



PRIORITY 3



**HELP PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM
SERIOUS THREATS (LOCAL,
REGIONAL & NATIONAL) TO
THEIR SAFETY, INCLUDING
ORGANISED CRIME & TERRORISM**

KEY FACTS

- Organised crime costs the United Kingdom at least £24 billion a year
- Less than a third of people surveyed nationally use complex passwords to protect online accounts
- In 2012/13 over £642,000 of assets were confiscated from criminals in Dorset
- In 2012 there were 1186 cases of human trafficking in the UK. This rose to 1423 in 2013
- As part of the drive to strip criminals of their assets, just under £200,000 was returned direct to victims in 2012/13 in Dorset

The lead-in to all the priorities that we will 'work in partnership with our communities and relevant agencies' is of particular significance to this priority. The community and partners have a key role in helping to protect Dorset from organised criminals, and identifying those who may be attracted to terrorism or domestic extremism. Dealing with organised criminality (much of which is drug-related in Dorset) and preventing terrorism are responsibilities that extend far beyond the Police Service.

On 20 September 2013 Keith Bristow, the Director General of the National Crime Agency (NCA), attended the regional meeting of Police and Crime Commissioners and Chief Constables that the Commissioner hosted at Dorset Police Headquarters. This was just prior to the Agency's launch. All attenders gave their commitment to work together to combat organised crime.

CYBER CRIME

Cyber crime is the use of any computer network for crime. It is broad and far-reaching, and encompasses:

- 'pure' online crimes – where a digital system is the target as well as the means of attack
- 'existing' crimes that have been transformed in scale or form by their use of the internet
- Use of the internet to facilitate 'traditional' types of crime

The Commissioner welcomes the formation of the National Cyber Crime Unit within the NCA which will assist the Commissioner and Dorset Police in dealing with the growing threat of cyber crime here in Dorset. The Commissioner is very keen to raise awareness of cybercrime and to provide information to help individuals protect themselves and their families from online threats.

To that end, the Commissioner is exploring the best way to deliver a local awareness raising campaign to Dorset residents, which is likely to involve writing to every resident in the County. Ideally this campaign will be tailored to different elements of the community who may be vulnerable to different threats. Cyber-enabled crime covers a wide spectrum of issues – from fraud and identity theft, to cyber-bullying and sexting – and the campaign will help ensure that people are informed of these risks and are able to take as much preventative action as possible.

The Commissioner has also asked the Chief Constable to review the Force capability requirements for tackling cyber crime locally and is committed to providing the resources to meet these requirements, such is the importance of this issue.

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The Commissioner is deeply concerned about the threat posed by human trafficking. It is a serious criminal activity that is very much under the radar. Dorset Police and partner agencies are currently profiling the problem in Dorset and the Commissioner has played his part in trying to raise awareness locally. All agencies are becoming more aware of the signs to look for and the steps to take when a case is identified. There is a clear need to raise awareness amongst Dorset Police (especially frontline staff and call handlers), and this process is underway.

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE)

Another area of high risk criminality that the Commissioner believes is under-reported locally is the sexual exploitation of children. We have witnessed a number of high profile cases across the country where groups of vulnerable young people were horribly abused. Dorset Police and relevant partners such as social care, schools and health professionals are more focussed on the risk and are becoming more adept at spotting the signs of abuse and effectively reacting to them. Work also remains ongoing with regard to awareness raising and training.

WHAT WE WILL DO

- The Chief Constable will ensure that Dorset Police seek to recover cash and other assets from criminals, especially those who operate in organised groups, and let the public know when we do.
- Counter terrorism presentations will be provided to all schools and colleges in Dorset where appropriate.
- The Chief Constable will ensure that Dorset Police share information with partners wherever possible so that they can effectively play their part in protecting the community from these threats, such as Project Griffin which engages the business community in countering terrorist activity.
- The Chief Constable and the OPCC will provide the people of Dorset with information about success in fighting organised crime, terrorism or domestic extremism where it is appropriate to do so.
- The Chief Constable and the OPCC will provide local people with information to raise their awareness of risks in relation to cyber-crime and how to stay safe on-line.
- The Chief Constable will ensure that Dorset Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) and local partners have sufficient information to identify those who may be involved in organised criminality, terrorism or domestic extremism.
- The Chief Constable will ensure that frontline Dorset Police officers and staff have sufficient information to identify promptly human trafficking, slavery or child sexual exploitation.
- The Chief Constable will ensure that Dorset Police has people who are adequately trained to support other Force areas at critical times such as during widespread disorder.

WHAT RESULTS ARE WE SEEKING TO ACHIEVE?

- Criminals will be deprived of their assets where appropriate.
- Communities and partners will be better informed about the risk of terrorism, cyber crime and other organised criminality and the part they can play to minimise that risk.
- The risk posed by organised crime groups in Dorset will be reduced where possible.
- Members of the public are better able to protect themselves against the threat of cyber crime.
- The Force will be better equipped to identify and deal with human trafficking, slavery or child sexual exploitation.

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