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Email to: xxxxxxxx@xxxxxx

Dear xxxxxxxxxxx

FOI Request: FOI 21/17

I write in connection with your request for information sent to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire on 8 November 2017. Your request was for the following information:

Full disclosure of communications and minutes of meetings between the Campaign Against AntiSemitism, Derbyshire Crime and Police Commissioner staff and management, including other parties such as the Jewish Police Association, Shomrim and KASPA.

I have attached the following documentation:

1. A copy of email communication between Mr Gideon Falter from the Campaign Against Antisemitism and PCC Hardyal Dhindsa dating from June 2016 relating to an investigation into alleged Antisemitism.

[You will note that there is reference to an 'attachment containing full details of the case' in the email from Mr Falter to PCC Dhindsa. Having reviewed the legislation this is document is not being disclosed by virtue of Section 30(1)(a)(ii) of the Act:

Information held by a public authority is exempt information if it has at any time been held by the authority for the purpose of...any investigation which the public authority has a duty to conduct with a view to it being ascertained...whether a person charged with an offence is guilty of it.

The information sent to the PCC was shared with Derbyshire Constabulary as the PCC is unable to interfere with operational policing. The information contained therein relates to a case that is still ongoing and this specific element is therefore being withheld.]

2. A copy of email communication between Mr Stephen Silverman from the Campaign against Antisemitism and PCC Hardy Dhindsa relating to an investigation into alleged Antisemitism
3. A copy of a letter from Mr Silverman to PCC Dhindsa regarding an investigation into alleged Antisemitism

You will note that there are references to 'letters and evidence' being attached in the letter from Mr Silverman to the PCC dated 13th May 2017 (disclosure item 3). Having reviewed the legislation these documents are not being disclosed by virtue of Section 30(1)(a)(ii) of the Act:

Information held by a public authority is exempt information if it has at any time been held by the authority for the purpose of...any investigation which the public authority has a duty to conduct with a view to it being ascertained...whether a person charged with an offence is guilty of it.

The information sent to the PCC was shared with Derbyshire Constabulary as the PCC is unable to interfere with operational policing. The information contained therein relates to a case that is still ongoing and is therefore being withheld.

4. A copy of email communication between PCC Hardy Dhindsa (and his office) and the Campaign Against Antisemitism following the publication of the Antisemitism Barometer 2017 and subsequent emails arranging a visit by the PCC to members of the Jewish Community in his capacity as lead PCC for Hate Crime
5. Transcript of handwritten notes taken by Mr David Peet (CEO to the PCC) at a meeting held between PCC Dhindsa and Mr Silverman on 14th September at the PCC's office in Ripley
6. Copy of notes taken by Mr David Peet (CEO to the PCC) during the PCC's visit to London to meet with members of the Jewish Community on 17th October 2017
7. A copy of a suggested article produced by the Campaign Against Antisemitism as discussed with PCC Dhindsa
8. A copy of the article issued by PCC Dhindsa for use in the Jewish Media following his visit.

In addition to the information disclosed the PCC has been invited to attend a Chanukah Party in London hosted by the Campaign Against Antisemitism in December, an invitation he has yet to respond to.

Your reference number is FOI21/17 and we ask that you retain this number for use in any future correspondence. Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please contact Liz Kelly on 03001226007 or email quoting the reference number.

Yours faithfully

Electronically Signed

Elizabeth Kelly
Meetings and Information Officer
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire

DOCUMENT 1

Email Communication between Gideon Falter, Chairman Campaign Against Anti-Semitism and PCC Hardy Dhindsa – June 2016

From: Gideon Falter
Sent: 08 June 2016 18:10
To: Dhindsa, Hardy, 16364
Subject: Fwd: Investigation into XXXXXX XXXXX

Dear Mr Dhindsa,

Thank you for help with this case. Campaign Against Antisemitism has been conducting a national operation to identify and help bring to justice a number of key individuals who persistently and frequently use social media to incite hatred against British Jews. A specialised unit has been gathering evidence, vetting it with our lawyers (including former CPS senior prosecutors), and providing evidence to the relevant police forces around the country.

We have attempted to report this matter to Derbyshire Constabulary through normal channels, I have twice e-mailed the Chief Constable's office, and we have also sought the help of ACC Garry Shewan, NPCC lead on antisemitism. I have forwarded the most recent e-mail to ACC Shewan below, which includes an attachment containing full details of the case.

The suspect in this case, XXXXX XXXXX, a resident of Derbyshire, is suspected of being a member of a particularly prolific incitement ring. XXXXXX is increasingly well known amongst the Jewish community through her persistent work on Twitter and YouTube to incite hatred against Jewish people. For example she has now taken to producing songs intended to be grossly offensive to Jewish people whilst inciting hatred against them. Jewish people see this and are shocked that she remains at liberty, whilst other antisemites see her work and assume that they can behave in the same way without regard for the law.

