 1 compared to the average of 1.5

MARCH 2018 DATA

Melksham Area (Town and Villages)

March 2018 showed 128 reported crimes across the whole of the Melksham area against the average of 124.5 for this same month over the last 2 years.
There are no exceptions within the data.
The three largest crime groups accounted for 85% of Melksham crime as follows;

Violence against the person showed 50 crimes compared to the average of 43.3
Theft showed 40 crimes compared to the average of 41.5
Criminal damage showed 19 against compared to the average of 22.5

This breaks down into the 3 beat areas as follows;

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<u>ED11 (Melksham Town Centre)</u>

March 2018 showed 84 reported crimes across this Beat area against the average of 84.5 for this same month over the last 2 years. There are no exceptions within this data.
The three largest crime groups accounted for 88% of ED11 crime as follows;

Theft showed 32 crimes compared to the average of 30.3
Violence Against the person showed 29 crimes compared to the average of 28.4
Criminal Damage showed 13 crimes compared to the average of 14.5

<u>ED12 (Shaw, Whitley, Atworth, Broughton Gifford, Beanacre, Bowerhill, Berryfields)</u>

March 2018 showed 37 crimes for this Beat Area against the average of 30.3 for this same month over the last 2 years.
There are no exceptions within the data.
The three largest crime groups accounted for 76% of ED12 crime as follows;

Violence Against the person showed 17 crimes compared to the average of 11.3
Theft showed 6 crimes compared to the average of 7.8
Criminal Damage showed 5 crimes compared to the average of 6.8

<u>ED13 (Seend, Bulkington, Poulshot, Keevil, Semington, Great Hinton, Steeple Ashton)</u>

March 2018 showed 7 reported crimes across this Beat area against the average of 9.6 for this same month over the last 2 years. There are no exceptions within this data.
The three largest crime groups accounted for 100% of ED13 crime as follows;

Violence Against the person showed 4 crimes compared to the average of 3.7
Theft showed 2 crimes compared to the average of 3.5
Public order Offences showed 1 compared to the average of 1.6

<u>WEEKLY TASKING MEETING</u>

Inspector Andy FEE chairs a weekly internal "tasking meeting" where emerging community issues and concerns are raised and discussed for the whole West Wiltshire CPT area. From this meeting, priorities and actions are set and a tasking document produced. This involves developing strategies and the targeting of resources (including partner agencies) into tackling the issue or concern.

There are currently no areas specifically listed as a priority for the Melksham area, however there has been a spate of criminal damage to motor vehicles towards the end of March, beginning of April. This will be noticeable in the April crime figures. This has been flagged up and taken on by the CPT team, with the support of the local PCSO's who have been actively conducting extensive house to House enquiries in relation to the crime series. While investigations are ongoing, we appeal to anyone with information in relation to the crimes, or indeed, anyone who may have private CCTV footage to contact us using the contact details at the end of this report. Information can also be passed anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or online.

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COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH (CSW) CHECKS WITHIN YOUR AREA

Every 2 weeks, 4 Community Speedwatch Schemes across West Wiltshire are selected by Leanne Homewood for CPT support (additional targeting, enforcement and patrols) to supplement the CSW team sessions. These are included in our weekly tasking document for action and update.

Currently there are 3 Melksham Area CSW areas on for patrols, these being A350 Beanacre, Snowberry Lane, Melksham, and Atworth. SO far there has been 1 CPT speed check at the Beanacre scheme where 5 drivers were stopped and given words of advice.

OTHER INFORMATION

COMMUNITY MESSAGING

PLEASE SIGN UP! Community messaging to receive regular emails regarding crime updates, crime prevention advice and public appeals specific for your area. - https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/

EVENTS

For those looking to organise an event within the community, please have a look at the toolkit available from Wiltshire Council, which gives guidance and advice with regards to most types of events, including information about traffic management and which agencies / departments need to be contacted when applying for various licenses / road closures.
It can be found at http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-events-toolkit.pdf

For a detailed breakdown of the crime in your area visit
https://www.police.uk/wiltshire/

CONTACT US

Please use 999 in an emergency or crime in progress. Use 101 for all past or non-urgent crimes/incidents and issues or visit Wiltshire Police's new website at;

https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/

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