

Consultation on the Police and Crime Plan ‘Everybody’s Business’

The Police and Crime Commissioner in Hertfordshire is refreshing the Police and Crime Plan ‘Everybody’s Business’ and wants to hear your thoughts on what priorities matter to you.

What do you think of the Police and Crime Plan?

When I came into office over two years ago, I spent time listening to communities, local groups and partner organisations across Hertfordshire to hear about residents crime and policing concerns. That feedback became the foundation upon which I developed my first Police and Crime Plan ‘Everybody’s Business’.

I feel that the time is right to take a fresh look at the Police and Crime Plan and make sure the focus reflects the changing landscape and the new responsibilities of my office putting victims at the centre of all that we do. We face new and complex challenges in the area of safeguarding, particularly cybercrime, domestic abuse and child sexual exploitation. It seems right to me that the new plan should reflect the changing nature of criminality and is responsive to these changes.

At the core of my current [Police and Crime Plan](#) is delivering effective local policing. I have been clear that I want to maintain the current strength of Safer Neighbourhood Teams to improve visibility and contact with the public. My first plan centred around three key strategic themes which set a clear focus and direction for police and partner activity to build on the strong foundations already in place to deliver effective local policing, maintain high detection and conviction rates, and continue to protect the most vulnerable:

- The **Public Focus** theme is about greater customer care across the criminal justice system, about greater support for victims of crime and about more active citizens.
- The **Offender Pays** theme is about making offenders pay for the costs they create as well as setting up paid rehabilitation schemes. And it is about a concerted attack on criminal assets to recover the proceeds of crime.
- The **Business Sense** theme is about working more closely with local businesses, about efficiency and about taking a more business-like approach to Constabulary and partnership use of resources and assets.

I noted in my Open Letter in January 2014, of the need for police and partners to respond to new forms of criminality and the threat, harm and risks that these present, particularly to those most vulnerable. These included:

- Cyber-crime and e-crime (i.e. attacks on computer hardware/software, financial crime such as online fraud, and online abuse especially of young people)
- Child and Adult Sexual Exploitation
- Human trafficking, Honour-based violence and female genital mutilation
- New psychoactive substances (commonly known as 'legal highs')

I would like to hear your views on whether the strategic priorities in my current plan reflect the needs of Hertfordshire. Do you feel that the strategic priorities are still the right ones and are there any emerging issues you feel should be taken into account?

I welcome your comments to help shape the way I work and support police and partners to keep Hertfordshire safe and secure.

The initial consultation will run from 20th March to 17th April 2015 and responses can be emailed to: theplan@Herts.pnn.police.uk or by letter to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire, Harpenden Police Station, 15 Vaughan Road, Hertfordshire, AL5 4GZ