Having discussed progress to date and reviewed the case file with Stephen Silverman, our investigation lead, I am concerned that Derbyshire Constabulary has mismanaged the investigation.

I am concerned that this investigation into an ongoing series of racially aggravated crimes will now fail.

I am grateful for your assistance and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Gideon Falter
Chairman

From: Clarke, Alison, 9756

Sent: 29 June 2017 13:20

To: 'Gideon'

Subject: Hate Crime

Dear Mr Falter

Thank you for your e-mail dated 8 June to the Commissioner.

The issues you have raised relate to operational policing matters. Such matters are, in accordance with the Policing Protocol Order, within the remit of the Constabulary rather than the Commissioner.

We understand that the Police have already been in contact with you and advised that they are investigating this matter and will keep you updated. Please be reassured however that we have passed your concerns on to the Force for their further information.

We have also asked to be kept updated about this matter and we thank you for giving us the opportunity to refer this on and are pleased that it is being investigated.

Yours sincerely

Alison Clarke

Alison Clarke
Head of Service Compliance and Engagement
On behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner

DOCUMENT 2

Copy of email communication between Mr Stephen Silverman from the Campaign Against Antisemitism and PCC Hardyal Dhindsa relating to an investigation into alleged Antisemitism

From: Stephen
Sent: 13 May 2017 19:09
To: pccoffice@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk
Subject: Failure to enforce bail conditions against XXXXX XXXXX

Dear Mr Dhindsa

I am writing to you following the failure of Derbyshire Police and the Crown Prosecution Service to enforce bail conditions against XXXXX XXXXX, a right-wing extremist and antisemite, who is currently on bail awaiting trial for alleged offences under section 127 of the Communications Act. 2003. I would be grateful if you would review the attached letter as a matter of urgency.

Kind regards

Stephen Silverman
Director of Investigations and Enforcement

From: Stephen
Sent: 15 May 2017 09:21
To: pccoffice@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk
Subject: Failure to enforce bail conditions against XXXXX XXXXX

Dear Mr Dhindsa,

Unfortunately, the evidence supporting information accompanying the letter I emailed to you yesterday contained some duplication. A corrected version is attached.

Kind regards

Stephen Silverman
Director of Investigations and Enforcement
Campaign Against Antisemitism

From: Clarke, Alison, 9756
Sent: 02 June 2017 09:58
To: 'Stephen'
Subject: XXXXX XXXXX

Dear Mr Silverman

Thank you for your letter to the Commissioner's Office regarding the investigation and prosecution of XXXXX XXXXX. I am aware of this matter, your colleague at the Campaign having written to us about a year ago. At that time this matter was referred to the Divisional Commander for North

Division and this resulted in Derbyshire taking the lead on this investigation which I believe is still ongoing with CPS.

I am sorry to hear that XXXXX XXXXX activities appear to be continuing, as is the Commissioner who I am keeping informed of this matter.

Defeating Hate Crime is something which the Commissioner is passionate about and this is being pursued as one of his key priorities with various activities ongoing and planned. This includes a campaign which he has just commissioned Remedi (one of our main victims services provider in Derbyshire) to carry out called "Step up and Beat hate" and a hate crime survey which has just been launched on our website. I would strongly encourage anyone affected by hate crime to complete this as hate crime is well under-reported and we need to know more about victims' experiences in order to tackle this.

In terms of the recent information you have provided with your letter, I have forwarded this on to the Divisional Commander for North Division to make her aware of the allegations of continued activity by XXXXX XXXXX. I have asked that this is looked into to see what can be done and what this means for the prosecution. Whilst this Office cannot direct the police on how to deal with this because it is an operational matter, I know that the Constabulary have taken this matter extremely seriously and have every faith the additional information will be helpful.

I have asked for someone to contact you and for the Commissioner's Office to be kept informed.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Kind regards.

Alison Clarke

On behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Alison Clarke

Head of Service - Compliance and Engagement



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Hardyal Dhindsa
Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire
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13th May 2017

Dear Mr Dhindsa,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Director of Investigations and Enforcement at Campaign Against Antisemitism, a national charity dedicated to exposing and countering antisemitism through education and zero-tolerance enforcement of the law. I am writing following the failure of Derbyshire Police and the Crown Prosecution Service to enforce bail conditions against XXXXX XXXX a resident of XXXXX, who is currently on bail awaiting trial for alleged offences under section 127 of the Communications Act 2003.

XXXXX XXXXX is a right-wing extremist and antisemite, who, for several years, has used social media to target British Jews with some of the most extreme and vile antisemitism it has been my organisation's misfortune to witness. A regular speaker at meetings of the neo-Nazi group, The London Forum, XXXXX XXXXX counts among her associates David Irving, the disgraced antisemitic historian, and Vincent Reynouard, the notorious Holocaust denier, who is currently being sought by the French authorities to serve a prison sentence.

