



Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner

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ORIGINATOR: HEAD OF POLICY & PERFORMANCE

DECISION NUMBER: 33-2019

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT: FUNDING TO ISCRE TO DELIVER THE STOP & SEARCH REFERENCE GROUP, COMPLAINTS THIRD PARTY REPORTING CENTRE AND POLICY ADVICE.

SUMMARY:

1. This report requests a continuation of the funding to Ipswich and Suffolk Council for Racial Equality (ISCRE) to provide the services outlined in the Service Level Agreement namely i) Facilitation of the community led Stop and Search Reference Group to scrutinise the use of Stop and Search; ii) a complaints third party reporting function; iii) policy advice with regard the equality duty and iv) support stop and search training.
2. The funding to ISCRE is part of a four year contract until March 2020. For 2019/20, the Service Level Agreement has been reviewed. This decision paper is to reflect this contract variation.
3. This funding is subject to the delivery of service as outlined in the Service Level Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

To agree the funding of £4,400 from the corporate budget to the 31 March 2020, in the respect of the PCC's contribution to the service described within this paper.

APPROVAL BY: PCC

The recommendation set out is agreed.

Signature

Tim Parnwell Date

18 August 2019

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1.1 Suffolk Constabulary has opened up its use of stop and search to community scrutiny for several years. The Stop and Search Reference Group was originally established following a report on Stop and Search in Ipswich. The independent report, published in 2008, made some key recommendations to improve practice with the use of Stop and Search. This included the establishment of a community led group to support the force with scrutiny of its use of stop and search to promote public confidence.
- 1.2 The PCC, in conjunction with Suffolk Constabulary, has funded the Ipswich and Suffolk Council for Racial Equality to run a Stop and Search Reference Group, third party reporting centre for police complaints and support policy consultation since 2012.
- 1.3 More recently, to improve the use of stop and search nationally, the Best Use of Stop and Search Scheme was announced by the Home Secretary in her statement to Parliament on 30th April 2014.
- 1.4 The principal aims of the Scheme are to achieve greater transparency, community involvement in the use of stop and search powers and to support a more intelligence-led approach, leading to better outcomes, for example, an increase in the stop and search to positive outcome ratio.
- 1.5 External scrutiny of police use of Stop and Search plays a component part in ensuring quality, consistency and transparency in the use of Stop and Search and is recognised in the Best Use of Stop and Search as an important function.
- 1.6 The Stop and Search Reference Group undertakes external scrutiny of Stop and Search, which focusses on a random sample of all Suffolk Stop and Search forms, from all ethnicities, including White British.
- 1.7 The cost of this service is £8,800, which breaks down to £4,400 from the Police and Crime Commissioner and £4,400 from the Constabulary.
- 1.8 The current contract runs for four years from 2016/17 to 2019/20. The Service Level Agreement has been reviewed in 2019/20, and agreed with ISCRE and defines what activity will be delivered in the final year of the contract. The SLA is attached.
- 1.10 The release of funding will be reliant on meeting the Service Level Agreement. Either party can give notice to end the contract.

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 2.1 This is a continuation of previous funding and therefore there are no new financial implications of significance.

3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

- 3.1 This work is an important way in which the Constabulary is transparent in its use of Stop and Search and is a component part of its 'Better Use of Stop and Search' planned activity.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	Yes
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	Yes
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Yes
Have human resource implications been considered?	n/a
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	Yes
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	Yes
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	Yes
Have all relevant ethical factors been taken into consideration in developing this submission?	Yes

In relation to the above, please ensure that all relevant issues have been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission.

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER (this approval is required only for submissions to the PCC).

Chief Executive

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the (add decision-maker's title e.g. the PCC).

Signature:



Date 30 July 2019



SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT 2019/20

The main aims of this Service Level Agreement are to

- Improve the police's use of Stop and Search, and build community confidence in its use by ensuring, through robust public scrutiny that:
 - stop and search is used fairly, justly and lawfully
 - those carrying it out have genuine and objectively reasonable suspicion they will find a prohibited article or item for use in crime
 - the search was necessary and was the most proportionate method the police officer could use?
 - those subjected to it understand why they have been searched and that feel they have been treated with respect
- To support police learning from complaints
- To provide external advice and challenge on the forces approach to the equality agenda.

