



Police Accountability and Legitimacy Group (PALG)

Microsoft Teams

15 June 2022

Attendees	
Police & Crime Commissioner Team	
Suzi Graham (SG)	Policy and Research Officer
Hannah Jenkins-Jones (HJJ)	Strategic Lead for Scrutiny, Assurance and Equality
Lee Jones (LJ)	Chief Executive
Lisa Morgan (LM)	Policy Officer
Claire Perrin (CP)	Policy Officer
Jayne Woodward (JW)	Strategic Lead for Quality, Standards and Compliance
South Wales Police	
Jane Carter	Prevent Manager- Counter Terrorism Policing Wales
Alun Davies	Police Liaison Unit
Superintendent Martyn Stone (MS)	Head of Local Policing & Assurance
PALG Members	
Liz Baker (LB)	Barnardos
Grace Krause (GK)	Learning Disability Wales
Sara Kirkpatrick (SK)	Welsh Women's Aid
Nicky Nijjer (NN)	Ethnic Minorities & Youth Support Team (EYST)
Nkechi Allen Dawson (NAD)	Race Council Cymru
Reynette Roberts (RR)	Oasis Cardiff
Dave Vice (DV)	Adferiad Recovery
Independent Members	
Alex Drummond (AD) (CHAIR)	Independent Member
Soraya Kelly (SK)	Independent Member
Samar Small (SS)	Independent Member
Amy Taylor (AT)	Independent Member

	Item	Content
1.	Welcome & Introductions	1.1 AD welcomed attendees and noted apologies.
2.	Minutes of the last meeting	2.1 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and there were no actions arising.
3.	Counter Terrorism ('Prevent' Programme) – Presentation and Discussion	<p>3.1 JC provided an overview of the 'Prevent Programme' by the Counter Terrorism Policing in Wales department. The presentation included an overview of the CONTEST strategy, which was split into 4 key areas, including Prevent. JC provided a detailed summary of the Prevent programme in place to stop people becoming radicalised or supporting violent extremism.</p> <p>3.2 JC talked about the challenges and the ideologies faced by counter terrorism police in the virtual world, in particular via social media and gaming and how these were used to</p>

		<p>drive propaganda and recruit individuals, including young people, into extremist organisations and groups.</p> <p>3.3 SK suggested that more should be done to reach and educate parents on the dangers of radicalisation through gaming as this may not be well known.</p> <p>3.4 LJ asked what the view on the policing capability was, to keep pace with evolving and changes in technology and encourage private industries to support policing. JC felt that more resources needed to be invested in keeping up with various social media platforms, especially new and fringe ones. JC shared that she works alongside schools that run workshops in Wales regarding raising awareness and online safety. DV felt it was important to note the difference between serious mental illness and mental ill health.</p> <p>3.5 SK felt that the start of the presentation was heavy on Islam extremism and queried whether there was more work being done to counter the public narrative that Prevent generally followed an anti-Muslim agenda.</p> <p>3.6 NN also felt that the presentation started negatively and showed out dated views of the negative perceptions of Muslims and queried if the slides and videos were being used to present to professional organisations. NN also queried whether the system was taking one set of extremism more seriously than others and felt that the presentation could be sending out the wrong messages because it was outdated.</p> <p>3.6 NAD questioned how individuals vulnerable to radicalisation were supported and how people with neurodiverse needs were assessed. JC shared that a vulnerability assessment was undertaken by 'Channel', which was multi agency led. JC stated that a neurodiversity assessment panel was being piloted in Wales, working with a specialist to assess where there may be autistic traits in individuals.</p> <p>3.7 JC noted some of the concerns of the group about the presentation and would take comments back to the team.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Ukrainian Refugee Work Update</p>	<p>4.1 HJJ provided a brief update on behalf of the force in relation to activity ongoing to help support Ukrainian refugees. The Commissioner's team was part of the working group that met regularly in force to keep in touch with the issues surrounding this. HJJ stated that work was ongoing between the Police Liaison Unit and Welsh Government to develop guidance for officers and staff in relation to dealing with reports and extra processes in place to monitor hate crime in relation to refugees. HJJ stated that there were no current trends or concerns arising, but the process was in place to safeguard refugees should the need arise.</p> <p>4.2 Alun Davies referred to the recent overview of the work that was being undertaken, and stated that over 5000 visas had been issued for Ukrainians to enter Wales. He also shared that the Welsh Government had announced a temporary pause on new applications because they wanted to ensure that the people who had already been accepted would receive appropriate support and care. There were significant challenges finding long term housing for people in Wales and the Police Liaison Unit was working with Welsh Government to establish guidance for local authorities and hosts, which was updated regularly on the website.</p>

5.	Revised Terms of Reference	<p>5.1 AD asked for any observations or changes that anyone wished to make in relation to the revised terms of reference for the group.</p> <p>5.2 AD suggested some change to wording:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ‘Membership -_Public and voluntary sector partner organisations, as well as independent community members, with an interest in equality, diversity, communities, victims and/or prevention of crime’ to read as ‘victims of crime’. - ‘supporting the Police & Crime Commissioner in his scrutiny role, to read as “his/her/their role’. - ‘Independent community members will serve a maximum term of three years, before needing to apply again for one more 3-year term’ to read as ‘a further’. <p>5.4 AD discussed the possible change to wording in the section of ‘panel attendance and feedback’ and felt that it could be changed to reflect the members who can attend regularly and others that could come in according to topic area. SS felt that membership of the group should remain consistent and not as flexible as AD suggested. She felt that it was important for members to attend regularly regardless of the meeting topic.</p> <p>5.5 SF queried whether ‘fairness in work’ could be included on the agenda in a future meeting as reflected in the Terms of Reference.</p> <p>5.6 HJJ would give consideration to the suggestions made in the group, including thinking about the difference in views regarding attendance. Revised TORs would then be circulated.</p> <p>5.7 HJJ suggested that the tenure for independent members would start from the date of this meeting and not from the date of appointment of members. This was agreed.</p>
6.	Partner Updates	6.1 There were no updates or comments from partner agencies.
7.	AOB	7.1 AD thanked members for their input and Jane Carter for her presentation.