

C4: Supporting Communities to Help Make Notts Safe

Independent Advisory Groups (IAGs)

Independent Advisory Groups (IAGs) enable the police to create a genuine partnership with communities. The role of an IAG is to help provide the police with an insight into the needs, wants and assets of our communities in our decision-making processes.

The Nottinghamshire IAG is a strategic group that seeks to improve two-way communication between Nottinghamshire Police and the diverse communities of Nottingham City and the county.

As independent advisors and critical friends, the role of the IAG is to assist in the building of public confidence in the police and to improve local policing performance and accountability.

The membership of the IAG consists of a number of advisors who are volunteers and who are generally representative of the Nottinghamshire communities.

On 21st July 2022 the Nottinghamshire IAG held it's AGM as an extension of the quarterly meeting which included the Covid delayed election of a new IAG Chair. Hyacinth Francis Watson, the existing chair, put herself forward for re-election and was re-elected unopposed.

The IAG Terms of Reference were updated and are attached below:



Notts IAG ToR -
Amended 2022.docx

The next planned IAG Meeting is due to take place on 3rd November 2022 at 6.00pm.

As well as the planned quarterly meetings, where necessary, C/Supt Healey (Nottinghamshire Police SPOC to the IAG) requested that extraordinary meetings be convened to allow an opportunity to brief the IAG on exceptional events for example following a knife murder in Nottingham City Centre and in preparation for addressing Unlicensed Music Events (UME). Most recently the IAG Chair was consulted by senior officers responding to tensions between in Hindu and Muslim communities in neighbouring Leicestershire.

Recent police speakers have been arranged to speak the IAG have included force leads presenting on topics including Knife Crime and Ethics. Future presentations are planned to cover VAWG and the Race Action Plan.

Whilst the IAG has diversity in its representation it would benefit from some promotion of its work to increase its membership. The force is exploring the provision of promotional material and an area on the public facing Internet site to signpost the IAG, its work and how to become a member for people who may be interested and add value to the work of the IAG.

The OPCC have confirmed the police request to set up a Youth Independent Advisory Group (IAG) to reinforce the scrutiny function.

This would address a HMICFRS AFI arising from the 2022 Nottinghamshire Serious Youth Violence Inspection and would provide the force with valuable insight and help in building confidence if we were we to use the Youth IAG for example in reviewing BWV each month for example.

The intention is that an evolution of the Youth Commission would enable this project and continues to be developed with the OPCC, George Bascom & Dan Howitt in consultation with C/Supt Mat Healey.

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