After an initial hearing on 15th December 2016 at Westminster Magistrates' Court, XXXXX XXXXX was called back to court eight days later, after evidence of further antisemitic activity came to light. At this second hearing, the Chief Magistrate for England and Wales attached two conditions to XXXXX XXXXX's bail, one of which reads as follows.

Not to post or send or cause to be sent via the Internet or any other means, whether via social media or Youtube or at all, any message or other material which is in whole or part racist or anti-Semitic and grossly offensive.

It was made clear to her that, were she to break any of the bail conditions, she would be sent to prison immediately.

Despite this, XXXXXX XXXXXX, using the full range of social media platforms available to her, has continued her relentless campaign of incitement against British Jews. Since 29th March, I have written to Derbyshire Police and the Crown Prosecution Service on nine occasions, each time providing detailed evidence of XXXXX XXXXX's repeated and increasingly extreme breaches of her bail conditions, many of which constitute new offences. The letters and evidence are attached, and the most egregious of her infringements are summarised below.

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By any measure, these posts, videos and interviews, all of which are readily available on the Internet, are grossly offensive, and should be prosecutable under section 127 of the Communications Act 2003. Moreover, from the list above, numbers 2, 10, 11 and 13 are clearly intended to incite racial hatred, and should be prosecutable under section 19 of the Public Order Act 1986.

Despite this, XXXX XXXX has been allowed to remain free to continue targeting British Jews. It must now be beyond doubt that it is the failure to take action against her for breaking her bail conditions that has emboldened her to become increasingly extreme in the hate speech she is directing at Jews, no doubt in the belief that the authorities lack either the ability or the will to stop her.

Our polling shows that British Jews have little confidence in the desire of the authorities to protect them from antisemitism. While the number of prosecutions continues to decrease against a three-year trend of rising antisemitic crime, this is no surprise. XXXX XXXX has been a notorious figure for the Jewish community for several years. Many hundreds of Jews will have come across her and, due to coverage of her activities in the

Jewish community newspapers many thousands, will be aware of XXXX XXXX activities and the legal proceedings against her. They will now conclude that, where Jews are the victims, there are no penalties to be suffered for repeatedly and brazenly flouting the authority of the court.

It is outrageous that eleven weeks have been allowed to pass without action since XXXX XXXX's blatant and deliberate breaches of her bail conditions were first brought to the attention of Derbyshire Police and the Crown Prosecution Service. I now ask you to assist in ensuring that this failure of the criminal justice system is swiftly rectified.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Silverman', with a stylized, cursive script.

Stephen Silverman

DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

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DOCUMENT 4

Email Communication between PCC and the Campaign Against Antisemitism regarding the Anti-Semitism Barometer 2017 and subsequent visits by the PCC to members of the Jewish Community

From: Peet, David, 16406 <David.Peet.16406@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk>

Date: 21 August 2017 at 16:52

Subject: Antisemitism Barometer 2017

To: "info@antisemitism.uk" <info@antisemitism.uk>

Good afternoon,

My name is David Peet and I am the Chief Executive for the Police and Crime Commissioner, Mr Hardy Dhindsa. Mr Dhindsa has asked me to contact you about the research you have carried out showing that a third of British Jews have considered emigrating as a result of concerns about anti-Semitic crime. In addition to his role as PCC for Derbyshire, Mr Dhindsa is also the PCC national lead on hate crime and he would be very interested in meeting with someone from your organisation to better understand the issues and see if there is anything he may be able to do to raise awareness of the issue with his fellow PCCs and more widely.

If someone could get back in touch I would be most grateful, my contact details are below. Alternatively my PA, Jennifer Connolly-Thompson, can be reached on 0300 122 6024.

Kind regards

David

David Peet
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

From: Stephen

Sent: 22 August 2017 19:25

To: Peet, David, 16406

Subject: RE: Antisemitism Barometer 2017

Hello David,

Thank you so much for your message. I am one of the trustees of the charity and am responsible for the directorate that works to ensure that incidents of antisemitism receive the appropriate sanction. I would be delighted to meet with the PCC, and will contact you tomorrow to make arrangements.

Kind regards

Stephen

Stephen Silverman

Director of Investigations and Enforcement

From: Stephen
Sent: 04 September 2017 21:03
To: Connolly-Thompson, Jennifer, 17078
Subject: Meeting with the PCC - 14 September

Dear Jennifer,

Just to let you know that I will be accompanied at the meeting by XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX, one of our senior volunteers.

Kind regards

Stephen

Stephen Silverman
Director of Investigations and Enforcement

From: Peet, David, 16406
Sent: 20 September 2017 12:36
To: xxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Subject: Follow up from our meeting

Stephen,

Great to meet you last week and I have certainly been reflecting on the topics of our conversation.

One of the things you kindly offered to try and facilitate was an opportunity for Hardyal to meet with, and understand the work of, the Shomrim. Hardyal will be in London for a number of meetings on 18th/19th October and as this is also within Hate Crime Awareness week I was wondering if we might be able to sort something then? (There might also be opportunities at other times during that week if that is more convenient.)

