

Police and Crime Panel: Proactive Scrutiny 2017/18

Hate Crime

Following public consultation, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) launched his Police and Crime Plan in December 2016, within which he set out his key priorities for delivery to 2021. Within the Plan the Commissioner stated that he would prioritise addressing hate crime within Hampshire and the IOW, "as something we all have a responsibility to challenge and overcome", with a view to offering better outcomes for victims and those vulnerable to hate crime within our communities. Hate Crime was also determined a high risk area within Hampshire Constabulary's Force Control Strategy 2016-17, with the Commissioner affirming his responsibility to hold the Chief Constable to account for delivery of the strategy.

Definition: The Association of Chief Police Officers and the CPS have agreed a common definition of hate crime: "Any criminal offence which is perceived by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by hostility or prejudice based on a person's race or perceived race; religion or perceived religion; sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation; disability or perceived disability and any crime motivated by hostility or prejudice against a person who is transgender or perceived to be transgender."

Aims: Through holding an evidence-gathering session the Panel aims to scrutinise and support the PCC in his intention to prevent and tackle hate crime across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. This scrutiny will consider how the PCC is listening to and engaging partners, community associations and members of the public across the two counties in efforts to enhance outcomes for victims and to encourage them to come forward to report their concerns. The review will also consider how effectively the PCC is holding the Chief Constable to account for policing strategy focussed upon tackling and preventing hate crime.

The Panel seeks to add value to efforts to prevent and tackle hate crime by providing feedback to the PCC on where improvements can be made, identifying any opportunities to enhance the victims journey, as well as making suggestions on how partner agencies may be better engaged to prevent hate crime and enhance community cohesion.

Scope: The session will invite written evidence from a range of stakeholders who may be able to assist the Panel with their proactive scrutiny.

The review will operate at a strategic level, and collate and analyse information that stakeholders will be expected to produce. Several stakeholders will be invited to provide oral evidence based on the level of information that can usefully be provided to the Panel.

The Panel will analyse the evidence provided in order to identify recommendation areas for action to the PCC.

1. Key Stakeholders:

Oral Evidence

(To be determined by plan working group)

Written Evidence:

Action Hampshire
Age UK Hampshire
Age UK IOW
Awazz Fm community radio
Basingstoke Multicultural Forum
Breakout Youth
Chaos Support
Chrysalis
Citizens Advice
Communities First Wessex
Crimestoppers
Crown Prosecution Service
Community Security Trust (CST)
First Steps New Forest
Gosport and Fareham Motiv8
Hampshire and IOW CRC
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Communities Foundation
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Safety Partnerships
Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC)
Hampshire Constabulary
Hampshire County Council
Hampshire Fire and Rescue
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service
Hampshire LGBT+ Alliance
Hampshire Neighborhood Watch Association
Hampshire Pride
Heartstone
Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service
HMP Winchester
Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC)
Isle of Wight Council
Isle of Wight Neighborhood Watch Association
IW Pride
Jewish Gay and Lesbian Group
KROMA
Ministry of Justice
Motiv8 South
Muslim Council of Southampton
National Probation Service

NOMS

One Community

Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the IOW

Portsmouth City Council

Portsmouth Pride

Saints Foundation

SOS Polonia

South Central Ambulance Service

South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

South Hampshire Reform Jewish Community

Southampton City Council

Southampton Connect

Southampton Council of Faiths

Southampton Pride

Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust

SPECTRUM CIL

Spring Arts and Heritage Centre

Stonewall

Street Pastors

Town and Parish Councils

Unity 101 Radio Station

University of Portsmouth

Victim Support

West Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group

Y Services for Young People

YMCA Fairthorne

Youth Commission

Youth Offending Teams

2. Key Questions

The key questions of the proactive scrutiny are:

- 1) Since the publication of the Police and Crime Plan in 2016, how successful do you feel the PCC has been in his pledge to address hate crime? What changes have you observed, since this time, in the approach to supporting victims and those vulnerable to hate crime within our communities?
- 2) Are you aware of the current strategic approach to policing hate crime? Can you identify any areas where the policing provision, within Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, in response to hate crime could be improved?
- 3) How effective do you feel the PCC and his office have been in engaging with partners to enhance the approach to preventing hate crime and to encourage greater community cohesion? What opportunities do you feel exist for greater engagement?

- 4) What engagement is currently being undertaken with local residents and victim support groups to better understand their concerns regarding hate crime? How could the PCC support or improve the current approach?
- 5) What do you think should be the priorities for action to address hate crime and enhance community cohesion within Hampshire and the Isle of Wight? What challenges exist which could prevent or delay these actions from being delivered?
- 6) Are there any examples of successful approaches in tackling, and supporting victims of hate crime which you or your organisation are aware of, either within Hampshire and the Isle of Wight or in other areas?
- 7) Is there anything further that you can provide to the Panel that will assist us with our proactive scrutiny of this topic?

3. Approach:

- Invite the key stakeholders listed at 1 to respond to (some or all of) the key questions listed at 2. Provide 6-8 weeks for written responses.
- Provide a webpage for the review, giving access to information about the timescales, publishing relevant documents etc and to provide a channel through which the public can make comment.
- Identify key witnesses to attend oral evidence session (afternoon of 13 April 2018).

4. Outcome

The Panel will go into private session after they have held their oral evidence session in order to formulate and agree recommendations to the Commissioner. The outcomes will be published on the Panel's website.