

ADDRESSING OF PCP'S RECOMMENDATIONS BY PCC'S WRITTEN RESPONSE IN RESPECT HIS PLANS TO REFRESH THE POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2014-17 AND WHAT HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE FINAL DRAFT REFRESH (2015/16)¹

- Give domestic abuse more distinct priority and prominence in the refresh of the Police and Crime Plan.

THE PCC STATES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HAS BEEN GIVEN MORE PROMINENCE IN THE REFRESHED POLICE AND CRIME PLAN WITH SPECIFIC MENTION IN THE SUPPORTING TEXT UNDERPINNING PRIORITY I. THE PLAN EXPLAINS THE PCC'S CONCERNS AT THE UNDER-REPORTING OF THESE OFFENCES AND THE NEED TO DO MORE TO ENCOURAGE VICTIMS TO COME FORWARD. THE PLAN ALSO REFERENCES HMIC'S FINDINGS IN ITS REVIEW OF THE WAY THE FORCE TACKLES DOMESTIC ABUSE. PRIORITY I CONTAINS SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS ON THE PCC TO WORK TO INCREASE THE REPORTING OF DOMESTIC ABUSE OFFENCES WHILST ALSO UNDERSTANDING WHAT CAUSES SOME VICTIMS NOT TO REPORT SO THAT ACTION CAN BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE SERVICES AND SUPPORT. THE CHIEF CONSTABLE IS EXPECTED TO LOOK TO REDUCE THE RISK TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE FROM BEING REPEAT VICTIMS. THE FORCE IS ALSO REQUIRED TO WORK WITH PARTNERS TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST OFFENDERS, REDUCE REOFFENDING RATES AND TO ENSURE THE SERVICES AND SUPPORT OFFERED TO VICTIMS IS EFFECTIVE. THE PCC WILL TRACK PERFORMANCE BY MONITORING COMPARISON AGAINST OTHER FORCES AND REPORT REGULARLY TO THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL.

- That in the future, the actual draft Plan is provided to the Panel, rather than a report of plans for refreshing it in order for the draft plan itself to be fully scrutinised in public.

SINCE THE RESPONSE TO THE PCP FROM THE PCC DATED 17 FEBRUARY 2015 THE PCC HAS REVIEWED THE TIMEFRAMES FOR THE 2016/17 REFRESH AND ADJUSTED THEM TO ENSURE THE PANEL RECEIVE A FULL DRAFT OF THE REFRESH OF THE PLAN TO DISCUSS AT THE APPROPRIATE MEETING.

- Provide an update on the findings of the work being explored with Exeter in respect of improved data exchange between Police and Health re DA/DV.

THE PCC STATES THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THE POLICE (AS PRINCIPLE OWNERS OF THE DATA) AND IS BEING LED BY SUPT CHRIS EASTWOOD ON THEIR BEHALF. THE OPCC WILL BE HAPPY TO SHARE FINDINGS WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE - TO BE ADDED TO THE WORK PLAN IN THE AUTUMN/WINTER.

- Provide a brief report to the Panel in respect of what has been done to address the current issues of tracking of repeat offenders of DA, hindered, apparently, due to two different reporting systems.

THE PCC STATES THE ISSUE FROM THE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK RELATED TO REPEAT VICTIMS RATHER THAN OFFENDERS, ALTHOUGH BOTH WERE POTENTIALLY AFFECTED. THIS HAS NOW BEEN RESOLVED AND THE OPCC ARE NOW IN RECEIPT OF DATA THAT WILL SUPPORT MONITORING.

¹ This includes responses from the PCC/OPCC in respect of each comment/recommendation – sent by email to the Host Authority on 16 JUNE 2015

- That, at the top of page 3, fourth line down (para re Child Sexual Exploitation) of the PCC's report "Refreshing the Police and Crime Plan for 2015/16" it states "*The PCC is **looking** to all public sector leaders to take responsibility in these areas and to drive progress.*" This terminology is to be amended and strengthened in the Plan.

THE PCC HAS ADVISED THAT THIS WORDING HAS BEEN REMOVED. THE PLAN NOW MAKES CLEAR THE EXPECTATIONS ON THE POLICE AND PARTNERS INCLUDING THE APPROPRIATE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES TO TACKLE CSE.

- Be clear in the final draft of the Plan precisely what changes to be made to priorities 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 where emphasis and more resources are to be devoted.

THE PCC STATES THIS HAS BEEN DONE. THE INTRODUCTION TO EACH PRIORITY IN THE PLAN HIGHLIGHTS THE KEY CHANGES/AMENDMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE.

- Report back on the impact specifically of closure of Truro Police station in financial and efficiency terms.

THE PCCC STATES THE DECISION TO CLOSE TRURO POLICE STATION AND RELOCATE WAS BASED ON A FULL BUSINESS CASE AND AN APPRAISAL OF THE FINANCIAL AND EFFICIENCY COSTS AND BENEFITS, PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION. DETAILS ON THE IMPACT HAVE NOT BEEN PROVIDED IN DETAIL.

- Reconsider the investment the PCC can make in respect of CCTV provision.

THE PCC'S POSITION REMAINS THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR CCTV DOES NOT LIE WITH THE PCC OR THE POLICE. HOWEVER, THE PCC RECOGNISES THE CHALLENGES FACED BY SMALL COMMUNITY SCHEMES, PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO CAPITAL INVESTMENT, AND AS PART OF HIS COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPING PARTNERSHIP WORK HE IS WILLING TO EXPLORE WAYS IN WHICH SUCH SCHEMES CAN BE SUPPORTED WHERE PARTNERS ARE WILLING TO PROVIDE ONGOING FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

Make Plan more 'user friendly' – less jargon, plain English and acronyms fully explained.

