

Health and Wellbeing Board Paper

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2. Executive summary

The Surrey Health and Wellbeing (HWB) Board has taken on the county's statutory requirement for development and delivery of a Surrey Community Safety Agreement and embedded these requirements in its Terms of Reference and in the outcomes of the Surrey HWB Strategy. The consideration of crime and disorder within the HWB Board's constituent organisations is also required, as members of the body that develops and delivers the Community Safety Agreement.

The Police and Crime Commissioner is asking the HWB Board to consider the questions posed in this paper, at this meeting and within their own organisations after the meeting, in order to provide input into the development of a Police and Crime Plan for the County.

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board:

1. Considers the questions posed by the Commissioner below at this Board meeting, in order to provide input into the development of the Surrey Police and Crime Plan.
2. Board members pose the Commissioner's questions within their own organisations and provide their responses to the Office for Police and Crime Commissioner in a timely manner.

4. Reason for Recommendations

The Police and Crime Plan consultation is currently taking place, involving a wide range of key stakeholders. Much of this has been through online consultation events which have been based around themes such as rural crime and youth crime, and in group contexts such as schools, universities and with elected members. At this stage, the Commissioner is keen to keep consultation as open and broad as possible. Phase two of the consultation, in September/October, will comprise a public survey, by which stage we anticipate some priority areas may have emerged.

The PCC is keen to ensure that members of the HWB Board, as the county-level strategic board for community safety issues, are able to contribute to the Plan.

5. Detail

There are statutory requirements of the HWB Board in relation to Community Safety. Community Safety is a key outcome ('People are safe and feel safe') within Priority 3 of the refreshed Surrey Health and Well-being Strategy (Supporting people to reach their potential by addressing the wider determinants of health').

One of the key statutory responsibilities of a Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) as set out in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 is to set the Police and Crime Plan for the force area. The document acts as both a planning tool for PCCs and an important mechanism for communicating their intentions to the public, police, partner agencies, Police and Crime Panel and other stakeholders. The Plan should describe the priorities for police and crime reduction and is the main means by which the PCC holds the Chief Constable to account. It must have regard to the policing of the area, crime and disorder reduction, and the discharge of its national or international functions.

The Plan must also cover:

- The policing of Surrey which the Chief Constable is to provide;
- The financial and other resources which the Commissioner is to provide to the Chief Constable;
- The means by which the Chief Constable will report to the Commissioner on the provision of policing;
- The means by which the Chief Constable's performance in providing policing is measured;
- The crime and disorder reduction grants which the Commissioner is to make, and the conditions (if any) of those grants.

The PCC is required to issue a Police and Crime Plan as soon as practicable after taking office and, in any case, before the end of the financial year (31st March) in which the PCC is elected. The draft plan must be sent to and reviewed by the Police and Crime Panel, allowing the panel to consider the draft plan and report or make recommendations upon it. The PCC is required to have regard to any recommendations made by the panel and provide a response which must be published and sent to the Chief Constable.

Importantly for the Health and Wellbeing Board, Chief Officers of police and local unitary, county and district authorities have a duty to co-operate with the PCC for the purpose of formulating the Police and Crime Plan. PCCs have statutory duties, when formulating/implementing the plan to:

- Co-operate with responsible authorities in formulating and implementing local crime and disorder strategies - giving due regard to their respective priorities;
- Co-operate with local criminal justice bodies to provide an efficient and effective criminal justice system for the police area;
- Achieve value for money;
- Make arrangements for engaging with local people;
- Ensure that the Chief Constable fulfils their duties relating to equality and diversity;
- Have regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children;
- Have regard to the Strategic Policing Requirement and any guidance or codes of practice issued by the Secretary of State.

Lisa Townsend, PCC, is currently carrying out wide consultation on priorities and other areas for inclusion in the 2021-24 Police and Crime Plan. The PCC would like the views of the Health and Wellbeing Board on areas for inclusion in the plan, including opinions on the following:

- **What should be the high-level policing priorities for Surrey Police in the Police and Crime Plan for 2021-24?**
- **What other broader priorities (eg Community Safety, victim support, criminal justice) should be included within the plan?**
- **What do you think Surrey Police currently do well?**
- **What do you think Surrey Police currently do less well?**
- **What are the aspects of policing where you would like to see the PCC focus improvement in over the next 3 years?**
- **What should be the balance between specialist policing, such as counter-terrorism, firearms, investigating serious crimes, reducing domestic violence etc and local demands for eg visible police presence?**
- **What is your view on police engagement with stakeholders and the public?**
- **How could the role of the PCC improve engagement with residents and stakeholders?**

- **What information would you like to see on policing and community safety? (e.g. more crime statistics, police numbers, stories of success.**

6. Challenges

None identified at this stage.

7. Timescale and delivery plan

The initial consultation phase of the plan will be until September/October 2021 and members can comment after this Board meeting by contacting Sarah Haywood, Policy and Commissioning Lead, OPCC - sarah.haywood@surrey.pnn.police.uk

The Plan is expected to be published in November 2021, following review by the Surrey Police and Crime Panel. It will last for the duration of the PCC's tenure.

8. How is this being communicated?

A range of stakeholders are being consulted on the Police and Crime Plan, as detailed earlier in the report.

9. Next steps

Comments from members of the HWB Board will be analysed and incorporated into the next stage of consultation of the Plan. Once approved by the Surrey Police and Crime Panel, the Plan will be published and shared widely, including with members of this Board.
