

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

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REPORT OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR DERBYSHIRE

Police & Crime Plan Strategic Priority 1: Working to keep the most vulnerable in our communities safe from crime and harm and supporting those who unfortunately find themselves a victim of crime.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Police and Crime Panel (the PCP) of progress made against Strategic Priority One of the 2016-2021 Police & Crime Plan for Derbyshire.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 requires the Commissioner to publish a Police and Crime Plan, setting out their police and crime objectives.
- 2.2 The Plan needs to be published by the end of the financial year in which the Commissioner is elected, in this case by the end of March 2017. In September 2016 the PCP agreed the proposed plan, which now forms The Police and Crime Plan for Derbyshire 2016-21 (The Plan).
- 2.3 The Plan builds upon the work of the previous Commissioner, and contains seven strategic priorities.
- 2.4 Historically the Commissioner has reported on each of the Strategic Priorities through a Performance Framework developed by the PCP. Currently a revised framework is being developed for approval by the PCP.
- 2.5 In order that the PCP can understand work undertaken the Commissioner is using this report to give an update on work towards Strategic Priority 1.

3. Victim Services

- 3.1 On the 1st of October 2014, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Derbyshire took over responsibility from the Ministry of Justice for commissioning victims services.
- 3.2 The Commissioner's primary function in respect of victims is to deliver the Victims' Code of Practice in line with EU regulations i.e.
- Free of charge
 - Confidential
 - Non-discriminatory
 - Available whether or not a crime has been reported to the police, and
 - Available before, during and for an appropriate time after any

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investigation or criminal proceedings

- 3.3 The approach to commissioning has seen a generic service commissioned to support victims of crime along with specialist provision for hate crime, domestic and sexual violence, young people and restorative justice.
- 3.4 Under the terms of the grant from the Ministry of Justice, the funding was only available to those who were victims of crime – this distinction meant that work with victims of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) could not be funded through this revenue stream.
- 3.5 As part of the 'Quality of Life' agenda, the PCC is keen to ensure that all victims are supported, whether a crime has been committed or not, and to this end continues to commission a service to support victims of ASB. The provider is the same as for the generic support service and this should allow for a more seamless pathway. Community safety partner, housing providers and the Constabulary are assisting in this service.
- 3.6 It is hoped that a shift from an automatic 'opt in' to victim services from those who contact the police to report a crime, to a system that asks if people want to be contacted by a support service should allow for a more efficient way of working. Should people wish to self-refer, or change their minds about wanting a service at a later date, all services are expected to take, and encourage, self-referrals.
- 3.7 In order to maximise outcomes and ensure value for money, the generic service, restorative justice, youth service and ASB service continue to be based at Force HQ and co-located with the Force's Witness Care team – this means that all of the money granted can be used to pay for services as there are no rent or utility costs charged to the providers. Discussions are currently taking place to see if we can gain further benefits from this co-location.
- 3.8 A Victims website 'CORE' (www.core-derbyshire.com) continues to act as a central resource for victims, to provide a branding for all commissioned victims providers in Derbyshire, local service providers and statutory partners to ensure increased access to advice, information, direct links to commissioned service websites, and options for self-referral into those services for help.
- 3.9 In addition to commissioning plans in Derbyshire, there have been ongoing conversations and meetings across the region to develop and identify further opportunities for regional approaches.

4.0 Restorative Justice

- 4.1 The PCC has commissioned a specialist provider to undertake Restorative Justice (RJ) work within Derbyshire.
- 4.2 In the period April 2017 – January 2018, the service has received 2432 referrals, giving an average monthly referral rate of 243 cases per month. The vast majority of these referrals, 92.3%, come via the Witness Care service.
- 4.3 These referrals cover a wide range of crime types as shown below (NB some

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referrals will cover more than one crime type.) They are also from a wide spread of geographic locations

Table 1: RJ Referrals – Crime Type

| CRIME TYPE | TOTAL |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Homicide | 3 |
| Violence with Injury | 546 |
| Violence without Injury | 56 |
| Rape | 6 |
| Other Sexual Offences | 24 |
| Robbery of Business Property | 12 |
| Robbery of Personal Property | 7 |
| Burglary in a Dwelling | 17 |
| Burglary- Other | 94 |
| Vehicle Offences | 128 |
| Theft from the Person | 10 |
| Bicycle Theft | 7 |
| Shoplifting | 710 |
| All other theft offences | 91 |
| Fraud | 61 |
| Criminal Damage | 250 |
| Arson | 6 |
| Hate Crime | 27 |
| Hate Incident | 7 |
| Domestic Violence | 1 |

Table 2: RJ Referrals - Location

| LOCATION | Total |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Amber Valley | 298 |
| Bolsover | 139 |
| Chesterfield | 348 |
| Derby City | 757 |
| Derbyshire Dales | 175 |
| Erewash | 141 |
| High Peak | 115 |
| North East Derbyshire | 24 |
| South Derbyshire | 181 |
| Out of Area | 187 |
| Unknown | 67 |

- 4.4 Of those victims referred into the service, the vast majority (92.8%) were referred in after sentencing, with the remaining 7.2% being referred in as a potential out of court disposal.

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4.5 Once referred in, the service assesses the suitability of the victim for Restorative Justice as well as working with victims to see if this is an approach they wish to adopt. This sees a significant number assessed as either not suitable or un-interested in the process. Of the 693 individuals assessed as suitable, 400 of them engaged with the RJ process at some level

4.6 Reasons for cases being assessed as un-suitable include:

- An Order in place
- Duplicate Referral
- Offender denial
- Incorrect details
- Service declined by victim
- Victim/offender relationship
- Crime type unsuitable for RJ

5.0 CORE Website

5.1 The victim services website – CORE, continues to grow and develop.

5.2 The hope is that this information hub will allow victims of crime, or their friends/families, to understand what services are out there to support them and help them cope and recover.

