

Action List – PCP Meeting 6th October 2017

<p>6. The role of the Commissioner in ensuring Sussex Police provides an effective response to schools and other educational establishments</p>	<p>(1) Clarification about the extent to which the police staff are involved with this work as opposed to serving or uniformed officers.</p>	<p>OSPCC</p>	<p>OSPCC has shared some further information about the Youth Ambassador role with PCP Clerk. Please see foot of this document COMPLETE</p>
	<p>(2) Highlight the concerns regarding the presence of drugs and weapons in schools, to the responsible Sussex Police Officer.</p>	<p>OSPCC</p>	<p>OSPCC shared some information in respect of the number of recorded incidents involving drugs and the possession of weapons in schools, colleges and universities and some of the good practice being used to tackle this in Sussex with PCP Clerk. Please see foot of this document COMPLETE</p>
	<p>(3) That Panel members share the report with the appropriate officers and elected members in their areas at district, borough or county level as well as at Brighton and Hove City Council.</p>	<p>PCP Members</p>	<p>N/A</p>
	<p>(4) That continued progress and success of the work will be reviewed by the Panel in twelve months.</p>	<p>PCP/OSPCC</p>	<p>Item added to PCP work programme COMPLETE</p>
	<p>In the meantime Panel members can be updated through the Community Safety Partnerships or members can ask if anything is occurring in a member's area.</p>	<p>PCP (to note)</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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<p>7.The PCC’s work forthcoming under the provisions of the Policing and Crime Act</p>	<p>(1) PCC will bring a paper to the January meeting on how the new model will operate and what the Commissioner’s new duties on complaints will look like.</p> <p>(5) (2) The Panel requested that thought is given to public engagement about any new process.</p>	<p>PCP/OSPCC</p> <p>OSPCC</p>	<p>Paper to be prepared for the January 2018 PCP mtg</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p>8.Chairman’s Feedback on the first meeting of the Precept and Budget Working Group</p>	<p>(1) The Panel will work through the detail of the Precept proposals at its next meeting of Working Group on 28 November, which is timed around the Chancellor of the Exchequer’s Budget announcement, and will then advise the PCC on the Group’s views.</p>	<p>PCP/OSPCC</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

<p>11. Commissioner's Question Time Action List – PCP Meeting 6th October 2017</p>	<p>(1) Information on HMIC's Peel Inspections within the next year will be presented to the Panel. The Inspections look at the efficiency and effectiveness of the Police.</p>	<p>PCP/OSPCC</p>	<p>OSPCC will ensure that copies of each of the inspection reports are shared with PCP Clerk for wider dissemination to Panel members. The Efficiency" strand of its annual inspection into Police Effectiveness, Efficiency and Legitimacy is due for publication on Thursday, 9 November 2017</p>
	<p>(2) Ask the Chief Constable about the arrangements regarding security and safety at the Lewes Bonfire Celebrations to ensure that they are fair and proportionate for all participants.</p>	<p>PCC</p>	<p>The Commissioner will challenge the Chief Constable regarding the planning for the policing of the bonfire celebrations at the PAM on 27 October 2017.</p>
	<p>(3) Provide the Panel with the Chief Constable's responses to questions raised about the (101 – Contact and Command Centre) at a meeting of the Police Performance Accountability meeting in September.</p>	<p>PCC</p>	<p>Copy of the minutes with PCP Clerk. COMPLETE</p>
	<p>(4) Contact Brighton and Hove City Council regarding public concerns raised about safety in relation to the Uber taxi company. In particular that information provided for the Licencing Committee is evidentially supported.</p>	<p>PCC</p>	<p>OSPCC contacted the Hackney Carriage Office (HCO) within Brighton & Hove City Council (B&HCC) to ascertain whether there is any evidence to substantiate these perceived concerns from Panel members.</p> <p>B&HCC confirmed that Uber has always fully co-operated with any investigations that the HCO has undertaken and that they are not aware of any inaccuracies in the information they have provided as part of their applications or when helping with enquiries.</p> <p>B&HCC have also confirmed that they would be happy to investigate any allegations from Panel members if they have any further information they would be happy to share with them.</p> <p>The Commissioner is reassured that the licensing of all taxi companies in Brighton & Hove is subject to appropriate governance and scrutiny arrangements. COMPLETE</p>

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Item 6, 1):

Sussex Police – Youth Ambassadors

SUMMARY

Youth Ambassadors have been recruited from all areas of the police family.

There are 79 police officers and 22 members of police staff who have been appointed Youth Ambassadors.

The Ambassadors receive inputs and updates on best practice, legislation changes and new processes. They are responsible for sharing and cascading this information to their teams at briefings and team meetings and are a single point of contact for advice and guidance at their places of work.

This approach ensures that Sussex Police are improving and developing their understanding of how the Force engages and works with young people, identifying vulnerability using the principles of threat, harm and risk.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

There are approximately 500,000 children and young people (CYP) residing in Sussex, this equates to about 30% of the local population. The CYP come from a wide range of backgrounds with different cultures and experiences. Many of them will come into contact with the police service as they grow up for a myriad of reasons.

