

What else can you do?

Lincolnshire has been praised Nationally by Her Majesty's Inspectors, also the Advisory group National Conference, Blackpool in 2007 (attended by three of us). One of us attended a computer-simulation Critical Working Training Course at Bramshill, Hampshire, two attended the National Working Party in Kent in July, one attended (with a Police Authority member) a regional Police seminar on call-centre handling, in Newark. We held an acclaimed Training day at Nettleham one Saturday, and gave feedback to the new Police selection process (a Harrogate-based psychologist team visit Lincolnshire). We had several 'gold' groups (major incidents) and one of our Chairs instigated a recent high-level investigation into complaints about gay community policing. We've been asked by visiting HM Inspectors to comment on Lincolnshire Police – and one of us gave feedback on a Special Branch DVD on anti-terrorism awareness **BEFORE** it was launched.

Things are happening! But you won't know how this affects you unless you join our new database. We propose holding a countywide meeting on the evening of **Thursday 11th December 2008 at the Carre Arms, Mareham Lane, Sleaford at 6.00pm**

Our members

We need up to 20 people from as wide a range of minority groups as possible. The IAG is for all minority groups in the community e.g. Ethnic, those with disabilities, the young and old and people of different sexualities.

Each member will serve for three years but can be re-appointed. The IAG has its own chair, deputy chair and secretary elected by the group.

Find out More?

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Have you attended, been invited to or not known about the recent round of **Independent Advisory Group** meetings? This note answers some questions minority communities in Lincolnshire have been asking about Lincolnshire Police. Now you can help our relaunch to get the answers.

Are local meetings relevant? You judge!

The National Superintendents Association is addressing a continuing loss of confidence in Policing (Times 12th Sept). Our new Chief Constable's top priority? Customer satisfaction. (West IAG 1st Sept). But if you don't show the Police how our widely differing needs can be met, how will satisfaction be improved? Or should you just stomp up the cash and hope for the best?

Independent Advisory Groups were first introduced in January 1999 to address criticism around the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry Report

Who can join?

All members are volunteers. Anyone can join who is part of a minority community in Lincolnshire and can show the following:

- *Community links*
- *Can reflect minority groups views and concerns*
- *Attend meetings outside of normal office hours*

IAG members will be reimbursed for their travel to meetings and other out-of-pocket expenses – including child or adult dependant care.



This is where Advisory groups come in.

Independent of Councils or Police, we are – or with your help can be – a cross section who care about those left behind, misunderstood or simply socially excluded. The Police WANT our help – making new contacts, refreshing old ones, consulting on new policies, old problems, assisting them in critical incidents – and letting them know when things don't seem right. Locally, these meetings demonstrated similar issues – organization, recruitment, a sense of purpose, what difference can we make? We are a unique way of bringing together Disability, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, faith, ethnic background, those with Mental Health issues, Travellers & gender issues.... *Getting to know ourselves, getting to know the Police*