



4. Tactical Updates

- Flagging processes – national guidance drafted & submitted for approval

WP explained that historically flagging systems across the region (and UK) had been poor with a subsequent impact on any analytical products dependent on them. He explained that a national flagging policy had been drafted and submitted to CC Bailey for consideration. **This had not yet been agreed** and focused on victim, offender and vehicles rather than flagging of incidents, crimes or intelligence.



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An open discussion took place around some of the issues around flagging including the processes in place which, by necessity, varied across forces depending on their teams and structures.

Action: Each force to draft a short report highlighting the problems apparent in their flagging systems by the end of February 2018 in order that a collective solution may be devised.

The discussion highlighted a gap in information flow between operational PPU teams and central teams (such as force intelligence and HQ PPU) with central teams therefore unsure of the current CSE activity picture.

- Vigilante activity – Database and profiles now available – Warren Poole

WP explained that all Forces now had access to the VG database and group profiles through their nominated persons (mainly in POLIT and Intel teams). Forces now needed to make this data available to staff who may be dealing with VG incidents. WP added that whilst SJ undertook searches to find VG incidents this could not be relied upon and forces should continue to notify her of any incidents that take place.

- Vigilante – Red lines and national update – Warren Poole

WP updated on the position regarding the production of NPCC guidance for forces dealing with VG incidents – the current position of telling VG groups to stop has not worked and that the number of and level of risk involved in these incidents is increasing (69 in Wales since April 2017). Following feedback from Chief Officers (including ACC's Drake and Kirk), CPS and Home Office, NPCC lead had now appointed an ACC to take this forward however until progress had been made the national position was not to engage and simply state they should stop their activity.