

OPCC Humberside – Hate Crime Scrutiny Panel Report & Action Tracker

Date: July 2025

Location: Clough Road Police Station, Hull

Introduction

The OPCC Hate Crime Scrutiny Panel is made up of community volunteers and looks to objectively scrutinise, recognise, promote good practise, and robustly challenge how Humberside Police proactively deal with and raise awareness of Hate Crime.

Attendees –

- 10 panel members
- 2 members of the OPCC
- 2 representatives of Humberside Police

Minutes and Actions of Previous Meeting

- Pick up discussion on when Crown Prosecution Service (CSP) could give an input
- WhatsApp alternative still in discussion
- Arrange a Youth Justice input

Hate Crime Input from the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS)

- Not in attendance

Member Talk, OPCC Updates, Current Affairs & Hot Topics

- Mention of the Supreme Court ruling; the trans community in Grimsby have concern about the fallout
- Both a Force and community group input at each meeting would be preferred
- One member suggested an input from the Trans Peer Support Group (TPSG)
- Discussion around the training officers receive in relation to hate crime
- One member raises the fact there is need for improvement and for Humberside Police to listen to concerns of minority communities. There has been improvement but needs more engagement
- Conversation around 'Bridge'
- Mention of including officer hate crime in samples
- Suggestion for the next set of samples to be interpreter service based
- Tablet now in custody with Google Translate

Volume and Strands

- High volume in Hull due to it being larger and the most diverse area of the Force
- Analyst attendance to interpret proportionality information would be useful to provide context
- Ethnicity not recorded or not stated, find out why

- Find out information around the 1 vehicle offense which is a hate crime
- Generally, need more information in the reports
- Intersex not recorded; this will be mentioned to the Deputy Chief Constable at next Ethics & Scrutiny meeting

Community Cohesion Officer Input & Discussion

- How to know if it's racial or religiously aggravated would be a case-by-case basis
- Humberside Police are working with secondary schools around hate crime; educate as early as possible to prevent escalation
- If incidents are ward specific, they will update and advise neighbourhood colleagues

Hate Crime Samples

Sample 1

- Question in terms of timeframe
- Confusion around the racial indicator
- Good practise by the attending officer but lacks some detail

Sample 2

- Racial indicator issue to raise at the Ethics & Scrutiny panel
- No school involvement and not good for public confidence

Sample 3

- 2 phone calls listened to by the panel
- Law around the 'n' word, depends on context and would be classed as a hate crime even if the victim didn't hear it
- Advice that the call taker shouldn't make promises on officer visit times
- Interested to know where they heard the word, if they know what it means
- Suggestion for parents to contact the Affected By Crime service

Sample 4

- Try to have the Body Worn Video (BWV) for the next meeting
- Find out ethnicity of the officers
- Question as to what the offense was 2 years ago
- Not good for public confidence
- Speak with Deputy Chief Constable (DCC) at Ethics & Scrutiny meeting

Sample 5

- Long call vs short log, listen to this in full separate to the meeting to understand better
- Call taker didn't seem to understand what the caller was saying, 2 minutes before asking what happened
- Find out why the enhanced service wasn't deemed required

- Good advice in some places
- Take this to the Force Crime Registrar, look at the errors and who they need to go to

Any Other Business

- Vice Chair
- OPCC Assurance Officer goes through what happens next with the samples, they go to Force, and feedback will be pushed to Supervisors, anything at a higher level is taken to the DCC for Ethics & Scrutiny panel to discuss

Actions

- Crown Prosecution Service, Youth Justice, and Trans Peer Support Group input for future meetings
- Officer hate crime samples & interpreter service-based samples for future meetings
- Suggestion of an analyst to attend to interpret Force data
- Find out why the 1 vehicle offense is a hate crime
- Raise at Ethics & Scrutiny why 'intersex' is not recorded
- Sample 1: question in terms of timeframe
- Sample 2: racial indicator issue, raise at Ethics & Scrutiny
- Sample 4: find out ethnicity of officers, raise at Ethics & Scrutiny, try to get Body Worn Video (BWV) for the next meeting
- Sample 5: Listen to whole call for better understanding, take to Force Crime Registrar

Next Meeting:

- Scheduled for October 2025 at Victoria Street Police Station, Grimsby