

# Independent Scrutiny & Oversight Board (ISOB) – Community Update

Meeting date: 22 May 2025

Chair: Gillian Ormston (OPCC)

## Purpose of ISOB

The Independent Scrutiny & Oversight Board (ISOB) provides community-led challenge and oversight on policing areas that affect **trust, confidence, equality, legitimacy and public reassurance**.

## What We Discussed

- **Neighbourhood Engagement Plan** presentation and terminology shift from “hard to reach” to “seldom heard”.
- **Final Police Race Action Plan (PRAP) Audit Report** covering governance, local delivery and required actions.
- Workstream 4 update focusing on ethnicity recording, missing people and hate crime.
- Youth detention dashboard, HMICFRS (His Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary Fire & Rescue Services) findings and Appropriate Adult considerations.
- Survey updates and demographic targets for future Trust & Confidence work.
- AOB including TV Alert sign-up and National Police Chiefs’ Council (NPCC) policy updates.

## What ISOB Challenged or Questioned

- Frequency, scope and outcomes of PRAP audits.
- How race-related activity translates into operational policing locally.
- Ethnicity data gaps in custody and detention processes.
- Clarity on youth detention reductions and factors influencing them.
- Ensuring Section 60 Stop & Search scrutiny, hate crime understanding and community comms remain strong.

## Updates and Commitments from TVP / OPCC

- Training products being expanded for longer-term delivery.
- Forward plan for ISOB data requirements to be developed.
- Comms plan for scrutiny work, including ISOB key messages, to be produced.
- Ethnicity data improvements ongoing, including collaboration with Victims First.
- Custody dashboard launched, identifying improvements and positive HMIC feedback.

## Key Messages for Our Communities

1. **Oversight:** ISOB continues to scrutinise PRAP audit outcomes, hate crime processes and youth detention to ensure transparency and improvement.
2. **Impact:** Early improvements in ethnicity recording and custody processes show positive progress across several policing areas.
3. **Involvement:** Communities are encouraged to engage with TVP Community & Diversity Officers (CADOs) and share feedback as Trust & Confidence work progresses.

## **How to Stay Involved**

- Connect with your local Community & Diversity Officer (CADO)
- Attend or join your local Independent Advisory Group (IAG)
- Follow OPCC updates and take part in engagement opportunities

## **Next ISOB Meeting**

21 July 2025