

## AGE Advisory Group – 6th May 2014

- The group were updated on a pilot scheme in Northumberland Area Command where officers including specialist search officers have been given further training relating to age related issues such as Alzheimer's and Dementia which can be age related.
- It is hoped that this training will be rolled out to all area commands in the future. A group member who is currently approved to deliver training on Alzheimer's related issues offered to assist Northumbria Police on further officer training if requested. The group welcomed the additional training and hoped that this could be rolled out to all area commands.
- Vera informed the group that she is looking to organise a volunteering fair which will include volunteering opportunities in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner such as police scrutiny opportunities and court observers for rape and sexual violence cases. Criminal Justice and crime prevention groups will also be invited to attend and highlight their own volunteering vacancies.
- Vera discussed the current remit and membership of the group. Group members stated that they find the meetings very informative and they allow information to be forwarded to their respective organisations members. The group highlighted future agenda items to be discussed by the group and agreed to appoint a deputy for each group member to increase the resilience of the group.
- Chief Inspector Coleman presented the Northumbria Police draft Hate Crime Strategy. The purpose of which is to increase victim satisfaction following an increase in the reporting of hate crime. Members discussed the consultation process and how this could provide a true cross-section from the all members of the community.
- Members of the group continued to discuss the strategy including how success can be shaped and ways to engage the community. Members felt that current Safer Reporting Centres and Safer Places Venues could benefit from working closer together and increasing the training currently given to staff.
- Group members agreed to forward the draft strategy to their respective members for comment.