

## **WEST MERCIA POLICE AND CRIME PANEL 10 SEPTEMBER 2019**

### **SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME STRATEGY – CONSULTATION REPORT**

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#### **Recommendation**

1. Members of the Panel are invited to consider the draft Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) strategy, the outcome of the consultation and provide comments for consideration prior to the finalisation of the strategy.

#### **Consultation Overview**

2. The Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) draft SOC strategy went out for consultation on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and was open until 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019 (just over 5 weeks).
3. The SOC strategy consultation was publicised through a number of channels including:
  - The PCC's website;
  - The West Mercia Police website;
  - A press release circulated to all media outlets across West Mercia;
  - Social media (Facebook and Twitter);
  - An email to key stakeholders and partners including: West Mercia Police, Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs), Serious and Organised Crime Joint Action Groups (SOCJAGs), Local Authorities, NHS, Public Health and Prisons & Probation.
4. A copy of the strategy and consultation details were also circulated to the Police and Crime Panel.

#### **Consultation Responses**

5. One formal response was received during the consultation period. The response was submitted on behalf of Telford and Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).
6. The response from Telford & Wrekin CCG is set out below:

*"Sensible proactive approach.*

*I would like to see closer working with the NHS- you mention education and Ofsted but NHS have Children's mental health services which included autism and learning disabilities.*

*Working more closely with these service could also work on the prevention element of services. With the increasing numbers of people being diagnosed with autism it is key that police understand the impact of this on people behaviours - these individuals are at risk of being targeted but also can be at risk of targeting others.*

*Close working with local NHS will pay dividends in this strategy but will also upskill NHS staff in dealing with some complex risky individuals.”*

## **Response from the PCC**

7. The PCC welcomes the feedback from Telford & Wrekin CCG. The Commissioner’s Policy Team have formally written to the respondent thanking them for their comments and outlining the points below.
8. A key objective of the PCC’s strategy is to establish a single whole-system approach to tackling serious and organised crime.
9. Several recommendations have been made in relation to partnership working. None of the recommendations include an exhaustive list of agencies or organisations. This is to ensure an inclusive and flexible approach is taken to stakeholder and partnership mapping once the recommendations are implemented.
10. The feedback highlights specific opportunities for closer working with the NHS in relation to prevention. As such, the CCG feedback has been shared with the PCC’s Commissioning Team to consider as part of the design of the new PCC-funded West Mercia Diversionary Network.
11. Given the above, no amendments have currently been made to the draft strategy.

## **Next Steps**

12. The strategy is due to be finalised and published following the meeting of the Police and Crime Panel in September 2019.
13. Once the strategy has been finalised, the Commissioner’s Policy Team will develop a SOC delivery plan to monitor progress against the recommendations.

## **Supporting Information**

Appendix 1 – Serious and Organised Crime Strategy – version for consultation

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### **Background Papers**

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report.