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Assurance Report: Avon and Somerset Police Crime Prevention

Preventing and Fighting Crime is the first priority in my Police and Crime Plan. My vision has always been to lead Avon and Somerset Police to reassure our communities by building a culture that puts the emphasis of policing back on to the prevention of crime. The plan supports the police to do this through focusing on strengthening partnership working, greater visibility, better engagement within communities, early intervention, reducing reoffending and improving the outcomes and support for victims and witnesses of crime.

The Chief Constable has committed to pursuing those who commit the most crime, present the most significant harm and are the most corrosive to our communities. This assurance report seeks to provide an overview of the collective work ongoing and planned to achieve this as well as demonstrating how national strategy is being adopted and embedded locally. My team worked with representatives from the police to scope a report that focused primarily on:

- What do we mean by crime prevention? What is included and what is not included in this term?
- What is our overarching approach to crime prevention?
- What real examples do we have of primary, secondary and tertiary crime prevention work taking place?
- What evidence do we have that these practices are working?
- What plans are there for crime prevention work across policing as a totality, rather than just within Neighbourhood policing?
- What gaps or limitations are there that would need to be overcome to implement these plans?
- What further partnership support would benefit crime prevention work in Avon and Somerset and how can the Police and Crime Commissioner support this?

This report has been considered by the police through their Constabulary Management Board and by my team and I through the Governance and Scrutiny Board.

Crime prevention is not solely the responsibility of the police force; it's a collective effort that involves law enforcement, community safety partnerships, local authorities, community organisations and most importantly our residents. I continue to work with the police to identify areas where I can use my convening role to bring together agencies to share best practice, drive innovation and problem solve. This report seeks to highlight those opportunities. I would also welcome any further suggestions from panel members of where I can use my role to bring partners together. Only by working together efficiently and effectively can we make a substantial impact on reducing crime and improving the quality of life for everyone.