



***‘Victims are important  
to everything we do in Cleveland’***

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# Police and Crime Plan 2015/17

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- **Five priorities:**
  - Retaining and developing Neighbourhood Policing
  - Ensuring a better deal for victims and witnesses
  - Diverting people from offending, with a focus of rehabilitation and the prevention of re-offending
  - Developing better co-ordination, communication and partnership between agencies to make best use of resources
  - Working for better industrial and community relations



***Ensuring a better deal  
for victims and witnesses***

# Commissioning Responsibilities Overview

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- **October 2014 – PCCs responsibility to commission local services including Restorative Justice (previously funded through MOJ)**
- **April 2015 – PCC responsibility to commission the provision of Victim Referral Services**

# Victim and Witness Strategic Planning Group

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- **Multi-Agency Group**
  - Local Authorities
  - Local Criminal Justice Board
  - Service Providers
  - Probation / CRC
  - Witness Care
- **Improve Service Provision**
  - Identifying best practice
  - Sharing knowledge / learning
  - Identify any gaps in provision

# Victim Referral Service

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- **Funding for a Victims Referral Service transferred from the Ministry of Justice to PCCs in April 2015**
- **From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015, Victim Support will provide the Cleveland and Durham PCCs with a shared Victims Referral Service**
- **The Service for 2015/16 will consist of**
  - **A shared Victim Care Unit (within the current Victim Support Estate)**
  - **A local network of staff and volunteers helping victims with emotional and practical support in each OPCC area.**

# What will be different?

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- **Victims will receive tailored support to their individual needs and circumstances rather than crime type**
- **Repeat and vulnerable victims will receive one to one care from a victims advocate**
- **We want to ensure victims get the right support without them having to re-tell their story and relive their victimisation.**

# What will be different?

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- **Victims are routinely offered the option of restorative justice and solutions**
- **Better support for young victims of crime that isn't only offered via a parent or guardian**
- **Providing a single point of contact will allow greater ownership of the whole victim journey from first reporting the incident to the police, throughout the investigation and criminal justice process and beyond.**



# Hate Crime

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- **Established a Cleveland and Durham Hate Crime Steering Group who are undertaking dip sampling of hate crime cases covering all 5 strands:**
  - **Race**
  - **Religion**
  - **Disability**
  - **Sexual Orientation**
  - **Transgender**
- **Victim Support contacting victims to obtain their feedback on experience of criminal justice system**
- **Intended outcome – Improving prosecutions**

# Hate Crime – LGB&T

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- **Commissioned a report into addressing barriers to reporting LGB&T hate crime**
- **Multi agency steering group established to take forward report recommendations**
- **Training programme being developed for front line staff**
- **Review of Third Party Reporting Centres to ensure locations are appropriate for diverse groups**
- **Supporting launch of new Cleveland Police LGB&T Network**

# Hate Crime – Disability

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- **Supporting Mental Health Awareness Week**
- **Hate Crime Champions Training for disability groups and carers to encourage reporting**
- **Training DVD developed for all front line staff**
- **Cleveland wide poster campaign**

# Hate Crime – Race/Religion

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- **Funding Show Racism the Red Card to deliver anti – racism workshops to both Primary and Secondary Schools**
- **The sessions explore:**
  - **Anti-Muslim hatred**
  - **Anti-immigration sentiment**
  - **Gypsy/Roma and Travellers**
  - **Far-Right Social Movements**
- **1530 young people will benefit from the sessions**
- **Three teacher training events to equip teachers with tools to challenge racism in schools**

# Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

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- **Regional Strategy to tackle VAWG**
- **Focuses on different strands**
  - Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse
  - Human Trafficking and Sex Work
  - Forced Marriage and Honour Crimes
  - Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
  - Harassment and Stalking
- **20 point action plan for local delivery**



# VAWG – Progress 1 year on .....

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- **Operation Encompass**
  - Provides the opportunity for early intervention support for a child or young person
  - Launched March 2015 in Hartlepool
  - Throughout 2015/16 launched in other areas of Cleveland
- **Body Worn Videos (BWV)**
  - 100 BWV
  - Worn by Incident Resolution Team Officers (IRT – Response)
- **Human Trafficking**
  - Event in September 2014
  - Further training to be held in May/June (240 places)

# VAWG – Progress 1 year on .....

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- **Honour Based Violence / Forced Marriage (HBV/FM)**
  - **Commission a support service for victim**
    - *Provide information support and advice to victims*
    - *Provide specialist advice to Police Officers*
    - *Deliver training on HBV/FM & FGM for those with safeguarding responsibilities within Cleveland Police*
- **Harassment and Stalking**
  - **Hosted a training event in February 2015**
- **Video Links to Court**
  - **Two locations – SARC and My Sisters Place**

# Restorative Justice

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**Restorative Justice (RJ) gives victims the chance to meet or communicate with their offenders to explain the real impact of the crime - it empowers victims by giving them a voice, it holds offenders to account for what they have done and helps them to take responsibility and make amends. The broader community can also benefit from this approach in terms of reducing the impact of re-offending.**



# Restorative Justice (RJ)

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- **Restorative Cleveland**
  - *To ensure that at any stage of their journey victims have access to high quality restorative justice, building on existing provision and ensuring the same high level of service across the whole of the Cleveland area.*
- **Multi-agency**
  - Local authorities
  - Youth Offending Service
  - ARCC (CRC)
  - Housing Providers
- **Victim Focussed**
  - Help victims cope of recover from the impact of the harm caused

# Any questions?

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