

IAG Update – October 2008

The IAG National Guidelines were launched on Tuesday 14 October 2008 at the Home Office. The Police Authority were invited to attend the launch. The IAG Chair, attended together with several members of the Constabulary. The Guidance was launched by ACC David Collins, ACPO Lead for IAGs and Bob Purkiss, Chair of the APA.

The IAG have completed their first annual report and it is currently awaiting printing and distribution. It is hoped that it will be available for circulation by the end of October 2008.

The IAG is currently reviewing its membership to ensure as many minority groups as possible are represented.

The IAG members recently successful at interview have accepted their positions and attended their first meeting. Two of the new recruits are from the Gypsy and Traveller community and will job share their role with the two existing Gypsy and Traveller representatives. Another new member is from the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community and the final new member is from the Afro-Caribbean community, although since the group is already well represented in this area, this member will remain on the reserve list until a vacancy becomes available.

The IAG advised the SIO on Operation Obsidian and took part in the post trial press conference. The member was interviewed by the media, where the important role the IAG can play in assisting the police during investigations was highlighted.

Members continue to attend the Force Champion meetings at the request of the Force to provide advice on how their relevant business areas may impact on minority communities.