



**RESPONSE TO HAMPSHIRE
POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

**Anti Social Behaviour Proactive
Scrutiny Report**

Recommendations

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Police and Crime Commissioner's response to Police and Crime Panel recommendations:

3. Recommendations

a. That the Commissioner should ensure, under the Restorative Justice Strategy, that consistent engagement exists with all relevant partners to enable them to effectively support the introduction and use of the Community Remedy Menu.

The initial development of Restorative Justice has been to set up additional "level two" facilitated, RJ conferences. This is the first part of a three year developmental programme, and the office has recently recruited a new RJ specialist to head up this work. Years two and three will see the programme develop a broader approach which will encompass restorative practices.

b. Through liaison with Hampshire Constabulary, that opportunities are identified to raise public awareness of the Community Trigger.

The Commissioner is not responsible for the promotion of the Community Trigger however he and his Communications Team will work closely with the Constabulary to identify and take advantage of opportunities, particularly at public engagement events, to raise awareness of the Trigger throughout Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

c. That the Commissioner should address the apparent lack of early intervention programmes which are currently available to prevent adult anti-social offending.

The OPCC will look into this as part of the consultation with partners concerning funding priorities.

d. That the Commissioner works with partners to look at how any potential funding gaps for services for young people, focussed on preventing ASB through early intervention, could be met in light of cuts to funding. The Commissioner should also seek to inspire innovation in the continued provision of diversionary activities.

There are currently early intervention, diversionary projects for young people funded through the OPCC, many are innovative, trying new methods and proving to be highly effective. The OPCC has now commissioned research into the current state of funding for such projects from partners.

e. That the Commissioner should seek to encourage cross-district partnership working, where such partnerships might improve efforts to tackle anti-social behaviour or deliver savings which could provide an enhanced offering. In particular efforts should focus upon identified areas of deprivation, and where schemes in such areas already exist these should be assessed and best practice identified.

Many of the projects currently funded do cross over districts and the Commissioner is keen to encourage further cross district partnership working particularly to help tackle anti social behaviour. An example of cross district partnership working is "Access All Areas" the majority of which is funded by the Commissioner. Access All Areas is a youth

diversionary scheme organised and delivered in partnership by Fareham and Winchester Community Safety Partnerships. The scheme is delivered over the school summer holiday period in hot spot areas identified by the Police. The scheme provides young people with a number of diversionary activities to reduce crime and anti social behaviour in both districts during a peak period for crime and anti social behaviour.

The OPCC is committed to identifying best practice schemes which have the potential to be replicated across the policing area. Currently the Performance and Policy Team are conducting an evaluation of the DIVERT programme which is run as a youth diversionary scheme by the charity MOTIV8. MOTIV8 currently run the DIVERT programme in several local authority areas across South Hampshire.

f. That the Commissioner should ensure that the IT platforms used by local authorities and other relevant partners, including SafetyNet, can effectively facilitate the sharing of information to enable the identification of the threat, risk and harm of ASB across the two counties.

In the summer of 2015, the OPCC undertook a through review of information sharing needs across community safety partners in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. This review made a series of recommendations for the future development of information sharing in the area, which were agreed by the Information Management Board.

As a consequence of the review, the IMS Board has committed to maintaining SafetyNet in 2016/17 while options are explored - either the further development of SafetyNet or the development of a new information sharing system. However, due to low levels of use and limited added value, Command Central and Crime Reports were decommissioned. Crime Reports had already been naturally superceded by police.uk, and a replacement for Command Central will be developed alongside a new solution for Hampshire Constabulary's internal information needs.

The OPCC will take over the management of SafetyNet from April 2016, putting it in a strong position to continue to lead the development of information sharing across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight in 2016/17. The OPCC recognises that SafetyNet is not the only mechanism for sharing information and is committed to continuing to work with partners to ensure that information is shared in the most effective and appropriate way for the area of business.

g. That the Commissioner continues to promote schemes which are proven to encourage effective community ownership in tackling ASB.

The Commissioner will continue to promote schemes such as Neighbourhood Watch and Community Speed Watch across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight which encourage the community to take ownership in tackling ASB in their local community jointly with the police and partners.

The Commissioner is a firm believer and supporter of the localism agenda which is being manifested locally through community based schemes assisting frontline policing. As financial budgets get tighter it is important that the Constabulary tap into a wealth of man power provided by volunteers who bring with them local knowledge of community priorities as well as an abundance of enthusiasm.