

Meeting held at the OPCC, Victory House Balliol Business Park, Benton Lane, Newcastle, NE12 8EW

Thursday, 21st November 2013 at 5.30pm

ISSUES DISCUSSED

- The group discussed the training officers receive in relation to Stop and Search. It was agreed that the current force training package will be provided to group members for discussion at the next meeting of the group.
- Group members were provided with the current training package officers receive in relation to Hate Crime. The group gave valuable comments and advice on improvements that could be made to the training. Members were also invited to attend a live training session where they would be able to interact with officers and discuss their experiences of Hate Crime.
- Group members discussed the reluctance of members of the public to report crimes or hate incidents due to fear of reprisals. The group were informed that all reports of crimes or incidents can be reported anonymously through a third party such as ARCH or Crimestoppers. If the police are not informed of incidents in an area then the appropriate response and resources cannot be committed to rectify the problem.
- The group were presented with the most recent results from a survey carried out by Northumbria Police in relation to victims of hate crime and the service they receive from the force. The group requested that the information was broken down further too clearly show the survey results from each of the force geographical areas.
- Members of the group discussed the support they had received from Northumbria Police in relation to incidents in the community. A meeting was to be arranged with community leaders and Northumbria Police in Newcastle to discuss the under reporting of crimes in the community.