CYP are not mini-adults and a unique criminal justice system was established to respond to young people at risk. Their physical and emotional maturity is different from adults and needs to be understood – in particular, distress or trauma manifests itself differently in a young person's behaviour.

Policing policies, processes and interactions with CYP can have a significant impact on their lives, both in the short and long-term. The ability of Sussex Police to engage and interact with CYP will affect the relationship they have with the Force and, ultimately, the effectiveness of Sussex Police to reduce policing demand in the future by preventing them from becoming victims or offenders.

AIMS

The aim of the Youth Ambassador role is to have a team of representatives across the entire police family, including: response, local policing, investigations, road policing, safeguarding, communications and firearms.

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The Ambassadors are a single point of contact for all matters concerning CYP and a conduit for updates, best practice and guidance around engagement and the effective policing and safeguarding of CYP.

Youth Ambassadors attend twice yearly workshops facilitated by the Youth Safety and Intervention team at Sussex Police Headquarters in Lewes. These workshops include inputs from external and internal partners in relation to best practice and new ways of working.

The Ambassadors receive regular updates in relation to new legislation, policies, guidance and trends to enable them to cascade these to team members.

OBJECTIVES

The Youth Ambassador role will help Sussex Police develop enhanced engagement skills so that the Force has a better understanding of CYP across Sussex. This will improve how ability of Sussex Police to safeguard CYP and should lead to a reduction in demand moving forward.

Operation Stepping Stone is the Sussex Police initiative to reduce the criminalisation of CYP. The reinforcement of Operation Stepping Stone principles and equipping police officers with the information and tools to work with and deal with CYP who come to the attention of the police should naturally lead to a reduction in their criminalisation.

It remains essential that Sussex Police embed the national policing strategy for CYP into daily business and treat all CYP, as children first.

There is also a real drive to make improvements in the way CYP are dealt with and cared for, particularly those most vulnerable, such as children in care. Sussex Police will use this role to reinforce the recommendations made by Lord Laming and Sir Martin Narey.

The Force will also ensure that findings from the Youth Justice Review are communicated to all officers and staff so that they are made aware of any future changes.

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Item 6, 2):

Highlight the concerns regarding the presence of drugs and weapons in schools, to the responsible Sussex Police Officer

The concerns were shared with Assistant Chief Constable, Laurence Taylor, and he passed them to Police Sergeant Anna Skinner, Youth Safety and Intervention Team, to look into.

Police Sergeant Skinner has provided the following information in respect of the number of recorded incidents involving drugs and the possession of weapons in schools, colleges and universities and some of the good practice being used to tackle this in Sussex:

Drugs

The number of recorded incidents of drugs in schools, colleges and universities across Sussex are low. These were recorded as follows in 2015/16 and 2016/17:

<i>Educational establishment</i>	<i>2015/16</i>	<i>2016/17</i>	<i>Difference</i>	<i>% Difference</i>
<i>Schools</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>+ 7</i>	<i>+ 27%</i>
<i>Colleges</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>+ 3</i>	<i>+ 300%</i>
<i>Universities</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>+ 1</i>	<i>+ 33%</i>
<i>Grand total</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>+ 11</i>	<i>+ 37%</i>

Anecdotally, Sussex Police are being told that there are significant problems with young people attending schools and other educational establishments under the influence of drugs and dealing drugs within the school and other educational establishment buildings. However, as you can see from the table above, there is no strong evidence to support this because the number of recorded incidents of drugs in educational establishments is low. This makes it difficult to develop intelligence regarding repeat offenders, times and locations that can then be used to plan, target and deploy police resources.

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There are a number of innovative ideas and good practice being used to tackle drugs in schools, colleges and universities throughout Sussex.

- All three local authorities (Brighton & Hove City Council, East Sussex County Council and West Sussex County Council) have 'Under 19's Substance Misuse Teams' to provide assessment, individual treatment options and direct access to a range of other specialists in drug misuse to whom young people can be signposted as necessary;*
- East Sussex are currently planning a multi-agency operation to give schools a pathway to report intelligence when drug use is identified. This type of action will provide the new Prevention Teams within Sussex Police with the opportunity to problem-solve by working with multi-agency partners to identify and tackle drug dealers. The Prevention Youth Officer (PYO) posts, in their capacity as youth experts, will deliver targeted sessions to children attending school in a joined-up approach to reduce the problem, safeguard and protect; and*
- Local Action Teams are being used in West Sussex.*

Weapons

The number of recorded incidents of possession of weapons in schools in Sussex are also low.

<i>Weapon</i>	<i>2015/16</i>	<i>2016/17</i>	<i>Difference</i>	<i>% Difference</i>
<i>Bladed article</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>+ 38</i>	<i>+ 292%</i>
<i>Other weapon</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>+ 8</i>	<i>+ 114%</i>
<i>Firearm</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>+ 3</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Grand total</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>+ 49</i>	<i>+ 245%</i>

Weapons are separated into three categories: bladed article, other weapon and firearm.

Brighton & Hove City Council currently has an initiative in place regarding knife crime and interventions will be conducted with all young people who are carrying weapons.