

Press Release

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National Association of Muslim Police response to Blurred-Lines Report

The purpose of NAMP like any other police staff network is to support the needs of its membership and to assist the police service in building trust and confidence of the communities it serves.

NAMP do not affiliate to any particular group, nor do we align to any political party. We have worked with many other staff networks and organisations in the past and present, both with perspectives that may differ or align to our views.

Open dialogue is important to ensure all voices are heard, and that the need of minority groups are taken into consideration. The issues we seek to address have a significant impact on policing which is why we feel it is important for NAMP to raise these concerns.

Muslim police officers and staff have raised issues of Islamophobia within policing and the overwhelming majority attribute this issue to the use of Counter Terrorism terminology and stigmatisation of Muslims.

These same concerns have also been raised by members of the Muslim community, which affects trust and confidence within policing. NAMPs motivation in this respect therefore, is to improve the working culture for police officers and the relationship with the Muslim community, both of which combine to provide a better policing environment.

Hate crime forms a significant part of policing and unfortunately anti-Muslim hatred is prevalent in all walks of life within the UK. Recent Home Office crime statistics show that 42 per cent of all religious hate crimes are targeted against Muslims.

Therefore, tackling Islamophobia is a priority for NAMP and we can only achieve this by working with the police service and partner agencies to address this issue.

Staff networks have made great strides in working with communities and improving the environment in which our police officers and staff commit their lives.

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