It might give us the opportunity for Hardyal, in his role as national Hate Crime lead for PCCs, to raise awareness of the impression that we discussed when you visited that whilst issues such as anti-Muslim/islamophobic comments and views may seem very 'current', the issue of antisemitism is not one 'that ended with the Nazis' and is as current today as it has ever been. It will also give us an opportunity to encourage people who are the victims of any form of hate crime to report it, either directly to the police or via a third-party, so the police are aware and can understand the scale of the problem in a given area.

Kind regards

David

David Peet
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

From: Stephen
Sent: 20 September 2017 15:36
To: Peet, David, 16406
Subject: RE: Follow up from our meeting

Hi, David

We will of course be delighted to facilitate and host meetings for Hardyal with Shomrim, KSPA and, if he would like, with representatives of the Jewish Police Association. We can organise a half-day session, if that fits with his schedule. You may be aware that the Jewish New Year begins this evening. May I therefore come back to you after the weekend? In the meantime, perhaps you could let me know how much time Hardyal would like to allocate to this?

All the best

Stephen

Stephen Silverman

Director of Investigations and Enforcement
Campaign Against Antisemitism

From: Peet, David, 16406
Sent: 20 September 2017 15:43
To: xxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Subject: RE: Follow up from our meeting

Stephen,

Thanks for getting back to me...all sounds very positive. I will have a look at his diary and see what time we have and let you know after the weekend.

May I take this opportunity to wish you Shanah Tovah!

Kind regards

David

From: Stephen
Sent: 26 September 2017 19:03
To: Peet, David, 16406
Subject: RE: Follow up from our meeting

Hi, David

I hope you're well and had a good weekend. Just wondering if you've been able to ascertain the date on which Hardyal would like to visit Shomrim and other Haredi bodies, and the amount of time he has available to do so.

All the best

Stephen

Stephen Silverman

Director of Investigations and Enforcement
Campaign Against Antisemitism

From: Peet, David, 16406
Sent: 27 September 2017 10:38
To: xxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Cc: Shawcroft, Rebecca, 16034
Subject: RE: Follow up from our meeting

Hi Stephen,

I hope you had a good New Year celebration!

Looking at Hardy's Diary we could do either Tuesday 17th or Wednesday 18th October. The afternoon of 18th would probably be the best as he has some meetings in the morning that might be more difficult to move, and he would need to get down to London...He has a meeting in Central London at 6pm on Wednesday that he would need to be at, but apart from that he is free. If it were the Tuesday he needs to be back in Derbyshire for a meeting at 7.30, and would probably need a good half hour to get from the station to the meeting. Are either of these days any good? In terms of time available I have spoken to Hardy and if you are suggesting that a half day would be best he is more than happy to make himself available. It would be good, if possible, to be able to speak to someone from the Met in relation to their experience of working with Shomrim and the added value they bring, though we could, of course, arrange that directly with the Met.

Kind regards

David

From: Stephen
Sent: 27 September 2017 11:49
To: Peet, David, 16406
Cc: Shawcroft, Rebecca, 16034
Subject: RE: Follow up from our meeting

Thank you, David

Our plan is to arrange for Hardy to meet senior representatives of Shomrim Stamford Hill, Shomrim Golders Green, KSPA (the Orthodox community's security body) and the Jewish Police Association. We also think it would be useful if he were to talk to some London-based Jewish students about rising antisemitism on campus and how it is being handled by the authorities. Please let me know if that is all OK, and I will make the necessary arrangements. At the moment, the 17th looks like the best option. I'll confirm that early next week, if Hardy is happy to keep both dates free until then.

All the best

Stephen

Stephen Silverman

Director of Investigations and Enforcement
Campaign Against Antisemitism

From: Shawcroft, Rebecca, 16034
Sent: 27 September 2017 11:55
To: xxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx; Peet, David, 16406
Subject: RE: Follow up from our meeting

Hi Stephen,

That's great, thank you for your quick response.

I have pencilled in Tuesday 17 October all day until approx. 4.30pm and Wednesday 18 October between 12pm – 6pm (as mentioned in my email to you, Hardyal's other meetings finish at 12pm and start at 6pm so travel time will need to be accounted for in the plans to allow him to get to yourselves).

Look forward to hearing from you next week.

Kind regards,

Beckie

Rebecca Shawcroft

Executive Assistant to the Commissioner

From: Shawcroft, Rebecca, 16034 **On Behalf Of** Dhindsa, Hardyal, 16364
Sent: 03 October 2017 12:29
To: xxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx; Peet, David, 16406
Subject: RE: Follow up from our meeting

Hi Stephen,

I hope you're well.

I just wanted to follow up our emails from last week. I am on annual leave next week and therefore would need to get everything firmed up this week if possible.

Look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Kind regards,

Beckie

Rebecca Shawcroft

Executive Assistant to the Commissioner

From: Stephen
Sent: 04 October 2017 17:13
To: Dhindsa, Hardyal, 16364; Peet, David, 16406
Subject: RE: Follow up from our meeting

Hi Rebecca,

Apologies for the delayed response.