AS PART OF THE REFRESH OF THE PLAN, THE PCC REVIEWED IT TO MINIMISE THE USE OF "JARGON", AND A GLOSSARY HAS BEEN PROVIDED. A SUMMARY OF THE PLAN AND AN EASYREAD VERSION ARE BEING PRODUCED AND A BSL-SIGNED VERSION OF THE PLAN WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE OPCC WEBSITE.

- Ensure 'statements' are supported with evidence and/or further commentary.

THE PCC ADVISES THAT THE PLAN IS DERIVED FROM A NUMBER OF SOURCE DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING LOCAL STRATEGIC ASSESSMENTS, THE PENINSULA STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT AND JOINT NEEDS ASSESSMENTS. THESE FORM THE EVIDENCE BASE FOR THE PLAN.

- In light of, for example, recent OFSTED feedback (Plymouth) and other concerns raised about Police presence, identify where Police are not currently engaged in safeguarding meetings, ensure there is stronger and longer-term support, commitment and more consistent policing presence as well as maintaining other resource in respect of; CSE/children's safeguarding boards/Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hubs (MASH)/Case Management meetings - and reference this in the Plan and PCC to make clear to the Chief Constable.

THE PCC STATES HE REMAINS STRONGLY COMMITTED TO PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE. AN ASSESSMENT OF THREAT, RISK AND HARM IS A FUNDAMENTAL CONSIDERATION UNDERPINNING THE DEPLOYMENT OF

RESOURCES BY THE CHIEF CONSTABLE AND THIS APPROACH IS SUPPORTED BY THE PCC. HOWEVER, OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT OF RESOURCES IS A MATTER FOR THE CHIEF CONSTABLE.

Make a clearer commitment to 'hidden crimes' including hate crime and crime committed in respect of 'protected characteristics' and how the police will deliver equality and diversity in light of disbanding Equality & Diversity Teams.

THE PCC STATES THAT THE PLAN PLACES A SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITY ON THE CHIEF CONSTABLE TO ENSURE THAT THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF VICTIMS ARE WELL UNDERSTOOD WITHIN THE FORCE INCLUDING TAKING STEPS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND AND SUBSEQUENTLY ACT UPON THE REASONS WHY VICTIMS OF SOME CRIMES, INCLUDING HATE CRIMES, ARE RELUCTANT TO REPORT. THE NEW VICTIMS CARE UNIT HAS A SIGNIFICANT FOCUS ON PROVIDING SPECIALIST HELP AND SUPPORT TO VICTIMS THROUGH A WIDE RANGE OF PROVIDERS, INCLUDING THOSE WHO HAVE SPECIALIST EXPERIENCE IN HATE CRIME. AT A PERFORMANCE LEVEL THE OPCC HAVE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED ANALYSIS OF THIS ISSUE FROM THE CHIEF CONSTABLE AND AWAIT THIS EVIDENCE TO INFORM OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHALLENGES IN ORDER THAT WE CAN HOLD THE POLICE TO ACCOUNT FOR SERVICE PROVISION IN THIS AREA.

- Make reference to 'Prevent Duty' and how PCC and Police are expected to respond.
THE PCC HAS NOT SPECIFICALLY INCORPORATED A REFERENCE TO THIS IN THE FINAL DRAFT REFRESH – THE PCC REQUIRES FURTHER CLARIFICATION ON WHAT IS REQUIRED – AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO ACCOMMODATE ANY REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A REPORT.
- In light of HMIC's concerns re the 'erosion of neighbourhood policing' - provide the Panel with the report the PCC has requested from the Chief Constable that defines neighbourhood policing in terms of function and resourcing that aims to better protect this foundation service to the public and source of intelligence.

IN THE REFRESHED PLAN THE PCC HAS REITERATED HIS COMMITMENT TO NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING. THE CHIEF CONSTABLE IS LEADING IMPORTANT WORK THIS YEAR TO REVIEW THE EXISTING POLICING STRATEGY TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A SUSTAINABLE POLICING MODEL FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS THAT CONNECTS THE POLICE AND COMMUNITIES. IT IS INEVITABLE THAT THERE WILL BE SOME DIFFICULT CHOICES AHEAD BUT THE OVER-RIDING PRIORITY WILL BE TO KEEP THE PUBLIC SAFE. THE PCC IS COMMITTED TO CONSULTING PARTNERS ON THE PROPOSED MODEL AND THIS WILL BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE 'TRANSFORMATION' ITEM ALREADY ON THE WORK PLAN FOR THE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 2015.

- PCC to consider reflecting in the budget to CSPs funding for actively seeking views of communities and not just reacting to them along with a commitment to CSPs for administration in order to deliver against priorities in the Plan.
THE PCC HAS NOTED THIS AND THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF THE NEXT BUDGET PLANNING ROUND FOR THE 2016/17 FINANCIAL YEAR. UPDATE TO BE ADDED AS PART OF THE ITEM ON THE 'PRECEPT' FOR THE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 2016.
- Provide a report, as soon as possible to the Panel, on the transformation and efficiencies to be achieved from the Strategic Alliance with Dorset.

THE PCC IS PROVIDING AN UPDATE ON THE STRATEGIC ALLIANCE TO THIS MEETING (3 JULY 2015).

- Keep the PCP informed throughout the consultation process of the finalising of the refresh of the Police and Crime Plan (between now and the end of March 2015) of the progress being made and the option to comment on any significant changes via the Chair/Vice Chair of the Panel.

THE PCC STATES THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES, FOLLOWING THE POLICE & CRIME PANEL'S REVIEW OF THE PROPOSALS FOR THE DRAFT PLAN. THE CHAIR WAS PROVIDED WITH A COPY OF THE PLAN PRIOR TO ITS PUBLICATION IN MAY.