

PCP Scrutiny Scoping Template

Topic: Impact of the PCC in preventing and reducing serious violence in Lincolnshire

Objectives and Key Issues:

The Lincolnshire Police and Crime Plan 2021 – 25 sets out that the PCC will work with partners to ensure an integrated approach to preventing and reducing serious violent crime in the county. This is through the development of a Serious Violence Prevention Strategy, and a priority to establish a Violence Reduction Programme, with a £3 million commitment over the next 3 years to tackle violence and harm reduction.

The aim of this scrutiny is to review how the PCC has worked with Lincolnshire Police and Partners to prevent and reduce serious violence, and to understand the effectiveness of this work including any services commissioned or funded directly by the PCC.

The review will also aim to identify and include any challenges and emerging opportunities for the PCC to further support improved serious violence outcomes in Lincolnshire.

Lines of Enquiry:

- What is the definition of serious violence?
- What specific responsibilities does the PCC and Lincolnshire Police have with regards to preventing and reducing serious violence, and how are these being met?
- How is the PCC supporting victims of serious violence?
- A Serious Violence Prevention Strategy is currently in development with the first version due on 31 October 2022, and the earliest commencement of the Serious Violence Duty identified as January 2023. What impact does the PCC anticipate this will have on serious violence crime rates in Lincolnshire?
- The PCC previously identified the establishment of a Violence Reduction Programme as a priority, with a £3 million commitment over the next 3 years to tackle violence and harm reduction. Is the PCC able to provide an update on this programme?
- Does the PCC have any statistics that quantify the scale of serious violence cases in Lincolnshire over the past three years? What, if any, emerging trends do these statistics show? How do the yearly incidents reported line up to the number of successful prosecutions, and how do the trends in Lincolnshire compare to the national picture?
- How does the PCC work with Partners to ensure an integrated approach to prevent and reduce serious violence? What liaisons does the PCC and his Office have with other agencies and bodies? Is there a liaison with the Ministry of Justice/Home Office on policy such as sentencing?

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- What are the biggest challenges and opportunities for the PCC to help prevent and reduce serious violence in the future?
- How does the PCC assess effectiveness in preventing and reducing serious violence? What objectives and/or performance targets has the PCC set? Are these objectives and targets on track?
- What are the different causes of incidents or serious violence (i.e., gang violence or domestic) Are there different policies to be utilised for these different causes?

Standard Areas to Consider: Equalities / Relationship with Police and Crime Plan / Financial Implication

Witnesses:

Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire

Panel Liaison Officer: Rebecca Cooke, Police and Crime Panel Support Officer

Form of Scrutiny:

Report from the PCC on the Impact of the PCC in preventing and reducing serious violence in Lincolnshire.

Review of subsequent report at PCP Meeting on 18 November 2022.

Timescale

Start date: October 2022

End date: October 2022

Target PCP meeting: 18 November 2022

Appendix B