

Independent Scrutiny & Oversight Board (ISOB) – Community Update

Meeting date: 21 July 2025

Chair: Jason Sinclair

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

- Recruitment progress and **targeting Bucks for new ISOB member**.
- Section 60 (S60) **Stop & Search justification**, evidence and community perception.
- Local insights highlighting **concerns in Reading communities**.
- National ISOB report and development of a **Trust & Confidence (T&C) framework**.
- **Communications strategy**, delivery plan requirements and transparency improvements.
- Forward focus including sentiment surveys, use of powers and internal updates.
- Academic research on ethnicity data positivity and organisational responses.

What ISOB Challenged or Questioned

- Effectiveness of S60 communication and timelines.
- Clarity of community messaging and education around S60.
- Accuracy of Stop & Search national summaries.
- Need for stronger community relationship-building, particularly in Reading.
- Ensuring PRAP transition is aligned with Trust & Confidence expectations.

Updates and Commitments from TVP / OPCC

- S60 hygiene and education questions to be explored with operational leads.
- Community Comms routes for S60 to be considered for standardisation.
- Framework for Trust & Confidence in development with ISOB feedback requested.
- Communications Delivery Plan to be created with timelines and task owners.
- Ethnicity recording research shared across departments for action.

Key Messages for Our Communities

1. **Oversight:** ISOB received reassurance on S60 usage and continues to monitor how decisions are justified and communicated.
2. **Impact:** PRAP transition work is progressing well and ISOB is shaping the development of the new Trust & Confidence framework.
3. **Involvement:** Recruitment is underway for a new Buckinghamshire ISOB member and community engagement remains central to ISOB's work.

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

25 September 2025