

An ACPO Initiative ... the National Community Tensions Team

The National Community Tension Team is a team that represents the police service in some of the most contentious areas of policing. (This is an extract from the ACPO website for PPP members info.)

Tension Monitoring

We receive information from a wide range of sources about tension issues that might have an impact in the UK. We turn this information into an intelligence bulletin that gets circulated to all police forces and a range of other stakeholders including government departments.

The bulletin, Operation Element, is a key piece of our work, making the unit operationally relevant to forces on a weekly basis. The team also draw up community impact assessments for some of **the most contentious policing operations** – these are very often counter-terrorist operations.

NCTT has developed a sophisticated tension monitoring process and also devised a community impact assessment process. These processes are now widely used throughout the police service in the UK.

NCTT also developed the community intelligence part of the National Intelligence Model.

Prevent

NCTT leads for the police service on the 'Prevent' strand of the government's national counterterrorist strategy CONTEST. The government definition of Prevent is 'to reduce the number of individuals attracted to Islamist extremism or become terrorists'. The NCTT definition is broader to ensure that 'everyone supports and contributes to countering terrorism'.

A team drives this work forward with a wide range of activities – driving community intelligence doctrine throughout the service, briefing our community engagement colleagues, establishing our key individual network, forming the 'consequence management group' for terrorist incidents and counter-terrorist operations.

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