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28th October 2024

Violence Reduction Network Annual Report

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Purpose of Report

1. The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) brings this report to outline for the Police and Crime Panel how he is fulfilling his responsibilities in relation to the requirement for the Violence Reduction Network (VRN) to publish an annual report. The publication of an annual report is a mandatory requirement of the Home Office grant agreement through which the VRN is funded on an annual basis.
2. The annual report for 2023-24 is included as Appendix A.

Request of the Panel

3. In their role to scrutinise the actions and decisions of the PCC, the Commissioner requests that the Panel examines the contents of this report. He would specifically like to ask the panel their opinion on the following questions:
 - a. Is the Panel supportive of the work undertaken to date by the PCC in relation to the VRN?
 - b. Would the Panel like to make any recommendations to the PCC in relation to any of the work outlined within the report?

Summary

4. It is the opinion of the PCC that the VRN's annual report reflects the positive progress that the team and partnership continues to make in preventing and reducing serious violence in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. He is also satisfied that the annual report 2023-24 meets the requirements of the grant agreement with the Home Office.

Background, Relevant Data and Trends

5. The Violence Reduction Network (VRN) is funded through an annual grant provided by the Home Office to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). There are several requirements within the grant agreement including in relation to mandatory products, one of which is the production of an annual report. The report is required to outline progress in relation to delivery of the strategy/plan, performance against the Home Office defined success measures and an outline of any evaluation activity. However, there is no prescribed format or structure provided.
6. It is also a requirement of the Home Office grant agreement that the VRN is governed by its core membership as it is a partnership programme supported through the VRN central team. The necessary governance is provided

through the local Strategic Partnership Board which agreed the format for the annual report and approves its contents.

7. The latest annual report includes the following:
 1. Introduction.
 2. A summary of key achievements.
 3. Impact on serious violence including Home Office defined success measures.
 4. Our partnership:
 - a. Serious Violence Duty delivery;
 - b. Communities and Young People;
 - c. Sports partnership developments;
 - d. Trauma-Informed progress.
 5. Reaching and Involving Young People
 6. Campaigns
 7. Continuous Learning
 8. Next steps

8. The annual report for 2023-24 is publicly available and can be accessed via the [VRN website](https://www.violencereductionnetwork.co.uk/_files/ugd/6e2bca_1a0dcb944c8b443699f8fb7450018e08.pdf) -
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