On the morning of the 17th, Gideon Falter (CAA Chairman) and I would like to host Hardyal at the Holocaust Survivors' Centre in Golders Green, commencing at 10:00am. There, he will have the opportunity to talk to survivors and obtain some insight into how the resurgence of antisemitism in the UK is affecting them. After that, we will be joined by representatives of Shomrim (Stamford Hill), Shomrim (Golders Green), the Jewish Police Association and KSPA for a discussion about the impact on the strictly orthodox community, and how law enforcement is handling the issue. In the afternoon, we will move to one of the colleges that comprise the University of London to meet some students who have been adversely affected by campus antisemitism. This will be very close to St Pancras station, from where I believe Hardyal will need to catch his train back to Derbyshire.

Although some of the details are still being finalised, I don't anticipate any changes to the overall structure of the itinerary. Please let me know if this will meet Hardyal's requirements.

All the best

Stephen

Stephen Silverman

Director of Investigations and Enforcement
Campaign Against Antisemitism

From: Shawcroft, Rebecca, 16034
Sent: 05 October 2017 14:28
To: Stephen
Cc: Peet, David, 16406
Subject: RE: Follow up from our meeting

Dear Stephen,

Thank you for your reply confirming details for Hardyal, this sounds like a great day which Hardyal is certainly looking forward to. CEO David Peet will also be accompanying Hardyal on his visit, I hope this will be ok?

I will ensure Hardyal and David arrive in plenty of time for a 10am start at the Holocaust Survivors' Centre. Please can I check I have the right address - XXXXXXX, London NW4 XXX?

Do you have an approximately time that the day will conclude please? I can then look to book a return ticket on the train.

Thanks very much, I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Beckie

Rebecca Shawcroft

Executive Assistant to the Commissioner

From: Stephen

Sent: 05 October 2017 15:00

To: Shawcroft, Rebecca, 16034

Cc: Peet, David, 16406

Subject: RE: Follow up from our meeting

Hi, Rebecca

We will, of course, be delighted to welcome David as well.

Yes, that is the correct address for the Holocaust Survivors' Centre.

Unfortunately, as the festival of Sukkot began last night, I am now unable to contact the strictly observant members of the Jewish community who are organising the afternoon session until Saturday evening. However, I imagine we will be finished by 3pm at the latest.

All the best

Stephen

Stephen Silverman

Director of Investigations and Enforcement
Campaign Against Antisemitism

From: Shawcroft, Rebecca, 16034

Sent: 05 October 2017 15:17

To: Stephen

Cc: Peet, David, 16406

Subject: RE: Follow up from our meeting

Hi Stephen,

That's great, thank you for coming back to me so quickly.

I will book trains for around 4pm ish but they will be flexible timings so no worries if the afternoon session does overrun.

Thanks very much,

Beckie

Rebecca Shawcroft

Executive Assistant to the Commissioner

From: Peet, David, 16406

Sent: 10 October 2017 11:27

To: xxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Subject: Hate Crime Week

Stephen,

Hope this email finds you well.

Thank you so much for arranging such an interesting programme for the PCC. Both he and I are greatly looking forward to it. I just wanted to check if there were any cultural sensitivities that we should be aware of? We would hate to offend or make someone feel uncomfortable, especially after they have given up their time to meet with us, so thought it important to ask.

Kind regards

David

David Peet
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Hi, David

I'm extremely glad that you find what we have planned for you to be of interest.

There isn't really much scope for causing offence. The one thing to be aware of is that women from the strictly orthodox (Charedi) community do not shake hands with men who are outside their immediate family. The difficulty here is that the custom is not necessarily consistent across all branches of the Charedim. Also, it might not be immediately obvious that a particular woman is a member of that community. Extremely modest dress and headscarves are usually a good clue. I have fallen foul of this myself, so please don't be too concerned if it happens. It will not be interpreted as an intent to cause offence.

By the same token, Charedi men would not shake hands with any women in your party but, as I believe it will just be you and Hardy, it will not arise.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you on the 17th

All the best

Stephen

Stephen Silverman

Director of Investigations and Enforcement
Campaign Against Antisemitism

From: Peet, David, 16406
Sent: 11 October 2017 09:46
To: 'Stephen'
Subject: RE: Tomorrow's meeting

Stephen,

Thanks for that...glad I asked! I had a nagging feeling at the back of my mind that there might be something about the shaking of hands... As for the our party it is just Hardy and myself so that is not an issue.

Kind regards

David

From: Stephen
Sent: 16 October 2017 08:57
To: Dhindsa, Hardy, 16364; Peet, David, 16406
Subject: Tomorrow's meeting

Hello, Hardy and David

I hope you are well.

