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Building a Better Understanding of Communities - Research Update

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of initial findings from the Nottingham Trent Research project – New and Emerging Communities. The research was commissioned by the Safer Nottinghamshire Board via the PCC's Community Safety Grant funding for 2018/19.

1.2 The project aims to engage with diverse cultures with a view to developing a clearer understanding of the lived experiences of 'new' and 'emerging' communities. This will be used to inform strategic and operational practices in engaging, identifying and responding to the needs of new and emerging communities across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, with a particular focus on integration, connectedness, criminal victimisation, perceptions of and access to public services and cohesion.

1.3 Primary research and final report is scheduled to be completed by the end of April 2019.

2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that the contents of the interim briefing paper are noted and used to help inform local engagement and broader service delivery.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Delivery Plan sets out objectives to improve community engagement and public trust and confidence in policing, which includes activity to:-
- Undertake research and co-engagement activity to build a better understanding of communities
- Invest in community-led initiatives to facilitate positive relationships between new and emerging communities and the police

4.	Summary of Key Points

4.1　The interim report sets out a range of recommendations for the police and other agencies in response to the key issues, challenges and barriers identified. These include:-

- More needs to be done by larger organisations to promote services and information, working alongside agencies such as Euwork. This should include greater police attendance at community events to signpost information on services available and to build trust and relationships with these communities which can, in turn, help disseminate information to smaller new and emerging groups

- Maximising community capacity to help translate, signpost and disseminate information on available services in the city and the county to new and emerging communities – including, for example 'conversation cafes' being held by some volunteers (e.g. Newark Evangelical church)

- Larger organisations and police should engage with new and emerging community newsletter, magazines & leaflets to signpost services available to them in a format that they understand and can access. Communication from the police should also be prompter and on a regular basis, in order and build and establish a trusting relationship with smaller community organisations.

- Consideration should be given to reaching those that are not engaged with a religious/community hub site i.e. through Internet sites/libraries/social networks/facebook, particularly to reach younger communities and in their own language (see younger Polish migrants/literature review)

- Larger organisations should work in partnership with the local universities to engage with the various community events to interact with the communities and to provide information on their services – including the signposting of new students to the established communities that they can attend upon arrival to the UK

5.	Financial Implications and Budget Provision

5.1　There are no immediate financial implications relating to this report.

6.	Human Resources Implications

6.1　There are no immediate Human Resource implications arising from this report.

7.	Equality Implications

7.1 Findings from this report will be used to improve engagement with new and emerging communities and improve access to and experience of local public services among the various cohorts identified.

8. Risk Management

8.1 There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

9. Policy Implications and links to the Police and Crime Plan Priorities

9.1 There are no policy implications arising from this report.

10. Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations

10.1 There are no changes in legislation or other legal considerations that are relevant to this report.

11. Details of outcome of consultation

11.1 None

12. Appendices

12.1 Appendix A: New and Emerging Communities – Interim Report.