

RAG Briefing – May/June 2019

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May Overview:

Increase in the number of frontline police officers

In 2018/2019, the number of actual officers has risen from 1,915 to 1,980 reflecting the Commissioner's commitment to supporting frontline policing. An additional 32 police officers have also been welcomed into the Constabulary for June, following the completion of their 16-week training and will begin to join the local policing teams they have been assigned to.

In the last year, the proportion of spend on frontline policing in Hertfordshire has been 72.1 per cent, higher than the national and most similar group averages. The Constabulary are continuing to recruit up to the establishment figure of 2,034 with regular intakes scheduled over the coming months.

Police and Crime Commissioner's Action Fund 2019/20

The PCC's Action Fund is currently accepting applications. Grants of up to £5000 are available to help support community and voluntary initiatives which will reduce crime and make Hertfordshire a safer place to live by helping to deliver the priorities of the Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan for Hertfordshire (2017-2022). There will be three rounds where funding will be made available in 2019-20. The second round of applications will close on the 9th August 2019.

Using funds recovered under the Proceeds of Crime Act, the Fund empowers local groups to find solutions to community safety problems. The Commissioner is keen to work with and fund a range of organisations from the community who have a shared interest in delivering positive outcomes and improved services for residents.

For more information, including eligibility and grant criteria, please see the website below:

<http://www.hertscf.org.uk/pcc-action-fund>

Expansion of the PCC's Fly-Tipping Fund on Private Land

Using £20,000 set aside from the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA), the Police and Crime Commissioner has recently introduced a pilot scheme to support landowners who have been victims of fly-tipping on their private land. The pilot follows a light-touch process, in asking district and borough councils to expand their existing service to include fly-tipping on specific types of private land and to subsequently pass the cost of this clearance onto the PCC. This work is supported by Hertfordshire's Fly Tipping Group, and is in line with their work programme, helping to improve knowledge in relation to fly tipping on private land, including the number and types of incidents occurring and typical clear up costs.

The pilot has recently been expanded into North and East Herts and approval has already been given for the clearance of a fly-tip in East Herts. With this expansion, the pilot is now in operation across six of the 10 districts; Three Rivers, Broxbourne, Welwyn Hatfield, St. Albans, North Herts and East Herts.

We would encourage all other districts and boroughs to be involved in the pilot so that we have a better understanding around the scale and nature of fly tipping on private land and are best able to support victims of fly tipping.

For further information contact Fiona Gaskell: fiona.gaskell@herts.pcc.pnn.gov.uk

PCC's Rural Crime Survey

In April, the PCC launched his first rural crime survey for Hertfordshire residents. The survey aims to identify the perceptions of rural crime amongst Hertfordshire residents and the level of public confidence in how rural communities are being policed, building on the responses to the National Rural Crime Network's Survey conducted last year. Through this, the survey is expected to inform the development of future policy and practice, helping to guide the Constabulary's Rural Operational Support Team in setting the strategic direction for rural policing in Hertfordshire.

The response rate has been good so far, with over 600 residents providing their views, with a further month left to go before it closes on the 1st July 2019. Following its closure, the results of the survey will be analysed and subsequently published on the PCC's website.

The survey can be found through the following link

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/92LMX95> and if you would like any more information please contact Matthew Pugh at matthew.pugh@herts.pcc.pnn.gov.uk

OPCC awarded the Independent Custody Visiting Association Quality Assurance Silver Award

The Independent Custody Visitors (ICV) Scheme provides public and transparent assurance that the rights, entitlements, wellbeing and dignity of detainees in police custody in Hertfordshire is being maintained. It provides oversight and accountability, preventing the ill-treatment of detainees and ensures that a high-level of welfare is maintained.

In 2019 Quality Assurance awards were introduced by the Independent Custody Visiting Association (ICVA) to help schemes: reflect on how they comply with the Code of Practice, the legislation that underpins custody visiting, celebrate areas of strength and promote custody visiting.

Within each level, there were more than 25 sets of criteria covering key areas such as holding the force to account, and requiring evidence to support each assessment. For Silver and Gold levels, schemes had to get their submissions peer assessed, with ICVA assessing those submissions which had been nominated for a Platinum award. Hertfordshire were presented with the silver award at a celebratory event which took place at the House of Lords.

The OPCC are actively looking for new volunteers from all areas of the community to reflect the demographics of the county. It is an interesting and flexible role. Applicants do have to be over 18 years of age, have lived in the UK for at least three years and undertake police vetting. Our volunteers team can be called for an informal chat on 01707 806182/706147.

Bids accepted for the Road Safety Fund

2018/19 saw the launch of the third year of the Road Safety fund to help address community concerns across the county, supporting efforts to change drivers' attitudes and behaviours.

The Road Safety Fund invites local community groups and organisations to apply for funding to help develop and design local solutions where a need has been identified, supporting projects that will assist in the delivery of Hertfordshire's Strategic Road Safety Partnership's vision. The fund aims to develop new and innovative ways of improving road safety, supporting a holistic mix of engineering and education to achieve sustainable behaviour change solutions and interventions which focus on reducing road casualties and antisocial road use.

