



OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR THAMES VALLEY

INFORMATION REPORT TO THE THAMES VALLEY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL 8th September 2017

Police and Crime Plan Strategic Priority 4 – Serious Organised Crime and Terrorism

The PCC ensures delivery of his Police and Crime Plan objectives by holding to account other PCC-funded and commissioned service providers for their delivery of specific operational policing and crime reduction objectives. In respect of Strategic Priority 4 (Serious Organised Crime and Counter-Terrorism), performance and delivery is monitored in the following 4 main ways:

1. Chief Constable

The PCC holds the Chief Constable to account for operational policing across the Thames Valley. The Chief Constable produces an Annual Force Delivery Plan which complements and supports the PCC's Police and Crime Plan. The PCC (or Dep PCC) attends monthly Service Improvement Reviews across Local Policing Areas in Thames Valley, and also Force Performance Group meetings whereby he can witness the Chief Constable and Deputy Chief Constable (DCC) holding relevant operational staff to account for their specific aims, objectives and targets.

At his quarterly Level 1 public meetings the PCC holds the Chief Constable to account for delivery against the Force's annual Delivery Plan. In respect of Serious Organised Crime and Terrorism, the following Force Delivery Plan objectives and actions are relevant:

1.1 Further developing our multi-agency safeguarding approach to protect the most vulnerable in our communities

The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hubs (MASH) are undergoing detailed review by both the Protecting Vulnerable People (PVP) Unit and Service Improvement. In addition we are working to implement recommendations from 2016.

TVP has recruited two members of temporary staff to assist with the associated administrative tasks and are in the process of reviewing co-location options for the two Berkshire MASH's.

1.2 Developing and implementing an adult safeguarding strategy to identify and manage those at risk of exploitation, abuse of trust, fraud and theft

TVP is working closely with prisons, universities and Adult Services to identify vulnerable individuals.

Learning and Professional Development (L&PD) continue to deliver SaVE 2 training to further embed the issues of safeguarding, vulnerability and exploitation within the organisation. These sessions will make up part of Team in Action (TIA) days until mid-September.

TVP has developed a new Force Policy relating to vulnerable adults, with Force Guidance

currently under development.

CCMT (Chief Constables Management Team) considered, in July, a paper setting out proposals for Force activity in relation to Operation Signature, which would provide targeted safeguarding and crime prevention activity for victims identified via Action Fraud. Funding in support of this activity has been approved by the PCC.

1.3 Broadening the use of the multi-agency Integrated Offender Management programme to reduce reoffending by dangerous offenders who target vulnerable people and repeat domestic violence perpetrators

TVP is working to improve integration between Lifetime Offender Management (LOM) and Integrated Offender Management (IOM) to improve identification and management of high risk organised crime gang (OCG) offenders. We are also developing our links with Prison Intelligence to improve response and dissemination of intelligence pertaining to active OCG members.

TVP has revised the matrix for selecting IOM cohorts with Reading CSP - now signed off to pilot a new cohort. An IOM toolkit is being developed, linking into NICHE for offenders. Domestic Abuse offenders are now incorporated into the Buckinghamshire IOM. The Force is developing an "Offender Management" approach combining VISOR (Violent and Sex Offenders Register) and IOM with training to be delivered in July to VISOR and IOM teams on the new approach.

2.6 Working with partners to improve the use and accessibility of RJ, in order for offenders to better understand the impact of their crime on their victims.

TVP chairs the multi-agency Restorative Justice group, a sub group of the Local Criminal Justice Board, as well as sitting on the contract review panel for the Restorative Justice supplier.

TVP works with Thames Valley Restorative Justice Service (TVRJS) development managers and workplace leads to promote the use of RJ - a recent awareness drive and improvements to the referral system has resulted in increased referrals.

Leadership in the workplace is needed in order to promote the use of RJ within the culture of investigative & victim/witness care. Departments engaged so far are Reading, Oxford and Aylesbury LPAs and Oxon Force CID with enquiries being made with Major Crime. The remaining LPAs have now been asked to nominate champions so they can be included in the briefing programme being delivered by TVRJS.

3.6 Investigate, developing and implementing opportunities to deliver services collaboratively with other forces and our local partners

TVP is developing a collaborative approach to Automatic Number Plate Recognition with Hampshire Constabulary.

TVP supports the delivery of the Specialist Capabilities programme through developing regional relationships and exploring opportunities to deliver services regionally.

The Force Change Review process and monthly meetings facilitate the identification of potential opportunities for collaboration, signposting business leads to engage in collaborative discussions at the proposal and business case stages.

Force Change is working with South East Regional Integrated Policing (SERIP) to help identify opportunities for working together regionally. Business cases for collaborative projects and programmes are also discussed at the Central Moderation Panel and Collaboration Board, which are joint meetings with Hampshire Constabulary.

Proposals for regional forensic collaboration have been made. Development of digitisation of fingerprint evidence and High Tech Crime Unit storage is underway.

Learning & Professional Development will seek to exploit all opportunities for increased efficiencies through greater collaboration with local and other Forces, including Policies, Practices and Delivery.

TVP is currently collaborating with Hampshire Constabulary for the Firearms and Medics First Aid training delivery. The courses have been aligned and now officers from both forces can attend either force for their training in this area, and similarly training resources are being shared between forces.

2. South East Collaboration Board

At the South East Regional Collaboration Board the PCCs for Hampshire, Surrey, Sussex and Thames Valley collectively hold the chief officers to account for the delivery of effective regional services, such as serious organised crime and counter-terrorism. Although these meetings are held in private session, formal agendas and minutes are produced.

3. Other relevant meetings

The PCC has regular meetings with the senior TVP officers responsible for Prevent and Channel.

The PCC has regular monthly meetings with the Chief Constable whereby topical and strategic issues are discussed, including counter-terrorism and organised crime.

4. Other relevant updates on the key aims in the Police and Crime Plan

The following provides an update on the four specific 'Key Aims' in the Police and Crime Plan.

Public awareness messages etc.

- Grant funding (of up to £100,000) will be made available by the PCC out of his Community Safety Fund to support the development of a Cybercrime strategy and preventative measures.
- Cybercrime strategy will be promoted through #Protect Your World campaign.

Oversight of activities

- Successful Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic and Refugees (BAMER) bid to the Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG) fund (£400,000 awarded). This will be managed by the OPCC.

'Dare to Share' culture

- No update.

Better engagement & info sharing between organisations

- Grant funding (up to £100,000) will be made available by the PCC out of his Community Safety Fund to support local projects / organisations providing services which are designed to increase engagement with local communities, provide opportunities for dialogue, engagement and education for key professionals, and to improve reporting and prevention of FGM.
- PREVENT - following the OPCC Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) Managers Forum, broad agreement received on proposals for a TV-wide 'virtual network' for

PREVENT (facilitated through OPCC).

Finally, within the annual internal audit plan for 2017/18 is an audit of Police and Crime Plan Monitoring. This audit will examine the effectiveness of current governance and monitoring arrangements. This audit is scheduled to commence in Q3 (i.e. from October 2017) when the scope of the audit will be agreed. An action plan will be developed to address any areas of identified weakness. The Joint Independent Audit Committee will monitor implementation of any agreed action plan.

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