Dear, Notts Alerts Member!



We want to capture the voice of all our diverse communities no matter how small, as this will help **us** serve **you** better!

We acknowledge that policing can affect people differently, and to ensure that we are improving policing for all, and we have created 10 **Independent Advisory Groups (IAG)** as this allows us to listen and learn from our communities from all backgrounds.

This **October**, we would like to offer **you** with the chance to **input** and **shape** Policing, by sharing your thoughts.

What is the IAG?

The Nottinghamshire Independent Advisory Group (IAG) is a strategic group who are independent from the Police, that seeks to improve two-way communication between Nottinghamshire Police and the diverse communities of Nottinghamshire, specifically, those included in the Equality Act 2010 under the protected characteristics.



The IAG will act as a critical friend who will provide:

- Independent advice consisting of guidance, personal insight or constructive challenge on the development and review of policy, procedure and practice;
- To help the Police in preventing or resolving critical incidents where the Police response is likely to have a significant impact on the confidence in the community;
- Highlight issues of concern within diverse communities and seek to escalate these actions

This partnership aims to assist with building public confidence, improving local policing performance and accountability. IAG members are volunteers who are representatives of the Nottinghamshire communities and passionate about improving local policing performance.

What are the Groups and How do they work?

The IAG Groups are led by the nominated Community Chair and/or a Vice Chair and supported a Police Officer ranked Inspector or above who will act as a single point of contact (SPOC).

The Groups are:

- African and Caribbean
- LGBTQ+
- Disability and Neurodiversity
- Muslim
- Students
- Asylum Seekers and Refugees
- Romanian
- South Asian Multi-Faith
- Traveller and Gypsy
- Youth

The SPOC from Nottinghamshire Police, are appointed due to their experience and connection either professionally or personally to the group they are representing.

What can you do next?

If you're interested becoming involved in the IAG Groups, or receiving further communications from them, follow the 4 simple steps below to ensure you don't miss out!

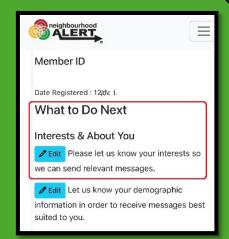


How do I sign up to the IAG Groups on Notts Alerts?

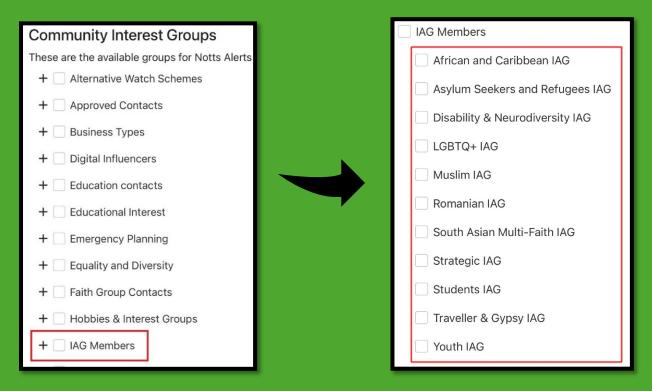
1. Simply, **Login** to your Notts Alerts Account using your mobile phone or computer.



- Once you are in the 'Member Area' of your account, you can scroll down to the 'What to Do Next' section of the page.
- Under the 'What to Do Next' section of the page you should see the 'Interests & About You' section, click on the blue 'Edit' button and you will go to the 'Community Interest Groups' page.



4. When you're on the 'Community Interest Groups' page, you should be able to see the group 'IAG Members', click on the '+' sign to the left, and this will expand, and you can now see all available IAG Groups you can join.



Now that you have decided on the Group to join, put a 'tick' in the box, scroll to the bottom of the page and click the blue 'save' button.



That's it! You're all set!

Now whenever there is any updates or communications from any of the Groups that you have selected, they will be sent it directly to you!

We always want to keep **you** updated, and there is over **46,000 members** who have signed up to Notts Alerts!

Your **voice** and **opinions** really do matter to us, and you play a **vital role** in ensuring that your community are **listened to** and **spoken for** and we especially want to hear from you if you have a background in one of the **IAG groups**.

To ensure that you're kept up to date, please make sure you selected them from the 'Community Groups Page' and you will be kept updated on the outcomes from Strategic Meetings, Good News stories and much more within your own communities.