

Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner

“MAKING A DIFFERENCE”

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FOREWORD

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PCCs reflections on the last year – progress made, challenges ahead etc

- Austerity
- Demand v Resources – threat, risk & harm
- Changing landscapes – Merger; Local Government Reform etc
- Thanks to officers, staff, partners & Panel

Martyn Underhill was elected as Dorset's first Police and Crime Commissioner in November 2012 and was successfully re-elected in May 2016. Currently one of only three independent PCC's, Martyn is a former police officer having joined the Metropolitan Police in 1979 and retired as a Detective Chief Inspector from Sussex Police in 2009. As PCC Martyn has been particularly passionate about increasing the support and service provided to victims of crime, improving the response to people suffering from mental ill health, maintaining a visible local police presence during a sustained period of austerity and investing in the future of policing in Dorset, both in terms of equipment and technology and in officers and staff.

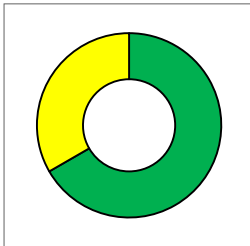
PROTECTING PEOPLE AT RISK OF HARM

“Protecting the public from harm is, and will always be, a core police duty. However, the demands placed on the police have shifted greatly in recent years and resources need to be effectively targeted on the basis of threat, risk and harm.”

Protecting those most at risk of harm and most vulnerable to crime is a key strand of this Plan and will be an area of focus for the duration of this term of office.”

Police & Crime Plan 2017-2021

Police & Crime Plan Progress



21 PCC Commitments

- PCC funding for Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVAs), including an additional Children and Young Persons ISVA
- PCC funding for Acts Fast to provide support to family members of child sexual abuse victims
- Exploring the potential for an adult Return Home Interview (RHI) scheme for missing persons, similar to existing arrangements for children and young people
- PCC funding for a High Intensity Network (HIN) initiative providing support for high intensity mental health crisis cases
- Lobbying of local authorities over concerns regarding UBER operations and Water Safety Plans
- Ongoing lobbying to Government over port security
- POLIT & SSCT staff resources increased
- Significant reductions in the use of police custody as a ‘place of safety’ for individuals suffering mental ill health crisis

Commissioning & Grants

£220,467 spent in 2017/18 – includes:

- Safer Schools & Communities Team (SSCT)
- Missing Child Return Home Interviews & CSE Service (Barnados)
- Drug & Alcohol Intervention Teams
- Alliance Integrated Manager (AIM) / High Intensity Network (HIN) – mental health
- Street Sex Worker Case Manager
- National Ugly Mugs Scheme

Scrutiny

- Development of a Hate Crime Scrutiny Panel
- PCC Challenge over Firearms Licensing arrangements
- HMIC PEEL Vulnerability Inspection report – Dorset Police graded as GOOD
- Call for the Government to review the use and effectiveness of spit guards and evaluate this against possible alternative solutions to protect police officers from being bitten or spat at
- Protecting Vulnerable People Board
- Police and Crime Panel scrutiny of PCC commitments and Plan progress

Engagement

- Police & Crime Plan ‘ask the expert’ launch event
- National Crime Agency annual PCC engagement day
- Alliance sexting campaign – PCC funding provided
- Prejudice Free Hate Crime Conference – PCC guest speaker

Partnerships

- Cut Your Strings’ coercive and controlling behaviour campaign – PCC support
- National Sexual Abuse & Sexual Violence Awareness campaign – PCC support
- Dorset MIND #Day2Day campaign regarding mental health in the workplace – PCC support
- World Mental Health Day with Bournemouth University
- Modern Slavery Conference (Borough of Poole) – PCC supported and closed the event
- #RU2Drunk initiative in Weymouth

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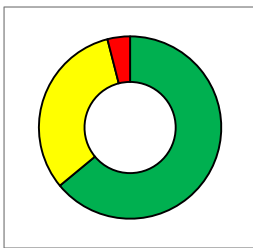
WORKING WITH OUR COMMUNITIES

“An essential part of my role involves acting as a link between the public and police service, and also as a facilitator in bringing local partners together to tackle shared priorities, issues and concerns.

I will therefore continue to work with Dorset Police and other agencies locally, regionally and nationally to keep our communities safe. I am particularly keen to engage with community members to help them work together with the police and partners to tackle the issues most affecting them.”

Police & Crime Plan 2017-2021

Police & Crime Plan Progress



25 PCC Commitments

- New road safety website launched
- Close Pass cycle safety initiative launched
- Continued in-principle funding for BRAKE agreed to support victims and families of serious road traffic collisions
- PCC signed up to support the national Friends Against Scams campaign, including becoming a SCAMBassador, and guest speaker at the Dorset Cyber Alliance launch
- PCC Problem Solving Forums successfully launched
- Availability of drug-driving kits to officers expanded
- Force business crime champion appointed; engagement with the recently launched National Business Crime Centre (NBCC) hub; ongoing involvement in the development of Action Fraud and its service to victims of fraud and online crime

Commissioning & Grants

£108,159 spent in 2017/18 – includes:

- Community Speedwatch programme
- National Chaplaincy Scheme
- LGBT Outreach Worker
- Association of Dorset Watches (ADW)
- Boscombe CSAS
- Melcombe Regis Capacity Worker – Weymouth
- Operation Galaxy – Bournemouth

Scrutiny

- Community Safety and Criminal Justice Board (CSCJB) providing co-ordination of local community safety and criminal justice activity across partners
- Equality & Confidence Board – monitoring Force performance with regard to public confidence and police engagement with local communities
- Stop & Search Scrutiny Panel
- PCC Surgeries and public contact
- Police & Crime Panel scrutiny of PCC's discharge of responsibility to consult and engage with the public (including victims of crime)