During 2018/2019, a total of **39** applications were received focusing on issues that matter to the public. This included speed compliance, casualty reduction, and anti-social road

behaviour. Of the 39 which were received, 24 have been initially approved of which 13 involve consideration relating to installation or movement of Speed Indicator Devices.

A new round will open for applications later in the year - please check the website below for updated information: <http://hertscommissioner.org/road-safety-fund>

Forward Look

Police and Crime Commissioners Annual Report

The process has now begun for the writing of the Police and Crime Commissioners Annual Report. The report will cover the period April 2018 – March 2019 and highlights the significant progress and key achievements made over the last year against the Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan: Everybody's Business (2017-2022). The Annual Report will be made public and circulated to partners following its presentation to the Police and Crime Panel on the 13th June 2019.

During this meeting, Panel members will also be presented with the annual reports for the PCC's volunteering schemes, including the Independent Custody Visitors, the Independent Dog Welfare Scheme and the Countywide Independent Community Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel.

SAVE THE DATE: Hertfordshire Criminal Justice Board meeting in Public – 17th June 2019

The Hertfordshire Criminal Justice Board will be holding their Annual Board meeting in public for the second year on the 17th June from 13:30-15:45 at Welwyn Civic Centre. The meeting will seek to give the public a better understanding of the services and support available for witnesses and victims as they journey through the criminal justice system.

Tickets for the event are free and can be booked through Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hertfordshire-criminal-justice-board-meeting-in-public-tickets-62051232908?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

For more information about the event, please contact Amie Birkhamshaw at:

Amie.Birkhamshaw@herts.pcc.pnn.gov.uk

SAVE THE DATE: Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel Annual Public Meeting: 23rd July 09:30 – 12:00

The Countywide Community Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel will hold their annual public meeting on the 23rd July, at the Nobel School in Stevenage. The meeting will seek to expand

on the Panel's ongoing aims to ensure public confidence and trust in the use of stop and search powers across Hertfordshire by providing members of the public with the opportunity to attend a meeting.

During the meeting attendees will observe the work of the Panel, including the random sampling of Stop and Search records and learn more about the use of stop and search in Hertfordshire.

If you would like more information about the public meeting or the work of the Panel please contact matthew.pugh@herts.pcc.pnn.gov.uk

Refresh of the PCC's Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan:

The Commissioner is currently in the process of refreshing his Police and Crime Plan. The refresh will look to ensure that the Plan continues to reflect the ever changing landscape of Community Safety and Criminal Justice and remain up to date with emerging crime types such as serious violence, cybercrime and modern slavery.

The public and stakeholders have been invited to share their thoughts on the current plan and provide feedback on what the new Plan should focus and prioritise. Further consultation with the public and partners will run through the summer with an expected publication date of 19th September 2019.

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Problem Solving Conference – 16th September 2019

The Annual Hertfordshire Problem Solving Conference will take place on 16th September from 10:00 – 15:00.

This conference will incorporate the Mick Fogarty Problem Solving Award and will be an opportunity for three finalists to showcase their problem solving work to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in the County. All statutory partners are able to nominate their work to the Award.

If you wish to know more about the Hertfordshire Conference please contact Lara Richards via ProblemSolving@Herts.pnn.police.uk.

Criminal Justice Innovation Fund 2019/20

The Criminal Justice Innovation Fund has been extended into 2019/20 with the first round receiving five applications that will now be considered by the Hertfordshire Criminal Justice Board and subgroups. The fund is aimed at supporting improvements in the criminal justice

system for the people of Hertfordshire. The Fund was introduced in 2018/19 to support delivery of the Hertfordshire Criminal Justice Board's strategic objectives and to provide an opportunity to fund new and innovative projects or build on the success of effective and transferable interventions.

It is open to public and private organisations, criminal justice and community safety partners working in collaboration with the voluntary and community sector. Applications can be made to the fund that seek to: support new activity; develop an evidence base; or run a project / pilot; show sustainability beyond the life of the funding; show evidence of support and is realistic, deliverable, financially viable and demonstrates value for money.

The next deadline for applications within round two is Friday 21st June.

In 2018/19 projects that received funding included; a rent deposit scheme for those starting their life away from crime, a support project for those within the criminal justice system with gambling addiction and a domestic abuse perpetrator project.

For more information, including eligibility, grant criteria and the deadlines for applications please see the website below:

<http://hertscommissioner.org/cj-innovation-fund>

Local Partnership Reserve: Funding to Support Crime and ASB Reduction Initiatives 2019/20

In October 2016 £400K was made available by the Police and Crime Commissioner to assist community safety partners to respond to nuisance crimes including ASB, fly-tipping and fly-grazing. A further £100K for this final year during 2019/20.

Applications must:

- 1) Demonstrate a problem solving approach using O'SARA and with due consideration to the victim, location and offender;
- 2) Relate to a current Community Safety Priority;
- 3) Clearly show how the community is involved in identifying what is happening, why it is happening and in determining the response(s) to which the application relates, and;
- 4) Support a response to tackle nuisance or anti-social behaviour and associated crime (and includes fly-tipping, fly-grazing and other environmental issues).
- 5) Provide 'matched' (or contribution) funding to ensure that there is joint ownership of the issues the funding is seeking to tackle

Application form:



2018-19 LPR SM
Application V2 Q2

For more information, please contact Insp. Lara Richards on 01707 354573 or
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