

# Lincolnshire POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

# SAFER TOGETHER

# Police and Crime Plan Delivery Update

June 2023

# 1 Commissioners Update

- **1.1** The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel (PCP) with an update in relation to delivery of the Police and Crime Plan 2021 2025.
- **1.2** The report updates against each of the 'Key Principles' within the Plan:
  - Community Safety and Prevention in Partnership
  - Listening, responding and being accountable
  - Protecting and supporting victims and the vulnerable
  - Policing that Works

# 2 Community Safety and Prevention in Partnership

2.1.1 Lincoln Prison, in conjunction with The Right Course charity, launched a teaching restaurant in May 2023. The scheme offers selected inmates the chance to achieve City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in catering and front-of-house qualifications in partnership with the training provider, PeoplePlus. The initiative aims to reduce re-offending and plug the shortage of hospitality staff across the country. Ministry of Justice data demonstrates that 56% of those trained and released at The Right Course's restaurant in HMP Wormwood Scrubs have since found employment.

The PCC provided £5,000 of funding from Proceeds of Crime to support the establishment of the scheme. The restaurant is within the visiting area of the prison and is available to prison staff, as well as allowing 'enhanced' inmates (those who adhere to the prison rules and exceed the expectations of good behaviour) to be joined by their families to share a meal during visiting hours.

2.1.2 The PCC, Lincolnshire Action Trust and the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership hosted a 'Support that changes Women's Lives' event on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. The 27 signatories to the Lincolnshire Women and Girls Concordat were invited to come together to discuss the work undertaken to date and were asked to commit resources on behalf of their agencies to support delivery of the women's centre model, which is a key element of the Women and Girls Strategy. Speakers included best practice examples from the WonderPlus project in Norfolk, women with lived experience and a key note speech from Lord Bradley, whose 2009 Report resulted in the introduction of liaison and diversion services.

- 2.1.3 Confirmation was received in March that our direct application for **MoJ funding to support female offenders** was unsuccessful. The PCC has however secured joint funding from Probation to recruit to a whole system coordinator post and undertake evaluation of the women's centre model provision which will be delivered by Lincolnshire Action Trust. This will allow us to drive forward delivery of the Women and Girls Strategy by offering new services or interventions for women in or at risk of contact with the criminal justice system and improve the integration of women's services into a Whole System Approach (WSA) to address women's complex needs.
- 2.1.4 The PCC continues to support the local **Environmental Crime Partnership** and their Annual Report summarises the key activity in this area:



- 2.1.5 On 27 March 2023 the government launched a consultation on the relationship between Community Safety Partnerships and Police and Crime Commissioners, and the expansion of antisocial behaviour powers. The purpose of the consultation was to:
  - seek views on the relationship between CSPs and PCCs, with the aim of enhancing the accountability model of CSPs
  - consider how CSPs and PCCs work together to tackle antisocial behaviour, with the aim of strengthening this co-operative working.

The PCC responded to this consultation and the resulting recommendations are awaited.

- 2.1.6 The Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner (Mr Philip Clark) continues to represent the PCC at local and national events. The range of activities engaged in reflects the varied work of the OPCC; the full list of meetings/ events attended is published on the PCC website.
  He has recently taken up a position on the HMP Lincoln Employment Advisory Board and continues to co-chair the Lincolnshire Criminal Justice Board and Serious Violence Core Priority Group. As of June 2023 he will also chair the
- 2.1.7 The **Serious Violence Duty** commenced on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023. Priority activities have been identified for 2023/24 as follows:
  - Strategy review

Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership.

- Landscaping/service mapping
- Delivery plan development (for ratification at September CPG prior to Home Office submission)
- Analytical capacity and data sharing
- Think Sharp programme (delivered by Police, including Homicide Prevention bid)
- Domestic Abuse Perpetrator offer (delivered by LDAP).
- 2.1.8 The county-wide **review of CCTV** commissioned by the PCC has commenced and is due to report by the end of August 2023. This will include a comprehensive review of the existing provision and consideration of opportunities around future models.

