

POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE

POLICE & CRIME PANEL

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Purpose of Report

1. This report provides the Police and Crime Panel with a thematic update on 'Supporting Victims and Witnesses' and 'Protecting the Vulnerable', 2 key themes within the Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017. The report provides an update on current work streams and the services commissioned by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Recommendation

2. The Police and Crime Panel is asked to note the contents of this report.

Background

3. The Police and Crime Plan was revised and published in October 2013. The Plan outlines four key themes which provide a clear direction for allocating the available budget to maximum effect.
4. The Commissioning Framework was refreshed in September 2014 in response to the Plan. The 2015/17 Commissioning Framework sets out how the PCC intends to align the commissioning budget with those key themes and strategic priorities. A Commissioning Plan consisting of a number of commissioning intentions has been developed for each theme.

Supporting Victims and Witnesses

Sentinel

5. The PCC provides a £10,000 contribution towards the costs of the Sentinel Partnership Project Officer. This post holder is currently a Leicestershire Police staff member but Leicester City Council will be taking responsibility for this role during 2015.
6. The Strategic Partnership Board has commissioned a review into the Partnership's current and future ASB case management requirements. The

review will consider the existing systems and processes against current and anticipated future demand, taking into account technological developments and structural changes within partner organisations. The review will consider what alternative systems and processes may be available. Any recommendations will take full account of the need for case management to support our wider efforts to combat ASB, and be realistic in the context of reducing budgets. Budgetary considerations will include on-going maintenance and systems administration costs and specifically the need for any continuing project development support.

PCC Grant

7. Details of the PCC Grants awarded *'to facilitate interventions that pro-actively reduce anti-social behaviour and/or improve the recording of incidents'* and *'increase the reporting of domestic abuse, serious sexual assault and hate crime'* were outlined to the Police and Crime Panel meeting on 29th January 2015. Contracts are currently being agreed.

Victim First

8. In October 2015, a new service for victims and witnesses will be in place for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) residents. This service will be known as 'Victim First' - a service dedicated to the victim. The model has been designed around the victim's journey as they travel through the criminal justice system. However victims who do not wish to report their crime or where the case cannot be progressed will also be able to access the service.
9. 'Victim First' will be a service that will meet the information and advice needs of victims of crime as well as facilitating referral to, and deployment of, support to help victims cope and recover from the crime. In addition, 'Victim First' aims to embed restorative practices into its contacts with victims. This will be done proactively, as far as appropriate, offering victims of crime the opportunity to consider the restorative benefits of contact with the offender, and then, if requested, 'Victim First' will facilitate this.

Domestic and sexual violence information and support

10. It is proposed that the OPCC, Leicester City Council, Leicestershire County Council and Rutland County Council will jointly commission domestic and sexual violence information and support services from October 2015. Consultation on this proposal closed on 4th March. The anticipated value of the contract will be £828,500 per annum with the OPCC contributing £260,000 p.a.
11. The contract will include the following core services: 24 hour helpline, face to face support, support for third parties (friends, family members and colleagues), information on options including for those concerned about their own behaviour or local practitioners, safety planning and risk assessments, support planning, key working and support co-ordination, advocacy, individual and group support, appropriate therapeutic support, attendance at Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC), the Specialist Domestic Violence Court, neighbourhood profile/ networking and gendered provision.

Practical support and target hardening

12. The OPCC will also be commissioning practical support/target hardening for those assessed as vulnerable and/or at high risk of repeat victimisation from October 2015. The value of this contract has been doubled by the Chief Constable to £90,000 p.a.

Protecting the Vulnerable

Child Sexual Exploitation

13. The Commissioning Framework includes the following commissioning intention *'To prevent child abuse and child sexual exploitation (CSE) and provide a safe and supportive environment for victims and witnesses.'* During 2014, a graduate from the University of Leicester completed a research based internship within the OPCC which focused on children and young people living in residential care homes, who are at high risk of going missing or becoming victims of CSE.
14. As a result, a proposal is currently under consideration for the OPCC to fund a Vulnerable Young Person's Worker. The purpose of the role will be to contribute to the LLR Local Safeguarding Children's Boards Strategic Action Plan to reduce the number of vulnerable young people who go missing from home or care and are at risk of becoming, or are, involved in child sexual exploitation. The post holder would complete specific return interviews with young people in line with local guidance.

Mental Health

15. A Mental Health Partnership Development Manager post, jointly funded by the PCC and Leicestershire Police, has been created to support the Mental Health Partnership Group. The role works collaboratively with partner organisations on agreed priorities and supporting the development of the commissioning and funding arrangements to support these priorities. The Group has already had successes, including the delivery of joint mental health awareness training, and will continue to deliver outcomes in the 2015/2016 period. The Group has also assumed responsibility for monitoring and progressing delivery of the Crisis Care Concordat, Leicestershire being one of the first areas to have a locally signed declaration.

Implications

Financial :	The total commissioning budget for 2015/16 is £4.2m. Details are provided in the Commissioning Framework.
Legal :	Contracts/ funding agreements are in place for each allocation.
Equality Impact Assessment :	An Equality Impact Assessment and action plan were completed for the Commissioning Framework. The completion of an Equality Impact Assessment is a requirement of each funding agreement/ contract.
Risks and Impact :	The completion of a risk assessment is a

requirement for each funding agreement/ contract.