Engagement

- Police & Crime Plan 'ask the expert' launch event
- Annual Engagement Report 2017/18 published
- Council tax precept consultation to inform the 2018/19 precept decision
- Summer engagement programme completed
- Dorset drink-drive consultation
- PCC funding contribution towards two National Rural Crime Network (NRCN) research projects – a national rural crime survey, and exploring domestic abuse in rural areas

Partnerships

- Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs)
- Community Safety & Criminal Justice Board (DCJB)
- Dorset Strategic Road Safety Partnership (DSRSP)

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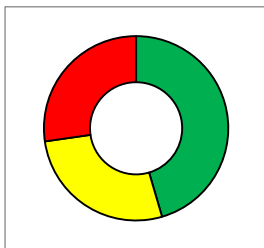
SUPPORTING VICTIMS, WITNESSES & REDUCING REOFFENDING

“Support for victims and witnesses of crime was a priority for me in my first term of office, and remains just as important now. I am therefore determined to work with the Chief Constable to provide a policing service that is valued by people in Dorset and in particular by victims of crime.”

This theme also looks at offending and steps that can be taken to break the cycle of reoffending and rehabilitate our most prolific and regular offenders. I am also keen to explore with partners and local employers further ways to divert young people who may be at risk of offending away from criminal activity.”

Police & Crime Plan 2017-2021

Police & Plan Progress



11 PCC Commitments

- PCC commissioning of victim support services – contract extended by a further 12 months to September 2019
- Police Transformation Fund (PTF) grant secured for scoping and piloting of a Complainant Advocate scheme to further support vulnerable victims in court
- Victims Bureau continues to provide information and support to victims of crime and won the Police Support Volunteer Team of the Year 2017 award
- Restorative Dorset launched as a pan-Dorset restorative justice (RJ) and mediation service. This includes the provision of Neighbourhood Justice Panels (NJPs) and post-conviction RJ
- Joint OPCC/Dorset Police Victims’ Champion appointed

Commissioning & Grants

£1,133,314 spent in 2017/18 – includes:

- Maple Project; The Shores; Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVAs)
- Children and Young Person ISVA
- Child Sexual Assault Mapping Project
- Victims Bureau; Victim Support Services
- Sexual Assault and Child Sexual Assault Counselling Services
- Acts Fast – support for non-abuse parents/families of child sexual assault victims
- BRAKE – Road Traffic Collision (RTC) support for victims

Scrutiny

- Police & Crime Panel scrutiny of PCC commitments and Plan progress
- Dorset Criminal Justice Board (DCJB)
- Out of Court Disposal Scrutiny Panel
- Independent Custody Visiting (ICV) Scheme

Engagement

- Police & Crime Plan 'ask the expert' launch event
- Public consultation on the police use of force, including their understanding and opinions of the use of Taser, firearms and handcuffing
- Hate Crime Awareness week

Partnerships

- Dorset Criminal Justice Board (DCJB)
- Community Safety and Criminal Justice Board (CSCJB)

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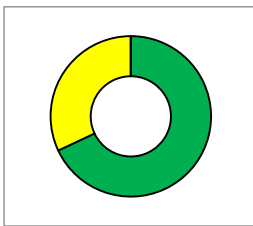
TRANSFORMING FOR THE FUTURE

“This theme looks at my roles and responsibilities in ensuring that Dorset Police operates as efficiently and effectively as possible – both now and in the future.

The main strands here are essentially focused on people; Information and Communication Technology (ICT); innovation/improvement; and partnerships/collaboration.”

Police & Crime Plan 2017-2021

Police & Crime Plan Progress



25 PCC Commitments

- 2017/18 Precept approval
- Weymouth to Dorchester CCTV project gone to tender
- OPCC given national award for transparency
- Annual Audit Letter 2016/17 issued by external auditors with no significant concerns
- PCC support for the consideration of a merger between Dorset Police and Devon & Cornwall Police, potentially building on the existing alliance between the forces
- Review and restructure of the OPCC completed and implemented
- Body Worn Video (BWV) pilots completed in Dorset followed by a tender for an alliance
- Alliance Drone Unit launched
- Safer Dorset Foundation created

Commissioning & Grants

£35,640 spent in 2017/18 – includes:

- Crest – Dorset Criminal Justice Board (DCJB) Analysis and Monitoring Tool
- Dorset Public Sector Needs Analysis

The PCC has also issued **9 Community Grants** since relaunching the scheme during the year, totalling more than **£24,000** issued to local projects supporting the Police and Crime Plan objectives.

[Add case studies]

Scrutiny

- Police and Crime Panel scrutiny and consideration of the PCC's budget and precept proposal for 2017/18; plus scrutiny of PCC commitments and Plan progress
- HMICFRS PEEL Efficiency 2017 – GOOD
- Annual Accounts approved
- Strategic Performance Board
- Customer Service Improvement Panel (formerly the 101 Service Improvement Panel)
- Development of the HMICFRS Force Management Statement (FMS)

Engagement

- Precept consultation 2017/18
- Police and Crime Plan 'ask the expert' launch

Partnerships

- Alliance and Merger programme with Devon & Cornwall Police
- South West Regional Collaboration programme

[Add images & case studies]

KEY INFORMATION & LINKS

Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner

[Official PCC Website](#)

Budget, Finance and Annual Accounts

[What we spend & how we spend it](#)

PCC Annual Engagement Report

[Annual Engagement Report 2017/18](#)

Police & Crime Plan Progress Tracker

[Delivering the Police & Crime Plan](#)

Dorset Police and Crime Panel

[Police and Crime Panel \(Dorset for You\)](#)

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