

Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) Paper

1. Reference Information

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Annexes/Appendices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annex 1 - Police and Crime Plan for Surrey 2021-2025 (Police and Crime Plan – Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey (surrey-pcc.gov.uk))

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2. Executive summary

This report introduces the Police and Crime Plan for Surrey 2021-2025 to the Health and Wellbeing Board. The report also considers the opportunities for the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Board to work together and consider how community safety is represented going forward.

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board:

1. Note the report and the Police and Crime Plan for Surrey 2021-2025.
2. Consider the opportunities for great collaboration with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey and community safety partners.

3. Endorse the proposal to hold a biannual meeting to agree the community safety strategic direction.

4. Reason for Recommendations

This paper recommends a new Police and Crime Plan for Surrey to the Board for the following reasons:

- Meets the statutory duty of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 to corporate with partners, and
- Seeks to find opportunities for the Board and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey to work together.

The paper also details the proposal to create a biannual meeting to bring community safety partners together to agree the strategic delivery of the Community Safety Agreement.

5. Detail

Purpose of the Police & Crime Plan

Police & Crime Plans are a statutory requirement for all police force areas introduced as part of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. Whilst every plan will be localised in nature, they will share a common aim in communicating a Commissioner's vision and objectives during his or her term of office. The Plan is intended to set out a range of activities that will tackle crime and improve community safety in an efficient and effective way. It will impact upon a wide variety of stakeholders and has a number of different intended audiences including the public, victims of crime, Chief Officers of Police, the Secretary of State, the Police and Crime Panel, private and voluntary sectors and partner agencies such as criminal justice and local authorities.

The Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is required to issue a new Police & Crime Plan "as soon as practicable" after taking office. Until a new plan is issued, the plan set by the previous PCC remains in place. The PCC is obliged to prepare a draft in consultation with the Chief Constable and should also consult to obtain the views of local people, victims of crime and partner agencies such as community safety partnerships to inform her priorities.

The content, style and focus of the plan is a matter for the Commissioner. However, the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 identified several items that must be contained within every Plan, as follows:

- the Commissioner's police and crime objectives for the area;
- the policing of the police area which the chief officer of police is to provide;
- the financial and other resources which the Commissioner is to provide to the chief officer of police;
- the means by which the chief officer of police will report to the commissioner on the chief officer's provision of policing;

- the means by which the chief officer of police's performance in providing policing will be measured; and
- the grants which the Commissioner is to make.

In addition, there are several statutory responsibilities that the Commissioner must consider when formulating the Police and Crime Plan, including to:

- Co-operate with responsible authorities in formulating and implementing local crime and disorder strategies and have regard to the relevant priorities of each responsible authority;
- Make arrangements for engaging with local people;
- Achieve value for money;
- Co-operate with local criminal justice bodies to provide an efficient and effective criminal justice system for the police area;
- 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 issued by the Secretary of State;
- Have regard to any guidance or codes of practice issued by the Secretary of State.

The Police and Crime Plan for Surrey 2021-2025

All of the above requirements were considered in formulating the draft Police & Crime Plan, the published Police and Crime Plan for Surrey 2021-2025 is attached as Annex 1 to this report.

The PCC and Deputy PCC also carried out extensive consultation with partners and residents. A wide range of partners were consulted including councillors, Police and Crime Panel members, MPs, schools, police officers and staff across the organisation, community safety partners and safeguarding partners, rural communities, and diverse groups. The Health and Wellbeing Board was presented the consultation and ways to respond at the September 2021 Board.

The Commissioner also consulted with the Chief Constable and his team throughout the development of the Plan. In addition, consideration was given to the intelligence and strategic analysis of crime problems in Surrey; partnership strategies including the Health and Wellbeing Strategy; views of professionals in policing and the OPCC; national priorities; current performance; finances and financial outlook and the Force Management Statement.

The Plan was also been developed alongside the budget and consideration given to what is achievable with the police precept set and funding available for wider community safety work.

Priorities

The priorities set in the Plan are:

- ***Preventing violence against women and girls in Surrey***
- ***Protecting people from harm in Surrey***
- ***Working with Surrey communities so that they feel safe***
- ***Strengthen relationships between Surrey Police and Surrey residents***
- ***Ensuring safer Surrey roads***

The Plan details the key actions to be taken by Surrey Police and the PCC's own office to achieve those aims. In addition, there is a section on resources for Surrey Police and the PCC and a section to cover other statutory requirements for a Police and Crime Plan.