Just a quick update on tomorrow. It has been pointed out to us that, due to the advanced age of the Holocaust survivors you will be meeting, it would be better if we were able to begin an hour later. Therefore, the itinerary now looks like this:

1100	Meet and chat to Holocaust survivors
1200	Discussion with representatives of various orthodox community bodies
1300-1330	Depart by taxi for UCL for meeting at 1400 with students about campus antisemitism,

Hopefully, this change will not be a problem for you.

I am informed that the Holocaust Survivors Centre does not have a street number. It is on the corner of xxxxxx and xxxxx, London, NW4 xxx, below a block of flats called xxxxxxxx under some red brick arches.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you tomorrow.

All the best

Stephen

Stephen Silverman
Director of Investigations and Enforcement

From: Peet, David, 16406
Sent: 16 October 2017 11:30
To: 'Stephen'
Subject: RE: Tomorrow's meeting

Thanks Stephen

From: Peet, David, 16406
Sent: 18 October 2017 10:40
To: xxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Cc: Dhindsa, Hardy, 16364
Subject: Thank You!

Stephen,

Just wanted to email you to pass on Hardy and my thanks for pulling together an amazing day for us yesterday. Each set of speakers gave us greater insight into the issues facing members of the Jewish community and I have to say that on a personal level I was shocked by what I was hearing – especially the input from the students facing antisemitism on campus! It is certainly going to go down as one of the days of my career that I will not be forgetting in a hurry. I don't have contact details for those all those we met, if you are able to share them that would be great so we can thank them personally, otherwise we would be most grateful if you could pass on our thanks once again.

Both Hardy and I will be reflecting on what we have heard and will see how we can best turn discussions into action. We will be trying to get a slot on a forthcoming APCC (Association of Police and Crime Commissioners) general meeting agenda so Hardy can share what he has heard with other PCCs across the country and we have the germs of some ideas of how we might be able to raise the issue of antisemitism on other agendas (I may well be back in touch about these in the future).

If there is anything in the future that you think that we might be able to assist with, or issues that you would like to be shared with the wider PCC cohort, please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will be delighted to see how we might be able to help.

Kind regards

David

David Peet
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

From: Stephen
Sent: 18 October 2017 12:30
To: Dhindsa, Hardy, 16364; Peet, David, 16406
Subject: RE: Thank You!

Hardy / David,

Thank you so much for this. I am delighted you found the day to be informative and useful. All of us are deeply grateful to you and Hardyal for taking the time and trouble to come and listen to the concerns of the Jewish community at this worrying time.

Hardyal, Gideon and I were wondering if you would be willing to give us a comment on your visit, as we would like to include the e-mail updates that we regularly send out. Also, would you consider writing a comment piece for the Jewish press on resurgent antisemitism? We understand that this is quite an onerous request so, if it's helpful, we would be happy to draft a first version for your team to work from.

Once again, thank you very much.

All the best

Stephen

Stephen Silverman

Director of Investigations and Enforcement
Campaign Against Antisemitism

From: Peet, David, 16406
Sent: 18 October 2017 13:01
To: 'Stephen'
Subject: RE: Thank You!

Stephen,

We would be delighted to do both...just let me know how long you would like for the two piece and we can get something sorted for you over the next week or so if that is OK?

Kind regards

David

From: Dhindsa, Hardyal, 16364
Sent: 18 October 2017 13:29
To: Stephen; Peet, David, 16406
Subject: RE: Thank You!

Hello Stephen. Yes I would be happy to. I am also grateful of your offer. So please draft one for me to consider.

Hardyal.

From: Peet, David, 16406
Sent: 18 October 2017 13:46
To: Dhindsa, Hardyal, 16364
Subject: RE: Thank You!

Hardyal...have already responded we are working on it

From: Peet, David, 16406
Sent: 18 October 2017 13:49
To: 'Stephen'
Cc: Dhindsa, Hardy, 16364
Subject: RE: Thank You!

Stephen,

Apologies, the PCC is out of the office today and had missed the fact that I had already responded to...I am currently working on pulling something together for him...if you could confirm any word counts that would be great.

Kind regards

David

From: Stephen
Sent: 19 October 2017 10:12
To: Peet, David, 16406
Subject: RE: Thank You!

David,

That's fantastic. About 100 words for the comment and 500 for the media piece would be about right. We will get an initial draft of the latter over to you in a few days. Happy to do one for the comment as well, if it makes life easier.

All the best

Stephen

Stephen Silverman

Director of Investigations and Enforcement
Campaign Against Antisemitism

From: Peet, David, 16406
Sent: 23 October 2017 16:09
To: 'Stephen'
Subject: Newsletter
Importance: High

Stephen,

Hopefully this will be OK for your newsletter:

The enduring oppression faced by members of our community was highlighted last week to Hardy Dhindsa, Derbyshire's Police and Crime Commissioner who also holds the national portfolio for Hate Crime.

