

ACPOS EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY STRATEGY

Race & Asylum Reference Group Action Plan 2009 – 2011 – Last quarter update 2009

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1) Establish clear lines of communication across other Reference Groups and ACPOS Groups in respect of Contest Prevent	Identify all other ACPOS groups involved in the Prevent arena, make links, identify synergies.	Race & Asylum members attending meetings of other ACPOS Groups. Report on Progress to Race & Asylum on quarterly basis.	Chair of Race & Asylum	To be considered as discharged at next Race & Asylum Reference Group and marked COMPLETE October 2009 and then ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service • Engagement • ACPOS Prevent Action Plan
Action/Update	<p>16/06/09 This action was discussed at the meeting and concern was expressed that any links made must ensure that PREVENT workstreams are not confused as there are established mechanisms in place for central communication. Chief Inspector Black to liaise with SPEVU to ascertain where the Race & Asylum group may contribute in this regard.</p> <p>06/01/10 SPEVU have advised that they are satisfied with the current arrangements in place as each Force now have a Force SPOC, who meet regularly to share best practise and disseminate information. Each Force also have in place CONTEST Boards reporting back to the Guardian Group on all CONTEST activity, ensuring central oversight of activity. In addition SPEVU receive quarterly updates from each force in relation to the ACPOS Prevent Action Plan. The Race and Asylum group will continue to monitor and discuss community tensions, and ensure that these are reported back through the existing PREVENT channels. For discussion at next meeting to consider further options or consider action as complete.</p>				

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2) Ensure a Consistent and relevant monitoring of service delivery by ethnic origin	<p>(a) Monitoring and comparing trends and activities across forces in respect of Racist Incidents and Crime and Stop Search.</p> <p>(b) Liaise with all ACPOS Business Areas to ensure all computerised recording mechanisms are capable of reporting on the new Census Categories which are being implemented in 2011</p>	<p>Sharing of good practice across all forces. Key initiatives identified and implemented.</p> <p>All Scottish Police Service computerised systems are compliant with the census categories</p>	<p>All Forces</p> <p>ACPOS All Forces SPSA</p>	<p>Objective 2 (a) COMPLETE</p> <p>Objective 2 (b) ONGOING</p> <p>March 2011</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service • Engagement • ACPOS Prevent Action Plan • Service
<p>Action/Update</p>	<p>16/06/09 Chief Inspector Black to circulate a draft template to capture trends and activities. Chief Inspector Black to speak to Alec Hippman – Information Management Project regarding inclusion of 2011 census categories.</p> <p>18/08/09 Supt Hippman has been informed and advises and the project still has to go to the “detailed requirements gathering phase”, at which point they will make the census classifications a “field set on a nominal record”.</p> <p>19/08/09 As was discussed at the last meeting it was believed that the ACPOS Personnel and Training Business Area were progressing this area of work and correspondence has now been circulated by that group to all ACPOS Business Area Secretariats for awareness and consultation regarding the possible business impact on their area.</p> <p>05/10/09 2a) The proposed template was agreed with the caveat that a line would be added under the STOP/SEARCH stats to show that schedule 7 statistics were excluded. 2b) COMPLETE but to be monitored that Forces are on track by mid 2010 and an update to be requested from ACPOS P&T.</p>				

	<p>26/11/09 New template circulated to Forces for completion at next meeting.</p> <p>7/12/09 The pilot for PDA's was discussed, in terms of ensuring that victim etc details will take into account the new census categories. Both L& B and Strathclyde are involved in the pilot. C/I Black and Inspector Boyle to ascertain what the current PDA pilot is using to record such information, and ensure new classifications will be recorded.</p>
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3) Develop new ACPOS Guidelines in respect of Community Advisors	By consulting with Police Staff, Force Community Advisors, community groups and ACPOS Diversity Reference Groups.	Production of new Guidance Document, approved by the ACPOS Diversity Business Area.	Members of Race & Asylum Reference Group.	ONGOING March 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement
Action/Update	<p>16/06/09 Agreed a working party to be established, with representatives from Strathclyde, Fife and Lothian & Borders Police: Inspector Eleanor Kelly will be the representative from Strathclyde. Inspector Tom Galbraith (Lothian & Borders) and Superintendent Ian Bease (Fife) to provide representatives details.</p> <p>10/09/09 Inspector Helen Boyle, who is not yet in position, was nominated as the L&B representative.</p> <p>05/10/09 Inspector Boyle attended her first meeting and confirmed she would be on the working party. Sgt Eric Anderson, Fife, was also at the meeting and indicated that he would probably be the Fife representative. Ch Insp Black asked for a meeting in early course to progress this area of work.</p> <p>02/12/09 Ch Insp Black attended the National IAG conference in Manchester along with 2 Strathclyde Community Advisors. Whilst predominantly for England, Wales and Northern Ireland it was of benefit to see how different systems have</p>				

evolved and the emerging issues for the Community advisors themselves, which will be fed into the review. The following were key areas for discussion.

