

Response to Action R29/21 – wider collaboration

At its meeting in September 2021, the Panel requested a report exploring police collaboration at local, regional and national level and the role of the PCC in collaboration. As a follow-up, we have been asked to provide Panel members with information on wider collaborative arrangements with local authorities in Surrey, the NHS and the Criminal Justice system by way of headline information.

This is evidently a very broad request and as such, we have provided a brief summary below which is not exhaustive. If there are areas of particular interest to the Panel, these can be explored in more detail at future meetings.

Local Authorities

- The PCC has worked collaboratively with local authorities on many projects to improve community safety and reduce ASB – e.g. Joint Enforcement Teams and coaching for victims of persistent ASB. The PCC is the final arbiter in the Community Trigger process
- We co-commission a number of services with local authority partners to provide support to victims of crime – e.g. support to DA refuges and DA outreach work
- We work with local authorities to access specific funding pots as and when they become available – e.g. the Safer Streets fund
- The Surrey PCC has a standing invitation to the Surrey Leaders meeting where she is able to discuss relevant county-wide issues. The provision of a transit site is a case in point
- As a member of the Drivesmart Board, the PCC will be looking to work with local authorities to improve road safety and encourage safer and more considerate road usage
- Whilst not a statutory member of Community Safety Partnerships, the OPCC attend most CSPs in Surrey which require responsible authorities to work together to develop and implement strategies for reducing crime and disorder in their areas. The OPCC also chairs the Community Safety Forum, bringing together community safety colleagues from local authorities.
- The OPCC, local authorities and a host of other statutory and voluntary sector agencies collaborate at strategic partnership boards to tackle issues such as domestic abuse, rape and sexual assault and violence against women and girls. The OPCC chairs the Domestic Homicide Oversight Group, Coercive & Controlling Behaviour Workstream and DA & Stalking Perpetrator Monitoring Group for a new intervention commissioned by the OPCC.
- The OPCC is a member of the Surrey Homelessness Multi-Agency Group

NHS and Mental Health

- The PCC is a member of the Surrey Health & Wellbeing Board which brings together NHS, public health, social care, local councillors and user representatives to work together to improve the health and wellbeing of the people of Surrey
- The PCC has taken on a national portfolio for Mental Health. At a local level, the Office works with partners such as Surrey & Borders to explore the impact of mental health on policing demand and to develop support for those with mental health issues or multiple needs such as drug and alcohol abuse or homelessness
- The OPCC is a member of the Surrey Crisis Care Concordat Delivery Group
- The OPCC is a member of the Surrey Adults Matter Strategic Board

Criminal Justice

- The PCC chairs the Surrey Criminal Justice Board. This brings together senior partners from Surrey Police, the CPS, HM Courts & Tribunal Service, HM Prisons and Probation Service, local authorities and the Judiciary to drive improvement and improve confidence in the criminal justice system
- The PCC has a reducing reoffending fund and works collaboratively with agencies such as the Probation Service to co-commission services. Recent examples include the provision of supported housing and substance misuse services
- The OPCC chairs the Out of Court Disposals Scrutiny Panel
- The OPCC is a member of the Surrey Reducing Reoffending Board
- The OPCC chairs the Custody Scrutiny Panel

Safeguarding

- OPCC is an invited member of the Surrey Children Safeguarding Executive and the Surrey Adult Safeguarding Executive
- The OPCC is a member of the Exploited and Missing Children's Delivery Group, Chairs the Needs of Exploited Group and has supported the safeguarding of children through the commissioning of the targeted Child Criminal Exploitation Service.
- The OPCC is a member of the Surrey Adolescent Safeguarding Partnership and the YOT Partnership, working on projects to protect young people at risk of harm and exploitation. The OPCC has funded and co-developed the Engage Project which supports young people in custody.