Objective	Activity	Activity monitored by:
1. To facilitate the Suffolk Stop and Search Reference Group (SSRG)	<p>a) To undertake administration of the SSRG, promoting the group and work of the group to encourage community confidence and wider participation;</p> <p>b) Arrange 6 Reference Group meetings a year (including 2 outside of Ipswich) with a clear programme of meetings agreed with the SSRG;</p> <p>c) Ensure meetings are appropriately chaired, minuted and run efficiently;</p> <p>d) Develop a mechanism to ensure feedback from meetings is disseminated to communities (to include positive messages and areas for improvement). This would include the timely publication of minutes on the ISCRE, Suffolk Constabulary and Suffolk PCC Website, and to SSRG members;</p> <p>e) Maintaining good communication with the Police;</p> <p>f) Conduct random dip sampling of anonymised forms from Stop and Searches which have taken place throughout Suffolk;</p> <p>g) Review forms and feed issues to the police prior to the meeting;</p> <p>h) Bi-monthly attendance at police premises to scrutinise two randomly selected body-worn video (BWV) records of Stop and Search, and providing a brief assessment to the police and feedback to the SSRG.</p> <p>To support this work the Constabulary will ensure information is passed to ISCRE with regard Stop & Search forms; and that there is attendance at the SSRG meetings to feed in a Police perspective and pick up on any areas of challenge. The Constabulary will also support ISCRE to effectively publicise SSRG meetings, including through Community Engagement Officers.</p>	<p>Regular notes of SSRG meetings sent by ISCRE to OPCC as part of the distribution list.</p> <p>SLA Monitoring Meeting on 25 October 2019 and in March 2020 (noted by OPCC).</p> <p>Update from the SSRG within the six monthly Accountability and Performance Panel reports on Stop and Search (deadlines below).</p> <p>The OPCC would be content to receive the notes of SSRG meetings to pick up the feedback from the sampling of BWV.</p>

Objective	Activity	Activity monitored by:
	Sampling (based on statically valid sample sizes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) *10% of all W1 (White British) forms b) *33% of all BAME forms 	
2. To support the development Stop and Search training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Review any new Stop & Search training and provide advice and guidance on training structure and content as required; b) Participate in the delivery of training (if needed); c) Feed in issues affecting communities to inform training needs. 	SLA Monitoring Meeting on 25 October 2019 and in March 2020 noted by OPCC. Through working with the Constabulary at the SSRG.
3. Provide a 3 rd party reporting centre for police complaints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Facilitate potential complainants to access the police complaints system when they wish to make a complaint https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/complaints-complaints/ b) Liaise with Professional Standards Department (PSD) to support complainants to be referred on occasions where further advice/support is needed by contacting: psd@norfolk.pnn.police.uk or calling 101 using extension number 2819 when prompted. It was also agreed that, wherever possible, PSD could attend the face-to-face meetings. 	SLA Monitoring Meeting on 25 October 2019 and in March 2020 by OPCC will discuss the number of people supported to contact PSD/make a complaint.
4. To provide advice and challenge to support the force's approach to the equality agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Attendance at Strategic Equalities & Ethics Board and bringing issues of concern from communities into that discussion; b) To support the Constabulary in its efforts to better reflect within its workforce, the diverse communities it serves; c) Reviewing policies for compliance with PSEDS 	SLA Monitoring meeting in on 25 October 2019 and in March 2020. Notes of the Equalities & Ethics Board will be passed from the force to OPCC via Constabulary Exec Services. Comments on policy would be sent by ISCRE through the normal route (Force Policy Contact) and cc to spcc@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Monitoring arrangements:

The SLA will be monitored via:

1. 6 monthly face to face meetings on 25 October 2019 and in March 2020 to provide updates on the SLA (as indicated above) these meetings will be minutes by the OPCC and a record held and action taken;
2. 6 monthly updates (July and January) within the Stop and Search Report to the PCC's Accountability and Performance Panel on the work of the SSRG and work within this SLA around use of Stop and Search and BWV. These meetings are set this year are 5 July 2019 (**deadline 7 June 2019**)

and 10 January 2020 (deadline 10 December 2019). We would ask that you send it to spcc@suffolk.pnn.police.uk (rachel.downs@suffolk.pnn.police.uk) and copy in spcc@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

3. Notes will be sent through to the OPCC of the SSRG meetings by ISCRE;
4. Notes will be sent of the Strategic Equality & Ethics Board meetings by the Constabulary to the OPCC;
5. Responses on Constabulary policies will be copied into SPCC – spcc@suffolk.pnn.police.uk when ISCRE e-mails its views to the Constabulary Policy Unit to save additional reporting.