# 2.2 Future planned activities/events

Serious Violence Survey	June 2023
CCTV Review Report	August 2023
East and East Mids Road Safety Summit	September 2023
Community Remedy Consultation	2023
Business Crime Forum	2023

### 3 Listening, responding and being accountable

# 3.1 Activity in Quarter

3.1.1 The OPCC Communications Manager produces **Communications** 

**Highlights** documents to provide an overview of the online campaigns and social media activity undertaken by the Office. The most recent update below demonstrates the range and reach of the activity being undertaken:



3.1.2 The PCC has arrangements in place with District Council colleagues to ensure information is shared with the public about how the **precept element of their Council tax** is spent. The attached leaflet is sent either digitally or in paper format alongside the annual council tax payment information:



3.1.3 The **Public Assurance Meetings** continue to be held. They are one of the primary mechanisms by which the PCC meets his statutory responsibility to

hold the Chief Constable to account. The meetings focus on the performance of Lincolnshire Police and provide assurance regarding the effectiveness and efficiency of policing services. Members of the public are able to submit questions in advance of the meeting and the meeting is recorded and uploaded to the PCC's YouTube account. The next meeting will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and will include briefings on the Lincolnshire Police response to the HMICFR Peel Inspection and the Lincolnshire Police 'Making Lincolnshire Safe' Annual Plan.

3.1.4 During the period of January to April 2023 the Safer Together Team have attended over 100 meetings, engagement sessions and events across Lincolnshire. This has included partnership activity with Lincolnshire Police such as involvement in their summertime planning, visiting the 'Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel', and neighbourhood policing inspectors' meetings. Within community settings the team have worked with Lincolnshire Police to promote the Safer Streets campaign and the Force's single trust and confidence question. In addition, they have supported the partnership approach to piloting dementia bands in the East Lindsey district, which has subsequently resulted in a full county roll out of this project. Being visible in community walkarounds in Gainsborough, Sleaford and Leasingham, promoting local fraud surgeries and collaborative working to

solve local issues.

Focusing on visibility and hearing the voice of local communities, the team have attended community groups including veterans' groups, community alcohol partnerships; as well as a dementia event, voluntary sector group meetings and Spring Festival held in Lincoln. The team have also been attending meetings with Just Lincolnshire, Parish Councils, Lincoln BIG and South Kesteven Partnerships to hear the views of communities through partnerships.

3.1.5 The Safer Together Team continue to distribute messages on the Lincolnshire Alert system. During the period January – April 2023 the total users have increased from 12,392 to 13,385 with further activity scheduled for throughout 2023 to increase the number of registered users. A total of 90 messages were distributed on topics of community safety, crime prevention, updates from the OPCC and promotion of engagement opportunities. Messages were forwarded to email distribution groups a total of 406 times, reaching an average 6 additional users per forwarded message.

3.1.6 The Safer Together Team continue to deliver the **Strong Voices** project with activities taking place in Horncastle, Holbeach, Lincoln, Boston, and Corby Glenn at schools and community groups between January and May. As part of the project sessions held in schools and communities, young people are asked to take part in a survey to understand their experiences, feelings about their local area and thoughts on policing.

Throughout the academic year 22/23, a total of 826 young people from across Lincolnshire have shared their views on feelings of safety, local experiences linked to community safety, confidence in talking to Lincolnshire Police and how appropriate they believe some behaviours are (e.g. checking their partner or friends' phone without them knowing). Findings from these sessions are shared with the schools attended, the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership and Lincolnshire Police

In addition to one off sessions in education settings and community groups, the Lincolnshire Strong Voices project offers the opportunity for yearlong engagement by attending monthly core group meetings to work with other young people and the Safer Together Team to support a more focused impact on change across Lincolnshire. The Lincolnshire Strong Voices core group has met on several occasions and agreed their key topics for the year as violence, drug and alcohol use, anti-social behaviour and relationships with the police. They have had guest speakers attend their sessions to talk about strategic and operational opportunities for the young people to influence, with opportunities for activities to inform decisions, communications, and engagement activities over the coming year. A member of the core group has said; *I am grateful that I have been able to have a voice and been given the platform to be heard. I am really looking forward to working with the partners on our chosen topics" LW aged 21* 

