

Briefing for Police and Crime Commissioner

Topic: Commissioning

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Purpose of briefing

To describe the approach to the commissioning of services for victims of crime and services related to the delivery of priorities within the Police and Crime Plan.

Background

The OPCVC has a budget of £2.0m divided between three strategic budgets on a needs basis. The three budgets are based on the themes of: victims' services; reducing reoffending; and community safety and prevention.

Current Issues

The commissioning expenditure is underpinned by an OPCVC Commissioning Strategy which is refreshed annually to reflect the funding decisions taken. The funding decisions are taken at Commissioning Boards chaired by the PCC, which are convened on a regular basis. The Commissioning Board was introduced to strengthen the governance and transparency related to commissioning decision-making.

Decisions Needed

Decisions are taken at the regular Commissioning Boards. If a significant event arises that needs a decision then an ad-hoc Board is convened to address anything that is emerging.

Partnership Involvement

Partnership involvement in relation to the identification of need and development of proportionate responses to the shared need is the preferred way to allocate funding because more can be achieved for the intended client group and better value for money achieved. Where there is a statutory obligation to provide a service for victims of crime the co-commissioning approach is our preferred choice.

Police Involvement

The police are treated as in the same way as other partners when they have an involvement in a specific commissioning activity.

People to Meet

The team at the OPCVC responsible for commissioning activities and other influencers (community, health, public, private and voluntary sectors) who can help to promote the co-commissioning approach where there is a real and present need identified.