



Commissioner examples and highlights for the Police and Crime Plan

1 Background on Police and Crime Plan

- 1.1 The Commissioner's Plan contains a number of targets for the Police and objectives for the Commissioner and his Office (OPCC). Progress on these is reported in Appendix 2, whereas this narrative highlights a selection of activities, to indicate the broader nature of his work on his priorities. The briefing is not intended to be comprehensive.
- 1.2 Each priority has been supported by other activities, including:
- Continued enquiries, correspondence and consultation; including through the Youth Commission.
 - A communications, media and events programme; including 70 press releases; campaigns on domestic abuse and anti-social behaviour; regular bulletins.
 - Isle of Wight focus (representation, consultation and support).

Priority 1: police effectiveness (Improve frontline policing to deter criminals and keep communities safe)

- 1.3 The Commissioner has built good relationships with Hampshire Constabulary. His staff and Deputy have been working with the police to help shape effective responses to Plan objectives. This includes:
- Appointing an Estates Strategy Delivery Director as a member of OPCC staff. The Director manages Constabulary staff in a programme designed to improved police presence within savings targets. Activity includes negotiation with local authorities and other public services.
 - An active OPCC role in exploring how best to meet the Commissioner's aims through his Commissioning Plan. Success with this Plan would help reduce demand on Police resources, by focusing on community and victim support, and preventing offending and reoffending (see Appendix 4).
 - Providing a representative voice for local people; enabling residents, community groups and young people to share their views on police effectiveness. This includes current budget consultation on the policing precept for 2014/15.
 - Applying the Commissioner's media presence to police effectiveness; for example in the BBC Panorama programme (September 2013) on mental health and police custody.

Priority 2: victim and witness support (Place victims and witnesses at the heart of policing and the wider criminal justice system)

- 1.4 Consultation on the Commissioning Plan has addressed how funding and services might best be targeted to help support a range of vulnerable individuals. Bidding closes at the end of January 2014, for services and other interventions from April 2014 onwards.
- 1.5 The OPCC's domestic abuse conference in October 2013 brought partners together, raised awareness and is helping shape improved support. The conference was designed to help influence beyond the scope of the funding available directly from the Commissioner.

Priority 3: partnership support to local communities (Work together to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in your community)

- 1.6 Effective coordination between agencies is essential and the Commissioner is playing an active role in helping shape good practice in safeguarding. For example; the Commissioning Plan emphasises the importance of data and technology in multi-agency information sharing. An agreed and effective solution is not yet available and the Commissioner will continue to use his independence to seek and help broker improvements.
- 1.7 The Commissioner's anti-social behaviour campaign in summer 2013 highlighted ASB-related projects and initiatives that had received PCC funding - with case studies on social media and his website and bulletin. He has co-funded some pilot working with Eastleigh Borough Council to address ASB. His views are informed by those of young people, through the Youth Commission (see Appendix 5).

Priority 4: preventing and reducing offending (reduce re-offending)

- 1.8 Major changes are expected in both national funding and offender-management policies from 2014 onwards. The Commissioner's team has been positioning itself in this new context to achieve and understand the most effective interventions in support of this Plan priority. This includes hosting a multi-agency strategy forum on reoffending in October 2013. The aim is to develop a shared vision; for example with a restorative justice conference in March 2014 and – again – through the Commissioning Plan.