

AGENDA

IDEPP meeting Friday 18th May 2018

Metropolitan Police Forensics Lab, 109 Lambeth Rd, 1000-1500

1. Introductions & apologies

Present:

Eric King (EK)

Dave Johnston (DJ)

Paul Bernal (PB)

Chris Farrimond (CF)

Giles Herdale (GH)

Kris Stoddard (KS)

Charles Raab (CR)

Apologies:

Neil Brown (NB)

Jo Cavan (JC)

John Davies (JD)

Richard Berry (RB)

Kat Hadjimatheou (KH)

Bryan Edwards (BE)

2. Minutes and actions from meeting on 15th February



ACTION: JC and NB to update Terms of Reference.

Still need to tidy up Terms of Reference.

ACTION: Jen Housego to send JC the bid document she sent to Paul Keasey / DII.

Completed.

ACTION: NB to ask RB for a copy of his original IDEPP business case.

Completed.

ACTION: JC to make contact with Paul Keasey and prepare draft response to his letter.

Update: CR & GH sent business case to Paul Keasey and have had subsequent email exchange. Seeking a face to face meeting w/c 4 June.

Completed.

ACTION: JC and NB to update Terms of Reference to reflect these changes, and to circulate a draft for approval

Completed.

ACTION: JC and NB to update Terms of Reference to reflect this position (if needed).

Completed.

ACTION: JD and NB to explore options and report to panel.

Live issue (access to dedicated IDEPP email and file sharing facility) - still very important.

ACTION: EK and BE to identify options for creating an IDEPP legal entity, suitable for receiving funding, and to match the options against the different requirements laid down by potential sources of funding.

ACTION: EK to have preliminary conversations with potential sources of funding.

ACTION: EK to invite a representative of the Nuffield Foundation to present at the next meeting.

Oral update later in meeting.

ACTION: GH to prepare a question that the panel could seek to answer around digital evidence and disclosure.

Circulated. On agenda for work package.

3. Chairs' verbal update

GH thanked panel for his nomination for the co-chair position. GH is looking forward to supporting the panel and working with CR.

CR provided an update on challenges facing agreeing a public statement regarding IDEPP's previous work (with The Turing DEG) for West Midlands Police. It was proposed and agreed that all parties will be notified that there will be a month's deadline for comments, after which we intend to publish.

Action – CR to notify WMP of this.

Update: Discussions with WMP still continue but publication is moving nearer .

4. IDEPP work programme:

- a. Undercover online (UCOL)

PB reported on behalf of the workgroup. He explained meetings had taken place with the NCA and that the engagement had been positive. It is likely that an additional piece of work will be delivered, although it was noted that given the changing nature of the work, the engagement and meetings might well be as important as the final work product.

b. National Law Enforcement Data Service (NLEDS)

GH reported on behalf of the workgroup. Since the presentation from the Home Office, delays have been incurred and the expected Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) on which the panel provided feedback has not been published. GH explained that the Home Office want IDEPP to be involved in the updating of the PIA as well as the updating of the statutory code, which is expected in 2019. CR adds that recent correspondence suggests the Home Office want to include privacy by design, and want to keep us involved, but there is a lack of clarity regarding timeframe.

Action – GH will write to the Home Office to obtain timeline and agree how and when IDEPP will input.

c. Big data

EK and DJ reported back on the group, discussing the project's origins, the strategy adopted so far and the limitations with the lack of a clear request from a police body. There was a wide-ranging discussion about the nature of this type of workstream and how IDEPP should manage them. GH noted the Police Foundation are doing a project on Big Data.

Action – EK, DJ and NB will share with the group the work product created so far.

Action – EK, DJ and NB will discuss and report back to the group as to whether this work stream should be brought to an end or continue.

d. Digital evidence

The panel discussed this new work stream proposed by GH. There was a wide-ranging discussion regarding the lack of common understanding and practice on digital evidence. Examples such as the Liam Allan case were discussed. DJ explains he leads a Digital Trust and Evidence Group and they are trying to consider these issues. There was no consensus on the best way forward but it was agreed DJ and GH would continue to discuss and report back to the panel.

Action – DJ and GH to coordinate possible proposals for this potential new workstream.

e. Biometrics/Forensics

The panel discussed whether a new biometrics work stream should be created. CR raised the question as to whether IDEPP should have a relationship with the Biometrics and Forensics Ethics Group (BFEG), as proposed by the Home Office in 2017. CR reported he has been in contact with BFEG and will be speaking to Joanne Wallace (Science Secretariat) next week. The panel agreed we will not necessarily open a new work stream in this area but will continue liaison with BFEG and explore the nature of any relationship to mutual advantage.

Action – CR will speak to BFEG and will report back.

Update: CR has spoken to the Science Secretariat's Joanne Wallace and Penny Carmichael, and a meeting has been arranged for 14 June.

f. Proactive work stream

EK proposed a new work stream focussing on identifying a longer-term proactive strategy for IDEPP by undertaking research into what options are available for embedding digital ethics into policing, and scoping recommendations and actions IDEPP could make and take to achieve that aim.

Action – EK to draft a proactive strategy creating a new work stream.

5. Funding update:

a. Business case to NPCC

GH reported back to the panel that our business case has been sent off to Paul Keasey and that receipt has been acknowledged. The panel thanked JC for her work putting together the business case.

b. Other funding sources

EK reported back on the options for receiving funds from external sources and creating a new legal entity. EK apologized that a note had not been drafted in advance for the panel to consider. A number of funding options were discussed, and there was a wide-ranging discussion as to the positives and negatives associated with the changes required to set IDEPP up as a legal entity. The panel was inclined to set IDEPP up as a legal entity and seek further funding as it provides 1) financial independence, 2) a clear independent legal status and identity, 3) the opportunity for IDEPP to grow and have greater impact, 4) a more sustainable position for the panel. While there was quorum to take the vote, it was felt it was a fundamental change and so the vote should be made by the whole panel.

Action – GH and CR to raise the issue with the panel and vote.

Update: GH & CR circulated an email update on the discussion re proposed status of the group on 23/5 requesting feedback from members. Supportive comments received from RB, JC, NB. No dissenting opinions received.

GH, CR and EK will proceed to develop the new structure and keep members updated on progress.

6. Communications strategy

A brief discussion on the communications strategy was had. The panel thanks JC for updating the communications strategy and it was agreed that GH would provide an article for Police Insight magazine.

7. Any other business



EK was thanked by the panel for taking minutes.

8. Date of next meeting

Friday, 20 July 2018 (location TBA)

Action – please can members volunteer to host the meeting on 20 July