

Young Review Race Equality Audit of Police and Crime Plans



Last December the Young Review launched [a report](#) which assessed the 42 Police and Crime Plans for England and Wales produced by local police and crime commissioners.

The roundtable launch was hosted by Barrow Cadbury Trust, and in partnership with Revolving Doors Agency who also launched their report [Under the spotlight: reviewing police and crime plans for multiple and complex needs, and transition to adulthood](#).

Police and Crime Commissioners are responsible for policing in their local areas, working with Chief Constables, but holding them to account, and building strong local partnerships to prevent crime and tackle the causes of crime.

In a joint statement **Baroness Lola Young** (Chair) and **Jeremy Crook OBE** (Vice Chair) of the Young Review said:

‘It is largely at the local level that race

disparities can be addressed and PCCs have a pivotal leadership role to play in taking this agenda forward at the local level. This audit shows a disappointing picture in terms of what PCCs have set out in the plans in relation to race equality and BAME communities. There is clearly more work to be done by PCCs and for many of them, it seems they have yet to recognise that there are race disparities to address. We want this audit to serve as a call to PCCs and the Association of Police Crime Commissioners (APCC) to move race equality higher up their agendas and to keep it there for as long as it takes to see real action leading to effective change.’

The Young Review will work closely with the APCC in moving this agenda forward.

Government launches response to Lammy Review

David Lidington MP, in one of his final acts as Secretary of State for Justice before moving to the Cabinet Office, launched the Government’s response to the Lammy Review on 19 December 2017.

The Young Review works closely with the Ministry of Justice. In January representatives from the Young Review’s Independent Advisory Group (YRIAG) met with Phillip Lee MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State responsible for Youth Justice, Victims, Female Offenders and Offender Health at the Ministry of Justice. He is also responsible for the implementation of the Ministry of Justice’s response to the Lammy Review and

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the meeting with the YRIAG considered the implementation of the Lammy response. Further meetings are planned.

A blog with BTEG's take on the government's response to Lammy can be found [here](#).

Tackling the youth justice crisis for BAME children must consider their treatment by the Police

David Lammy, in his review into the treatment and outcomes for Black Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) people in the criminal justice system, said the youth justice system was his 'biggest concern', with nearly a decade of improving outcomes for white children and a simultaneous deterioration of the outcomes for BAME children.

Read [this blog](#) on BTEG's consideration of how this challenge must be addressed.

Young Review repositioning and widening remit in 2018

Following the launch of the Lammy Review and the MOJ response, the Young Review will be undertaking a repositioning exercise in early 2018 which should be concluded by June 2018. The wider remit will include: children aged 10 or above up; adults aged 30; and BAME women.

This development coincides with the end of our three year funding term with our current funders. We are delighted to announce that one of our three funders Barrow Cadbury Trust has agreed to a new three year grant. Further funding proposals will be developed over the coming months to existing funders and potential new ones as we seek to secure the resources needed to take the work forward.

Baroness Young stepping down as Chair of Young Review Independent Advisory Group

Baroness Lola Young is stepping down as the Chair of Young Review Independent Advisory Group. Baroness Young led the process for the production of the Young Review report in 2014 and has chaired the YRIAG for the past 2½ years.

Baroness Young will be an extremely hard act to follow as she has made a huge contribution to the agenda of fairness and equality within our justice system.

A recruitment process for the new Chair is beginning. Lola will remain as Chair until a new person is appointed

Unlocking a different future



Young men from Tottenham Futures — a project working with predominantly young black men in Tottenham — launched their [evaluation report](#) produced by the Centre of Mental Health in December.

The report highlights the improved outcomes achieved by the service users, many of whom have been involved, or are at risk of being involved, in the criminal justice system. The evaluation identifies the benefits of the project's innovative model of having mental health practitioners working with former service users as youth/peer workers in engaging marginalised young people..