Link to Police and Crime Plan : The Commissioning Framework sets out how the PCC intends to align the commissioning budget with the key themes and strategic priorities in the Police and Crime Plan.

List of Appendices

Appendix A – Commissioning Intentions

Background Papers

Police & Crime Plan 2013 – 2017
Commissioning Framework 2015/17

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Supporting Victims and Witnesses Commissioning Intentions

Strategic Priority 5 (SP5): To increase reporting of domestic abuse and ensure a positive outcome for victims and witnesses of domestic abuse

Strategic Priority 6 (SP6): To increase reporting of serious sexual offences and ensure a positive outcome for victims and witnesses of serious sexual offences

Strategic Priority 7 (SP7): To increase reporting of hate crimes and ensure a positive outcome for victims and witnesses of hate crime offences

Strategic Priority 8 (SP8): To prevent anti-social behaviour (ASB) and to continuously improve the quality of service and response to victims of anti-social behaviour

Strategic Priority 9 (SP9): To continually improve the quality of service and response to victims of crime

All commissioning intentions have been coded 'CI***'. However it should be noted that the numbering is not consecutive due to annual changes in commissioning intentions. All strategic priorities within the Police and Crime Plan have been coded 'SP*' in the table below.

Code	Commissioning Intention	Funding Mechanism	Amount 2015/16	Estimated Amount 2016/17	Comment
CI010 SP4 SP8	Interventions that pro-actively reduce anti-social behaviour and/or improve the recording of incidents.	Direct	a) £10,000	a) £10,000	For 2015/17 via: Leicestershire Police for Sentinel
		PCC Grant	b) £100,000	b) £100,000	
			Total: £110,000	Total: £110,000	

Code	Commissioning Intention	Funding Mechanism	Amount 2015/16	Estimated Amount 2016/17	Comment
CI011 SP5 SP6 SP7	Interventions which increase the reporting of: - Domestic abuse - Serious sexual assault - Hate crime	PCC Grant	£150,000	£150,000	
CI012 SP6 SP9	Initiatives which support victims of rape and sexual assault, as well as the investigative process.	Co-Com	£67,906	£67,906	For 2015/16 via: NHS England for Juniper Lodge and St Bernards - Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCs)
CI013 SP5 SP6 SP7 SP8 SP9	To deliver an integrated Victim Service which will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • track victims of recorded and self-reported crime; • provide information, advice and practical support; and • provide access to “cope and recover” services 	Direct	£749,080	£749,080	

Code	Commissioning Intention	Funding Mechanism	Amount 2015/16	Estimated Amount 2016/17	Comment
CI025 SP5 SP6 SP9	To provide support to: a) Victims of sexual violence – including the ISVA role (adult and child) & a telephone helpline. b) Victims of domestic violence – including high risk/repeat victim safety outreach support and a Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland-wide telephone helpline.	Co-Com	£260,000	£260,000	These services will be commissioned in partnership with Leicester City, Leicestershire County and Rutland County Councils.
CI026 SP5 SP6 SP7 SP8 SP9	To provide a practical support/ target hardening service for those assessed as vulnerable and/or at high risk of repeat victimisation.	Direct	£45,000	£45,000	The Police have added a further £45,000 to this commissioning intention.

Protecting the Vulnerable Commissioning Intentions

Strategic Priority 15 (SP15): To prevent child abuse and child sexual exploitation (CSE) and provide a safe and supportive environment for victims and witnesses

Strategic Priority 16 (SP16): Improving the response, service and outcomes for those with mental health needs

Strategic Priority 17 (SP17): To reduce the number of repeat missing person reports

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Code	Commissioning Intention (CI)	Funding Mechanism	Amount 2015/16	Estimated Amount 2016/17	Comment
CI020 SP15 SP17	To prevent child abuse and child sexual exploitation (CSE) and provide a safe and supportive environment for victims and witnesses.	TBC	£50,000	£50,000	A pilot study seeking to develop intelligence in relation to children and young people in care homes who are repeatedly missing, and to identify any links to sexual exploitation is being completed during 2014/15. The results will influence any future commissioning.
CI021 SP16	To work with partners to improve the response, service and outcomes for those with mental health needs.	Direct	£50,000	£50,000	For 2015/17: Contribution to Mental Health Partnership Development Manager post and delivery of Mental Health Partnership Group Delivery Plan.

Code	Commissioning Intention (CI)	Funding Mechanism	Amount 2015/16	Estimated Amount 2016/17	Comment
CI022 SP017	To work with partners to reduce the number of repeat missing person reports.	TBC	£50,000	£50,000	A pilot study seeking to develop intelligence in relation to children and young people in care homes who are repeatedly missing, and to identify any links to sexual exploitation is being completed during 2014/15. This will influence any future commissioning.
CI023 SP15 SP16 SP17	To work with partners to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults	Direct	a) £87,890 b) £16,470 Total: £104,360	a) £87,890 b) £16,470 Total: £104,360	For 2014/17 via: a) Leicestershire & Rutland and City Safeguarding Boards for Children b) Leicestershire & Rutland and City Safeguarding Boards for Adults