- National IAG – this was been suspended pending a review of its function and role. If resurrected may be of value having a Scottish Community Advisor observer.
- Thematic IAG's were discussed e.g. a Terrorism IAG. It was felt that these could be problematic to try and impose a national perspective on local areas. Local commanders want to know the local community feelings and tensions. Concern that such a group would advise the Government directly on policy, and that a National IAG would be the more appropriate forum.
- Lack of clarity of role of community advisors with different expectations and support throughout the country, despite ACPO guidance being reviewed. The value of Community advisors was questioned in light of Neighbourhood Policing and KINS. Audience
- There seemed to be a lot of community advisors attending who did not appear to be from a particular community background or expertise. They appear to have been asked to sit on local IAG groups because of their role in a public body, and were not directly representative of the community.

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Insp Kelly has been gathering information, along with the reviewed ACPO guidance document, and the feedback from the IAG Conference. This will inform the first meeting of the working group and community advisors will be involved throughout the review. Insp Mc Allister, Fife constabulary is now the nominated representative, and due to circumstance the group has not formally met. However, the first meeting will take place on 23 January 2010, and it is anticipated that the guidance document will be completed by the end of March 2010.

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4) Ensure greater representation in the Race & Asylum Reference Group	<p>Consider appropriate representation from key public sector, police and government partners.</p> <p>Benchmark good practice with other Reference Groups and assess the possibility of including external representation within the Race & Asylum Group</p>	<p>Additional public sector partner organisations as regular members.</p> <p>If appropriate bodies identified, regular attendance at meetings.</p>	<p>Race & Asylum Reference Group</p>	<p>ONGOING</p> <p>March 2010</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement • People
<p>Action/Update</p>	<p>16/06/09</p> <p>A representative from BTP – Chief Inspector Alex McGuire now sits on the group and SCDEA, SPSA, SPC are represented.</p> <p>A letter of invite to Scottish Government was initially declined due to capacity issues. However, Kelly Abel, Equality Unit Division, Scottish Government has subsequently indicated that she would like to attend the next meeting as she deals with racism and associated issues.</p> <p>Group members decided that some consultation with National Organisations/groups should take place, rather than inviting a selection initially to become full members of the group. It was proposed that the group agree to invite a particular organisation along to discuss what they do and how best the work of both groups could compliment each other. Thereafter, after a number of such consultations the group will consider those organisations who have capacity and interest to become full members. Members were requested to send in details of National Organisations for discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p>In the meantime it was agreed that the Consular representative for the Consuls in Scotland should be invited to the next meeting.</p> <p>05/10/09</p> <p>Mr Robyn Murray, Honorary Consul General for Mongolia and 2 colleagues attended the meeting and a number of actions arose from the discussions, principally, SPOCs will be identified in each Force in order that continued dialogue can take place regarding any issues. The Consular list is now sent to Strathclyde Police on a monthly basis for distribution to all Forces. Consular representatives will be invited to return at future meetings as appropriate.</p> <p>Pauline McMillan attended the meeting on behalf of Kelly Abel, Equalities Unit, Scottish Government. She will</p>				

<p>explore the possibility of attending future meetings as a permanent member.</p> <p>07/12/09 Ch Insp Black has contacted John Wilkes, Chief Executive, Scottish Refugee Council and is awaiting a response regarding their availability to attend a future meeting.</p>

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<p>5) Evaluate and assess the impact of criminality and policing upon the Asylum Seeker community in Scotland</p>	<p>Work with key partners including UKBA and the Scottish Refugee Council.</p> <p>Evaluate potential production of Problem Profiles</p>	<p>Report publishing highlighting findings.</p>	<p>Group members and selected partners</p>	<p>ONGOING</p> <p>March 2010</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service • Engagement • Hate Crime • EMF • Govmt Outcomes
<p>Action/Update</p>	<p>16/06/09 Chief Inspector Black will advise the Scottish Asylum Stakeholders Forum of the proposed work - both UKBA and Scottish Refugee Council sit on this forum and other agencies round the table with may be interested in contributing.</p> <p>06/08/09 The Scottish Asylum Stakeholders Forum group were advised of the proposal. Chief Inspector Black will progress.</p> <p>05/10/09 The difficulty in obtaining accurate information regarding asylum seekers from the police systems to inform such a piece of work was discussed at the meeting. The difficulty lies in identifying individuals as asylum seekers or refugees as this information is not captured on the data bases. Discussions have taken place with an analyst on how best to proceed, but without this information being available there is no quantitative way to progress this research. Qualitative research may be a possibility.</p> <p>07/12/09 After further discussions with Scottish Refugee Council, Gary Mulvey, a research officer, is undertaking a piece of research that we may be able to link into. There is also an academic survey “Go Well” which may provide some data. Ch Insp Black will continue to scope.</p>				

