



Title: Office of the PCC - CSP Update

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Purpose

To update the CSP on key areas of delivery from the Office of the PCC.

Victims First

In October 2019 the PCC announced new arrangements for the delivery of services to support victims of crime. Both contracts will begin in April 2020.

- Thames Valley Partnership will deliver a Specialist Service for adult victims who have higher level, or longer term, needs. The support will be provided by specialist Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (ISVAs), Restorative Justice Practitioners, Exploitation Specialists and others.
- SAFE! have been awarded a further three year contract and will continue to provide practical and emotional support to victims from 5 to 18 years of age.
- As part of plans to improve routes into services for victims, we are in the process of implementing Victims First Connect which aims to create a localised link between those requiring support after being impacted by a crime and Victims First.
- If you would like further information about the programme please email victimsfirstcomms@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Early Intervention Youth Fund

On 15 January, our Q3 submission was delivered to the Home Office to evidence that Thames Valley continue to over-achieve against their targets for this work. This programme has been delivered across the whole of Thames Valley, including Milton Keynes at all four tiers of intervention (from universal to intensive).

For example:

- Each CSP area hosted two training sessions for professionals around gang awareness and dealing with at risk young people. In total, across the force, 870 people attended training (against a target of 720)
- Crimestoppers' Fearless youth worker has delivered over 150 workshops to more than 6,000 young people.
- The YOT in MK has provided the delivery arm for the second tier of the programme. To date, seven secondary schools have signed up to work on Speech, Language and Communication needs with 32 referrals progressing to 25 assessed as having such needs. The target was to reach one third of secondary schools.
- MK Youth Faculty have provided additional support in Westcroft following the double murder via one to one and group sessions, referring some to counselling and other projects.

The Home Office return requests a quarterly summary of outcomes in no more than 500 words. At Q2, we challenged the Home Office about the value of summarising such a complex and geographically large programme and asked if we could submit a much larger but more valuable narrative. They agreed and Q2 submission was 13 pages; Q3 15 pages. As a result of Q2's submission, the Home Office visited, we were asked to speak at their national EIYF event and the External Affairs team and Cabinet Office made contact.

These have been important steps for the Thames Valley as we seek to raise the profile in government and raise the ambition locally of our ability to impact lives and change a generation.

Violence Reduction Unit

The Violence Reduction Unit is a challenge laid out for us by the Home Office and is to be led by the Police and Crime Commissioner for the area, with the expectation that the PCC will work with others. The governance is, therefore, through the Office of the PCC.

There is a Delivery Group made up of seconded and loaned officers from TVP, OPCC, Public Health and more. In addition a Leadership Group (which will be more often than not virtual) will meet for the first time on 24th January to discuss and agree on shared outcomes, core principles and the approach being developed locally.

The funding has had to be spent very quickly in six months which quashed the ability to properly consult or take the time we would have taken as we did with the EIYF. However, there are both interventions being funded and a significant amount of work on research and data integration, all of which the Home Office and Cabinet Office (having visited again on 15th January) are very encouraged about.

With the announcement of the likelihood of similar funding next year, we will start to consult via CSP managers on what delivery might look like in the 14 CSP areas across the Thames Valley. There will still be an application process from the PCC to the Home Office, the timescales of which are not yet known.