#### **3.2** Future planned activities/events

Annual Report	June 2023
Safer Together Team evaluation	July 2023

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# 4 **Protecting and supporting victims and the vulnerable**

## 4.1 Activity in Quarter

- 4.1.1 As of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 the newly commissioned **Domestic Abuse Specialist Service** commenced in Lincolnshire - Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Specialist <u>Service (Idass.org.uk)</u>. LCC are lead commissioners for this service; the PCC and Integrated Care Board have contributed funding to this provision and the OPCC Director of Strategy and Operations supported with the procurement process. In addition to this, in the new model Victim Lincs have taken on responsibility to make initial contact and appropriately signpost to support any Lincolnshire Police DA referrals which are assessed as standard and medium risk. This reduces demand on the provider whilst still providing a quality assured service to victims.
- 4.1.2 The PCC has **secured funding from the MoJ** to recruit an additional 1.5 wte sexual violence advisor posts in 23/24, with a further 3 posts for 24/25 (subject to the fulfilment of posts in 23/24).
- 4.1.3 The MoJ has confirmed that the funding bid submitted for **Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Interventions** was unsuccessful. The PCC is working with partners to identify alternative funding to deliver a perpetrator behaviour change programme.
- 4.1.4 The PCC and Lincolnshire Police have jointly funded the 'You're right, that's wrong' campaign which calls on men to act when they see or hear public place harassment towards women or misogynistic attitudes.
   <u>Home You're Right, That's Wrong (thatswrong.co.uk)</u>

### 4.2 Future planned activities/events

Victims Impact Report	June 2023
Victims' Services Conference	January 2024

# 5 Policing that Works

### 5.1 Activity in Quarter

5.1.1 The Strategic Policing requirement (SPR) sets out the Home Secretary's view of what the current national threats are, and the national policing capabilities needed to counter those threats. It was first issued in July 2012, in accordance with section 77 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. The previous Strategic Policing Requirement was last updated in 2015. The 2023 version (published in March) introduces violence against women

and girls as an additional national threat, and reaffirms the validity of the existing threats. The national threats set out in the SPR are:

- violence against women and girls
- terrorism
- serious and organised crime
- a national cyber incident
- child sexual abuse
- public disorder
- civil emergencies

Police and Crime Commissioners and Chief Constables must consider the SPR when carrying out their functions. This will be reflected in the next Police and Crime Plan.

# 5.1.2 The Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Independent Review

Panel has issued their first report to the Police and Crime Commissioner:



# 6 Precept Commitments

- 6.1 The PCC made a number of commitments in relation to the use of the extra council tax raised through the precept from April 2023. These are summarised below and progress against delivery of these commitments will be reported each quarter by the Force.
- 6.1.1 Maintaining police officer numbers; Retaining our police officer numbers at 1186, bolstering local neighbourhood teams, preventing and tackling crime, and protecting our communities.
- 6.1.2 Extra officers and staff into specialist sexual assault/abuse units; Commitment to greater protection and justice for children and adults across Lincolnshire who experience some of the most harmful crimes.
- 6.1.3 Improving 101 call response times; Lincolnshire has one of the best 999 answering records in England. An additional 15 call handlers will boost the 101 service to give residents the service they deserve.
- 6.1.4 Making our roads safer; Investment in the Serious Collisions Investigation Unit will help deliver crucial answers and justice to victims and families of tragic incidents on our roads.

- 6.1.5 Increasing community confidence; We are determined to keep the confidence of the public and raise it even further with investment into the Professional Standards Department to maintain and raise standards of conduct and behaviour within the service.
- 6.1.6 More officers on shift when you need them; Investment in a revised deployment model to place more officers on duty in peak demand periods thereby improving incident response times