Having met victims of antisemitism, from Holocaust Survivors to University students, as well as some of those tackling hate-inspired criminality Mr Dhindsa said: "I'm shocked. Like many, I believed that antisemitic behaviour had been consigned to the past and clearly that is not the case. I will do whatever I can, with my fellow PCCs and the wider policing family, to see this unacceptable bigotry replaced by tolerance and respect."

There are pictures of Hardyal with members of the Shomrim and the Rabbi we met if that would add anything...

Kind regards

David

David Peet
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

From: Stephen
Sent: 24 October 2017 09:45
To: Peet, David, 16406
Subject: RE: Newsletter

David,

Thank you very much – that was perfect!

As promised, I've attached a draft of an article for the Jewish press. We probably only have twenty-four hours if it is to make this week's editions, but if that's too much of a rush, we'll be fine for next week.

All the best

Stephen

Stephen Silverman

Director of Investigations and Enforcement
Campaign Against Antisemitism

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Sent: 23 October 2017 16:09
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Cc: Dhindsa, Hardyal, 16364
Subject: Newsletter
Importance: High

Stephen,

Please find attached a slightly amended version of the article. If you could pass it onto your contacts within the Jewish media we would be most grateful. I have included a headshot of Hardyal in case someone wanted it, but there are also some photos that were taken on the day...I believe Gabriel was busy getting shots that I think the Shomrim were going to use...

Kind regards

David

David Peet
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

From: Stephen
Sent: 02 November 2017 11:24
To: Peet, David, 16406
Subject: The PCC's article

Hi, David

I hope you are well.

You may not be aware that the PCC's article appeared last week in the Jewish News, one of the Jewish community's two main newspapers.

<http://blogs.timesofisrael.com/reflections-on-anti-semitism/>

Once again, thank you for your and Hardyal's interest and support. They are very much appreciated.

Best wishes

Stephen

Stephen Silverman
Director of Investigations and Enforcement

From: Stephen
Sent: 02 November 2017 14:40
To: Peet, David, 16406
Subject: The PCC's article

David,

At this point, you might well be wondering what on earth is going on.

The Jewish News hosts its site on the Times of Israel's servers. It seems that, shortly after sending you the link to Hardyal's article, those servers were hacked.

Apologies for that; it's completely beyond our control. Hopefully order will be restored shortly.

Stephen

Stephen Silverman
Director of Investigations and Enforcement
Campaign Against Antisemitism

DOCUMENT 5

Transcript of handwritten notes taken at meeting with Stephen Silverman on 14th September 2017 at PCC's office in Ripley.

Present: Hardyal Dhindsa (HD) - Derbyshire Police & Crime Commissioner
 Stephen Silverman (SS) – Campaign against Antisemitism (CAA)
 David Peet (DP) – CEO to the PCC (note taker)

- Intros from both the PCC and Mr Silverman
- 2014 – Israel/Gaza – spike in antisemitism falling out, unprecedented levels
- No government funding
- CAA met with the Home Secretary, input into the Hate Crime Action Plan – not being implemented
- CAA submitted FOIs to all forces
- 2015 worst year on record [*for anti-Semitic Hate Crime*] 26% increase
- 2016 another 16% increase – 44.5% increase since 2014
- Fall in charging/prosecution levels
- CPS not able/didn't give data
- CAA have reported (with support from QCs) CPS for not taking forward
- CPS taken to court for JR (Judicial Review) – see info on the website
- Breach of bail situation
- PCC explained cannot comment on specific details of live cases, but can discuss general principles
- Info gone backwards – CPS now on the case
- PCC to raise with local CPS re local case (when appropriate)
- Antisemitism survey – number of UK citizens holding [antisemitic] views reducing, number of anti-Semitic crimes increasing
- CAA – different directorates: Police, Regulatory bodies, Political, Online – head of online team XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
- 3 sources – far right, far left, militant Islam
- Focus around areas of high visibility
- Shomrim – community police org. in ultra-orthodox
- *look at how this works*
- University campus antisemitism – links to the debate around Israel
- Most worrying area is online – platform for any/everyone
- Far-left rooted in antisemitism
- Low levels of reporting to police from Jewish community
- Qu?* Complexity of antisemitic crime – does this require specialist investigation?
- 21% of Jewish community resp. to say thought the system dealing with

- Case study of the... (no further note on this)
- Qu? Comms with police
- Comms with officer in Buxton
- QU? Officer discretion/arbitrator? - Using international definition of antisemitism
- Potential facilitation of meeting with Shomrim to understand community policing
- Question of recording
- How can HD help? – understanding of antisemitism
- Provide training/briefing – potential training to Hate Crime Units
- Home office action plan
- Senior officer should oversee cases (each force)
- Review by HMIC of how antisemitism has been handled?
- Learning the lessons

***NB the abbreviation Qu? indicates a question to be considered.**

DOCUMENT 6

Notes taken at meetings arranged by CAA on 17th October 2017 (Notes taken by David Peet, CEO of the Derbyshire OPCC)

Campaign against antisemitism

(Holocaust Survivors Centre)