Monitoring Progress Against Police and Crime Plan

Along with the development of the Plan, the OPCC has been working with Surrey Police to develop the measures to monitor progress against the Plan. A new scorecard for the Force Service Board has been agreed and will be used to hold the Chief Constable to account. The PCC has also launched her new Surrey Performance and Accountability Meeting which is online and available for members of the public and stakeholders to consider.

Community Safety Strategic Priority Setting

As the Board will recall in March 2020 the then Community Safety Board merged with the Health and Wellbeing Board. The overriding aim of the merger was to create a whole systems approach and develop a sense of shared priorities through collaborative working.

The scoping work prior to the merger recognised the statutory responsibilities of the partners and associated boards but was also mindful of the 2018 Policing, Health and Social Care Consensus that set health, social care and police partners a challenge of considering how we work together and to move beyond a single service response to prevention and commissioning. In March 2020 all agreed the merger created an exciting opportunity.

The Consensus also lay the foundation for the Community Safety Agreement which followed the merger, and which set the partnerships aspirations.

The Agreement set out how the HWB would strive to work together to use our shared capabilities and resource to enhance the response to the lives of those with the most complex needs. How as a partnership it would become better at identifying and supporting vulnerable people, making every contact count. Finally, how we would look to improve our support to victims of crime and anti-social behaviour, making sure that we fully consider harm, and risk when we are commissioning and delivering support and preventative services.

The Health and Wellbeing Board is wide ranging and complex and in dealing with the aftermath of the pandemic it is felt there is a gap emerging between the workings of countywide boards, and local delivery through the Community Safety Partnerships.

Statutorily, the local Community Safety Partnerships and the Police and Crime Commissioner have a duty to cooperate and this cooperation is felt to be constrained currently.

Proposal

It is recommended that through the OPCC a biannual *meeting* will be held to bring Community Safety Partners together to discuss countywide threats and opportunities and agree an approach to making Surrey's communities safer.

The objectives would be to:

- Meet the statutory duty to cooperate across community safety partners;
- Share data and trends to enable a collective response to countywide and local threats;
- Enable the development of shared priorities across community safety, criminal justice and health and social care to be brought to the Health and Well-being Board via the Community Safety Agreement and priority three;
- Create opportunities to explore co-commissioning and joint project delivery;
- Provide a forum to engage in and respond to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the Health and Wellbeing Board's forward plan and performance monitoring;
- Create a space for community safety partners to share best practice and highlight common areas of challenge;
- Create a more cohesive approach to community safety that aligns and engages with county wide partners and provision.

The full day conferences will be held in the spring and winter and allow for presentation, networking and priority setting.

The proposal to reinstate a community safety meeting is not to distract from or duplicate the partnership work taking place within the Health and Wellbeing Board but to provide a place for community safety partners to meet, network and agree focused priorities which will feed into the Health and Wellbeing Strategy's implementation plans. The Health and Wellbeing Board will still hold the Community Safety Agreement as a key part of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and work to support the delivery of its priorities across Surrey.

Membership

The membership will be extended to chairs of the CSPs, Community Safety Officer/Managers, representatives from the statutory partners (Surrey Police, Health, Probation, Surrey County Council and Surrey Fire and Rescue Service). Subject leads as well as data specialists will also be invited to provide updates on key lines of work. The Health and Wellbeing Board would be a key stakeholder.

6. Challenges

This is an ambitious Plan but as part of its formation consideration was taken around the ability to deliver. The budget and resources will be monitored over the term of the Plan.

7. Timescale and delivery plan

The Plan covers the term of the PCC. Delivery will be reported on to the Surrey Police and Crime Panel.

For the new Community Safety biannual meeting it is hoped the inaugural meeting will take place in May 2022 following the May elections.

8. What communications and engagement has happened/needs to happen?

Following Board endorsement, information on the proposed biannual meeting to bring community safety partners together to agree the strategic delivery of the Community Safety Agreement, will be communicated to partners.

9. Next steps

Planning for the first biannual meeting in May with relevant partner officer input and engagement will proceed.