

## **Briefing for Police and Crime Commissioner**

**Topic:** Evidence Based Policing

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### **Purpose of briefing**

To outline the Durham Constabulary Evidence Based Policing approach.

### **Background**

Durham Constabulary ensures that evidence based policing is embedded across the organisation in line with our problem solving ethos. Problem solving approaches and principles are understood and utilised across the Force and front line policing as a means to reduce demand and harm reduction, particularly where high harm or vulnerabilities exist e.g. domestic abuse, online offending, repeat victims, offenders and locations. This approach ensures that we are engaged with the public and we effectively identify threat, risks and harm.

Our key aims are:

- Have a culture that uses simple process to maximise efficiency and wellbeing.
- Manage the demand from or harm to the public.
- Understand the demand and target the resources for the most benefit.
- Engage with the right people to work together to solve the problem.
- Empower the people in the organisation to take responsibility to problem solve for the greater good.
- Know what works and how well.

Durham Constabulary also works with academia to gather evidence of what works in problem solving and our work has been recognised nationally and internationally by the Tilley and Goldstein Awards.

Durham Constabulary will maintain the problem solving cultural ethos and continue to apply problem solving approaches, both strategically and tactically, to reduce demand and harm.

### **Current Issues**

None at present

### **Decisions Needed**

n/a

### **Partnership Involvement**

This is not a partnership forum and does not have specific partnership involvement.

### **Police Involvement**

The evidenced based approach framework applies to the OPCVC and the Constabulary.

### **People to Meet**