## **Lewisham Police Station**

I am Graham Price and I am Chief Inspector Partnership at Lewisham Police Station. The Metropolitan Police Service has been working with the Lewisham Islamic Centre (LIC) for over 5 years. I have been honoured to work with them for five of those years.

In that time we have developed many community based projects with them that have helped us address community safety issues. The LIC has enabled us to work with the local community in many different formats – advice surgeries, community meetings, workshops and talks. They are a Third Party Reporting Site for Hate Crime.

LIC is a part of the Lewisham Community Police Consultative Group and is also a member of the Lewisham Independent Advisory Group, and the Faith forum. They also attend other community meetings to advise on police/community relations at times of tension or crisis. This was particularly important in recent months in the aftermath of the Woolwich murder and dealing with community concerns as a result of that crime.

Whenever there are issues of local concern, we know that we can reach the local community through LIC, including gaining access to young people and individuals who would otherwise be very hard to reach.

We regard LIC as contributing to community safety through their valuable work and high standing in the local area.

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