Centre 27 years

Set up by 2nd generation social worker

Therapeutic service Centre

C. 700 service users at the start

Nazi occupied post 1938 - definition

Open 5 days a week

C. 450/500 members now

Shalvata (peace of mind) - counselling serve

Holocaust is the result of hundreds of years of antisemitism

Not about 'encouraging people' to leave...it was about ridding Germany of the Jews

The fight against antisemitism needs to be driven from outside the Jewish community

Government responsible

Jewish community not large enough to tackle it itself

Needs for the government to call out antisemitism...need for the prime minister

Need to have conversations with people about why they have committed a hate crime

Education is key...need to be talked about in schools

Is there enough education in schools around different religious beliefs

Difficulties within university settings

HD highlighted work with forces to understand what they doing around hate crime

Holocaust survivors should have an input to talk about the the holocaust and antisemitism

Lack of understanding within the police of the urgency felt by Jewish people...

Need for young people to have more to do

Qu? About the impact of Israel on the debate

Misinformation about the size and impact of Israel...

How do we examine the nuances of the situation?

Qu? Is there an opportunity to get a session as part of the Strategic Command Course to understand the issues?

Qu? Is there a specific focus within the police on antisemitism?

Rise in hate crime, but significantly greater within the realm of antisemitism crime

(Meeting with Shomrim, Jewish Police Association & KASPA)

1:10 antisemitism crimes involve violence

1.9% antisemitic crimes are charged

Hardy to pass on details of the hate crime lead from the CPS

Genuine fear about people's safety....custom of people having both a Jewish and 'Christian' name...

Ultra Orthodox Jewish community are very insular, often the target of hate crime as they are 'visibly Jewish'

Shomrim c. 10 years old

Jewish, and particularly the ultra orthodox, communities are very close communities

Qu? Potential to be seen as insular

Difficulties with engagement between the police and the Jewish Community

Originally from New York

24 hour hotline - wide range of incidents

Used as a bridge between the community and the police

Response team...2/3 minute response time!

Dispatch to event and call the police

Training is given to ensure that there is a proper evidence chain

More likely to the Shomrim rather than the police for antisemitic crimes

Better 'clear up rate' for crimes reported through Shomrim

C. 7k families...30 odd volunteers

Volunteers, because they are from the community they go that extra mile

(National data sharing agreement being sought as exists within the Muslim community)

Shomrim includes a range of victim support/witness support/court support

Qu? Is this a template for community policing?

Initial resistance from the Met though this has changed

Shomrim not just for the Jewish community will support others

JPA - 2 one in London, one in Manchester

Recruitment and retention...things are getting better, though there is work to go. The impact of religious observance has been an issue though progress has been made

200 ish, officers in Met - should be around 800 to be more representative

KASPA - security arm of the orthodox community

Work within the community and recruit from the community

Only organisation that has the authorisation of senior rabbis

Run programmes inside synagogue and schools

Work closely with the Met

Self defence training

Worked at a number of events over the high holy day events keeping c9k people safe

(SOAS - students experience of antisemitism on campus)

Goldsmiths Jsoc - lack of understanding of the needs of Jewish students, concerns about engagement with the police

Example of antisemitic graffiti - university and students union unwilling to get the police involved. This resulted with the Jewish students feeling isolated.

Israel soc at UCL - Israel apartheid week...

Issues with running an event - police called

Internal investigation - 5 people have been found guilty of punishable offences ... Jewish students feel vulnerable

President of the Palestinian Society was found to have antisemitic tweets

SOAS

Tutor criticising students choice of study (Hebrew)

Qu? The Met didn't take a case further due to it not being serious enough...

Do not feel supported by the Students Union...they organised a protest

Some support from the Uni management

Very negative image of SOAS - not supportive of Jewish students

International definition of antisemitism

Diversity within SOAS but disproportionate problems

Concerns about antisemitism on Warwick

Concerns about the fact that the answers

Exeter

Whites for rights event -

Drunk person drawing a swastika on a Uni building....

Uni adopting a definition of antisemitism

Postgrad student - antisemitic comments, allowed to continue, willing to get involved

Case in Bedfordshire - April 2016 antisemitic tweets

DOCUMENT 7

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As antisemites are becoming bolder, countering antisemitism requires a response from the police and authorities that is constantly updated. It needs to draw on the skills of experts in the field, such as the members of the Jewish community I met with last Tuesday. I look forward to further engagement and collaboration with the Jewish community to implement concrete steps to stem the tide of antisemitic hate.

Whilst I reflect on what I have learned about antisemitism, and consider how to ensure that British police forces rise ever more effectively to the challenge of stamping out antisemitism, I would also like to send a clear message to the Jewish community: the responsibility for fighting antisemitism is shared by all of British society, and though rising antisemitic crime has caused understandable fear, know that across the country my colleagues and I stand with you, and will do everything in our power to protect and defend you.

DOCUMENT 8

Reflections on Antisemitism

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(590 Words)