5.3 The PCC reported last year that a tool had been produced to help offer assurance to the PCC on the standard of service provided by third party support providers who were promoted through the CORE website. It is fair to say that the take up of this tool has been limited and work is ongoing to encourage more people to complete the tool and for the services to be promoted via CORE.

5.4 As with all work around the commissioning and delivery of victim services, the CORE website is maturing and the office is seeking to better understand the user experience of the site, which pages and/or information people are accessing so as to ensure that the website delivers on the PCC's ambition that this can be a one stop advice and information portal for victims and their families/supporters. Further updates on this will be provided to the Panel in future reports.

6.0 PCC Spending

6.1 The PCC invests significant amounts of funding against each of the Strategic Priorities. As Commissioning and Grant Making activity matures it is possible to gain a better understanding of the types of activity being supported and the geographical spread of funding.

6.2 The following tables give an insight into the type of spending against this priority and the locations of projects/work supported.

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Table 3: Small Grants (2017-18)

| Small Grant | Total Budget |
|--|---------------------|
| British Deaf Association | £1,250.00 |
| Drinkaware | £1,250.00 |
| Global Education Derby | £1,215.00 |
| Sinfin Community Childcare | £1,250.00 |
| Freedom Delivers | £2,000.00 |
| Chesterfield & District Neighbourhood Watch | £2,500.00 |
| Total | £9,465.00 |

Table 4: Large Grants (2017-18)

| Large Grant | Total Budget |
|--|---------------------|
| Prince's Trust | £25,000.00 |
| Brand Recovery | £22,600.00 |
| North East Derbyshire Citizens Advice - Scam Watch | £25,000.00 |
| Crossroads Derbyshire | £18,873.00 |
| Pathways of Chesterfield | £25,000.00 |
| South Derbyshire Mental Health Association | £25,000.00 |
| St Peters Quarter Derby | £18,700.00 |
| Total | £160,173.00 |

Table 5: Geographical Spread of spend (Large & Small Grants)

| LOCATION | % of total |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Amber Valley | 0.0 |
| Bolsover | 0.0 |
| Chesterfield | 16.2 |
| Derby City | 26.3 |
| Derbyshire County | 14.7 |
| Derbyshire - ALL | 16.9 |
| Derbyshire Dales | 0.0 |
| Erewash | 0.0 |
| High Peak | 11.1 |
| North East Derbyshire | 0.0 |
| South Derbyshire | 14.7 |

(NB the geographical spread of PCC spend is considered as part of the grants decision making process but is reliant on the quality and location of projects seeking financial support. The PCC would, of course, welcome any support that Panel Members could provide in using their local knowledge to further raise the

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profile of the PCC's grant making activity within their own communities.)

Table 6: Community Safety Fund allocation

| Organisation Name | Budget Total |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| County High Risk Offenders | £41,000.00 |
| City High Risk Offenders | £31,500.00 |
| ECINS License | £59,300.00 |
| Derby City Community Safety | £125,000.00 |
| Amber Valley Community Safety | £25,000.00 |
| Bolsover Community Safety | £25,000.00 |
| Chesterfield Community Safety | £25,000.00 |
| Derbyshire Dales Community Safety | £25,000.00 |
| Erewash Community Safety | £25,000.00 |
| High Peak Community Safety | £25,000.00 |
| North East Community Safety | £25,000.00 |
| South Derbyshire Community Safety | £25,000.00 |
| DLNR Drugs Testing CIC | £26,000.00 |
| City YOS | £50,700.00 |
| County YOS | £113,500.00 |
| Contribution to LCJB | £10,000.00 |
| ASB Service | £40,000.00 |
| Rhubarb (3yr) | £20,000.00 |
| Padley Centre (3yr) | £20,000.00 |
| Eastern European Networks CIC (3yr) | £25,000.00 |
| Total | £762,000.00 |

Table 7: Geographical Spread of CSF spend

| LOCATION | % of total |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Amber Valley | 2.8 |
| Bolsover | 2.8 |
| Chesterfield | 2.8 |
| Derby City | 45.3 |
| Derbyshire County | 20.3 |
| Derbyshire - ALL | 9.5 |
| Derbyshire Dales | 2.8 |
| Erewash | 2.8 |
| High Peak | 2.8 |
| North East Derbyshire | 5.1 |
| South Derbyshire | 2.8 |

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Table 8: Ministry of Justice (Victims) Grant Spend

| Contract Name | Budget Total |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| MOJ SV2 Core Support Service | £47,000.00 |
| MOJ Derbyshire Young Victims | £50,000.00 |
| MOJ Derbyshire Victim Services | £376,400.00 |
| MOJ City CSE | £36,000.00 |
| MOJ County DV Joint Commissioning | £85,200.00 |
| MOJ Refuge Support Service | £140,800.00 |
| MOJ Restorative Justice Services | £140,000.00 |
| MOJ County IDVA | £89,000.00 |
| Total | £964,400.00 |

Table 9: Geographical split – City, County, Pan-Derbyshire

| LOCATION | % of total |
|-------------------|------------|
| Derby City | 18.3 |
| Derbyshire County | 18.1 |
| Derbyshire - ALL | 63.6 |

7.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- i) That the Panel notes the progress made against Strategic Priority 1 of the Police and Crime Plan.

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