

## Crime Contract Consultative Group (CCCG) meeting Tuesday 11 February 2025

### Minutes

When	<b>Tuesday 11 February 2025</b>
Where	<b>Via Teams</b>
Chair	Mark Newbry
Minutes	Eloise Worrall
Present	<p> Alice Mutasa – TLS  Avrom Sherr – IALS  David Thomas – LAA  Elaine Annable – LAA  Fadi Daoud – LCCSA  Glyn Hardy – LAA  James MacMillan – MoJ  Kate Pasfield – LAPG  Melissa Thompson – LAA  Neil Lewis – LAA  Nick Ford – LAA  Nick Poulter – LAA </p>
Apologies	<p> Adrian Vincent – BC  Andrew Cosma – MMS  Anna Bevilacqua – LAA  Annemarie Joyce - LAA  Carol Storer – LAPG  Chandni Brown Cilex  Chris Minnoch - LAPG  Daniel Bonich – CLSA  Edward Jones - LCCSA  Fleur McQuade – LAA  Gerwyn Wise – GCLAW  Helen Johnson - LAPG  Henry Hills – SAHCA  Iain Dunn </p>

	Jerome Lucey - LAA Jill Waring – LAA Karl Ford – LAA Kath Burdett - LAA Kathryn Grainger – LAA Kerry Anne Taylor Mark Newby – TLS Martin Secrett - BC Matt Doddridge – LAA Rakesh Bhasin – LAPG Rebecca Booth – LAA Richard Miller – TLS Richard Owen – TLS A2J Sean Wardale - LAA Stuart Nolan – TLS Tony Ayton - LAA Will Hayden – LAA
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M Newby welcomed attendees to the meeting

## 1. Introductions, minutes, and actions from previous meeting

Minutes were agreed from the last meeting.

## 2. Nick Poulter - Operational update

There has been a significant increase in application intakes since January. He noted that January 25 was the highest single day intake since pre-2017.

Application intakes are up 16% compared to January 24 of the previous year and up 29% compared to January 2023.

The increase in intakes is not limited to applications; LGFS and HFS intakes have also seen substantial growth.

CRM falls have experienced the top three highest weeks since 2018 in the last three weeks.

The only stable application type is CRM sevens, which are at expected levels.

Nick expressed interest in understanding why this increase is happening and welcomed any views on the matter.

Casey inquired about the CRM 7 upload facility, and Nick provided an update on the progress, mentioning that the team was actively working on it and expected it to be ready within a month.

### **3. Tim Collieu - Tender update**

Neil mentioned that Tim was supposed to provide the tender update but was unavailable. They would provide a written update on the tender process ASAP.

Alice raised a concern about verification issues related to SQM audits, which would be addressed by Tim's team.

Katy added that the LAA had put out a communication indicating they would continue working with firms to complete verification, even though the deadline had passed.

Neil and Glyn assured that they would follow up with Tim's team and provide the necessary updates outside of the meeting.

### **4. Rep body ongoing topics and queries**

Alice raised an issue regarding Thames Valley Police citing GDPR regulations and requiring written consent from clients to provide interview records.

Glyn responded that this seemed to be a local policy rather than a national approach. Thames Valley Police had agreed to accept a one-line sentence in correspondence from the defence practitioner confirming client consent.

Glyn mentioned that the NPCC was monitoring the situation and would escalate if problems persisted.

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**The next meeting is Tuesday 29 April 2025**