

AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

SCRUTINY OF THE DRAFT REFRESHED POLICE AND CRIME PLAN

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BACKGROUND

The Police and Crime Plan is currently being refreshed in order to reflect changes and challenges at a local and national level identified through the Police and Crime Needs Assessment. The Commissioner is committed to retaining the four existing priorities, as such the Plan Refresh is focusing on shaping the priorities to reflect recommendations of the Needs Assessment and increase the focus on working together in partnership to deliver against the priorities.

PROGRESS AND TIMELINE

The Needs Assessment was developed during the Summer/Autumn 2018, with input from key stakeholders and support from the Panel Link Member. The Panel considered the draft Needs Assessment at their October meeting. A stakeholder workshop was held on 9 November to review findings of the PCNA and the existing structure and content of the plan, and identify issues that will need to be addressed in the plan refresh.

A working draft of the plan refresh was shared with Panel Members for consideration at the PCP Development Day on 30 January, to allow Members early sight of proposed changes and to invite suggestions in shaping the draft. The final draft will be considered by the Panel at the March meeting.

HOME OFFICE SERIOUS VIOLENCE STRATEGY

The Home Office Serious Violence Strategy was published in April 2018, setting out actions around four themes:

- Tackling county lines and misuse of drugs
- Early intervention and prevention
- Supporting communities and local partnerships
- Law enforcement and the criminal justice response

The strategy is supported by a number of funding streams, alongside a media campaign raising awareness about the risks of carrying knives.

The strategy places local partnerships and communities at the heart of the approach. As such, the Home Office has been holding a series of regional workshops, hosted by PCCs in late 2018 to March 2019, to bring together partners with the aim of supporting and galvanising local action on tackling serious violence. The South West event was held on Thursday 29 November 2018 in Bristol, with a number of PCP representatives in attendance.

Avon and Somerset was successful in securing funding from the Home Office Early Intervention Youth Fund for Barnardo's to deliver a joint project with Learning Partnership West to deliver direct interventions, family support and community education with the aim to support and protect young people at risk of criminal exploitation and involvement with serious crime and violence.

SHAPING THE PLAN REFRESH

Panel Members will consider evidence from a range of partner agencies at the PCP Development Day on 30 January to explore the current approach to tackling serious violence, initiatives underway across Avon and Somerset and the opportunities and challenges that need to be considered both in developing the approach to delivering the strategy and in shaping the Plan refresh. The themes and issues identified in the Home Office strategy are reflected through the four priorities of the Police and Crime Plan. Feedback from the Panel is welcome in shaping the plan refresh, particularly in increasing the focus on working together in partnership to deliver against the priorities.

RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is invited to put forward suggestions on how the Plan Refresh can best respond to the Home Office Serious Violence Strategy and in particular how the Plan Refresh can increase the focus on working together in partnership to deliver against the priorities.