



Stockton Scrutiny Committee

Protection of Older Vulnerable Residents

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Role of Police and Crime Commissioner



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10 things you need to know about the Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland

-  Is a directly elected person who is responsible for the totality of policing across Cleveland.
-  Ensures that the police force is efficient and effective.
-  Appoints, and if necessary dismisses the Chief Constable.
-  Holds the Chief Constable to account for the operational delivery of policing.
-  Sets the strategic direction and objectives for policing by producing a Police and Crime Plan.
-  Sets the annual police budget, including the policing element of the Council Tax.
-  Produces an annual report setting out progress against the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan.
-  Cooperates with other criminal justice agencies across the area.
-  Works with partners and funds community safety activity to tackle crime and disorder.
-  Contributes to national and international policing requirements.



Police and Crime Plan Objectives

- Investing in our Police
- **A Better Deal for Victims and Witnesses**
- Tackling Offending and Re-Offending
- **Working together to make Cleveland safer**
- Securing the future of our communities



A Better Deal for Victims and Witnesses and Working Together to Make Cleveland Safer

Police and Crime Commissioners are identified as **local victims champions** and **partnership figureheads**, the Cleveland PCC delivers this through;

- Commissioning support services for victims of crime
- Speaking directly to victims to hear first hand about their experience
 - Co-chairing the Local Criminal Justice Partnership (LCJP)
- Bringing partners together to discuss areas of mutual interest
 - Effective collaborative and co-working



Victim and Advice Service (VCAS)



VCAS supported **92** victims of crime aged 80 years and over in the period 1 June 2018 – 31 May 2019.

Crime Type	Number of Clients supported	Comments
Fraud	45	Scams, Bogus Callers / Door Step Crime/ Postal Scams
Burglary	21	Dwellings as well as sheds , garages etc.
Theft	11	
Criminal Damage	7	
ASB	6	
Violence	2	Including Robbery



Crime Prevention

- Provided additional investment to Cleveland Police for Crime Prevention Officers (with a focus on vulnerability)
- VCAS Service – low level crime prevention advice



Prevention

Friends Against Scams

- National Trading Standards Initiative
- SCAMBassador
- Supported deliver of Fraud Prevention Presentations
 - Prevent victimisation and repeat victimisation
- Over 2,700 Scam Champions across Cleveland area
 - Community Groups and identified scam victims



Police Cadets Programme

- Providing funding to the Police Cadet Programme
- Support communities:
 - Elderly and vulnerable groups

Examples

- Trip to Beamish for elderly care home residents with dementia
- Supporting dementia screening at the cinema
- Gardening for vulnerable residents who have been targeted by rogue workers





Dementia Friendly

- **Cleveland Community Safety Hub** – designed with consideration of those living with Dementia
 - Dementia Parking Space
 - Dementia Friendly Carpets
 - Dementia Friendly Workforce



Safe Places Scheme

- Locations in the community where people who need some extra support can go if they need some sort of help
 - Aimed at vulnerable groups
- Can range from a call home, or help with directions
- PCC has championed this scheme since the beginning





Empowering Communities Inclusion & Neighbourhood Management System (E-CINs)

- Live-time multi-agency information sharing / communication system
 - Police
 - Community Safety
 - Housing Associations
- System is used to support the management of vulnerable people within the community
 - Repeat Victims
- PCC funded Project Co-ordinator





Criminal Justice Process

- Identification of vulnerability
- Achieving Best Evidence (ABE) Interviewing Suite – records interview
- Support at Court
 - Victim Support Service
 - Witness Care / Witness Service
 - Special Measures:
 - Screen
 - Remote Evidence Link / Link within court



Future work

- Changes to the Victims Code of Practice
 - What will this mean in terms of older victims of crime
- Assurance from Police and other agencies re. recommendations from the HMICFRS: The Poor Relation Report
- Further embed E-CINs
 - Social Care
- Prevention
 - Joint PCC and Police Consultation in regards to Neighbourhood Policing – October 2019
 - Further develop work of the police cadets

Questions?

