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**YOUNG**

**PEOPLES**

# **POLICE & CRIME PLAN**

**APRIL 2013 – MARCH 2017**



Working together for a safer Dorset





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# INTRODUCTION

*As Dorset's elected Police & Crime Commissioner, I need to obtain the views of Dorset residents when producing my Police & Crime Plan - which includes the views of the young people living in the area, many of whom are already actively engaged in local democracy through youth groups and forums, or through the UK Youth Parliament.*

In order to ensure that the Police & Crime Plan has relevance for young people, I asked them to assess the plan, and come up with actions which were relevant to them.

I have been very impressed with the enthusiasm shown by the young people involved, and look forward to working with them to deliver some of the actions identified.

**MARTYN UNDERHILL**  
POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR DORSET



## YOUNG PEOPLE VIEWS

*Young people from across Bournemouth Dorset and Poole were consulted at a number of focus groups, events and conferences, where they discussed the police and crime plan and talked about their priorities. The young people we met with agreed the reasons why it is important to have a separate young people's police & crime plan.*

The reasons that the young people decided on were:

- That young people have a right to have their say in matters which affect them
- That it will help to break down misconceptions about young people
- Young people are aware of their rights and responsibilities
- To ensure that young people are aware of the law and issues such as anti-social behaviour
- It can help to improve the safety of young people
- It will help the Police make plans for the future participation of children and young people
- It will assist the OPCC and Dorset Police develop appropriate policies and procedures.
- It provides information about what happens in Dorset Police.

# OUR PRIORITIES

## PRIORITY 1

### REDUCE THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS OF CRIME & ASB

- 1.1 We will work with partners to ensure that young people have knowledge and understanding of anti-social behaviour legislation, and other age related legislation and how this could impact on them.
- 1.2 We will ensure that our victim services support young victims appropriately.
- 1.3 We will work with partners to educate young people as to the unintended effects their actions can have on others, and why some actions may be perceived by others as anti-social.

## PRIORITY 2

### REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERIOUSLY HARMED IN DORSET

- 2.1 We will commission specialist services to assist young people that have been the victims of serious sexual assaults and domestic abuse, or have witnessed this.
- 2.2 We will ensure that information about drug and alcohol services are made widely available to young people, and will deliver intervention through the Safe Schools and Communities Team
- 2.3 We will continue to work with partners to :
  - Raise awareness among young people as to legislation, and their rights and responsibilities.
  - Educate young people about personal safety awareness and what do in certain situations
  - Continue to promote cyber safety awareness.
  - Deliver impactful driver safety awareness for young drivers.

## PRIORITY 3

### HELP PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM SERIOUS THREATS TO THEIR SAFETY, INCLUDING ORGANISED CRIME AND TERRORISM

- 3.1 We will promote the use of the 'Fearless' Crimestoppers website to young people
- 3.2 We will ensure that Police Officers are aware that theft and fraud can affect young people, and work with partners to educate young people on how to protect themselves.
- 3.4 We will take all threats of harm reported by young people seriously - and encourage them to share concerns even if it just seems like friends just messing around.
- 3.5 We will continue to provide PREVENT awareness training through educational establishments.

## PRIORITY 4

### REDUCE REOFFENDING

- 4.1 We will commission a range of services to support ex-offenders, including counselling and positive outcomes
- 4.2 We will continue to use and roll out restorative justice approaches for use with young, or first time offenders

## PRIORITY 5

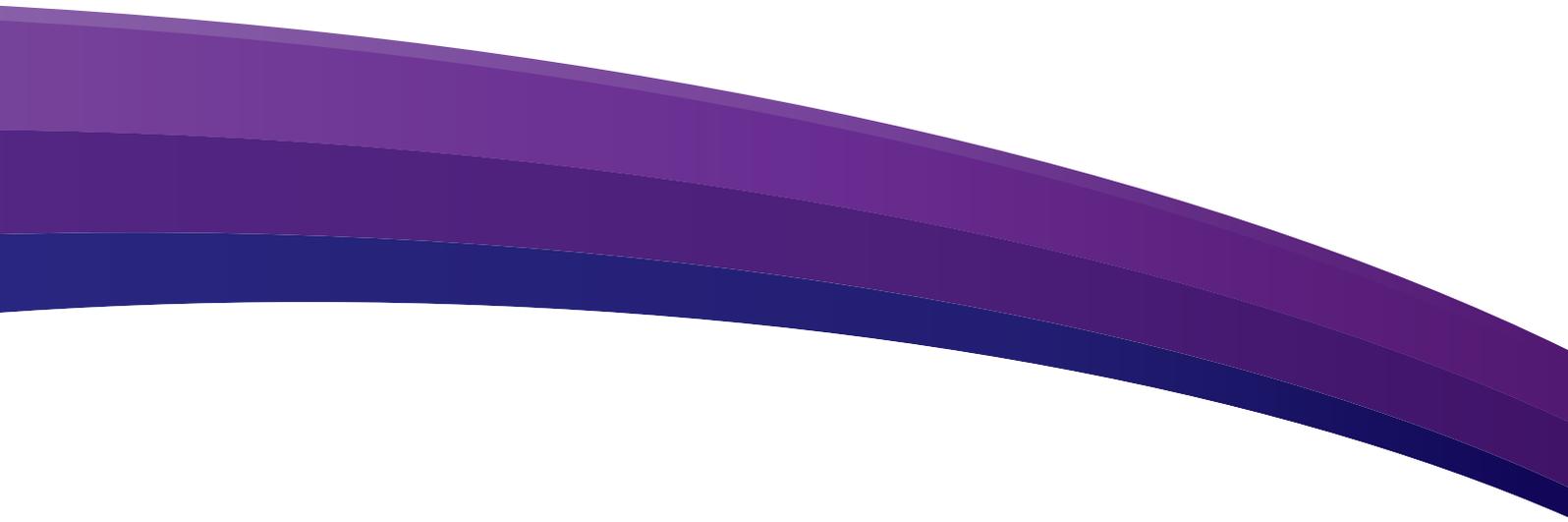
### INCREASING PEOPLES SATISFACTION WITH POLICING IN DORSET

- 5.1 We will facilitate a Youth Consultation Group to assist us in improving our service to children and young people.
- 5.2 We will work with young people to produce ten top tips for Dorset Police to use when talking to them.
- 5.3 We will adopt a 'rights respecting' approach when working with children and young people.
- 5.4 We assist in the facilitation of conferences and workshops for young people.
- 5.5 We will regularly consult and engage with a wide variety of young people from diverse backgrounds to ensure that we are taking account of their views in a professional, fair and respectful manner.

## PRIORITY 6

### SUPPORT NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

- 6.1 We will continue to encourage 18-24 years olds to get involved in volunteering for Dorset Police.
- 6.2 We will explore the possibility of introducing a Police Cadet Scheme to Dorset.
- 6.3 We will explore the possibility of introducing a pupil led watch scheme in schools.



Martyn Underhill was elected as the first Police & Crime Commissioner for Dorset on 15 November 2012 and took up office on 22 November 2012. The term of office ends in May 2016, when an election for Police & Crime Commissioner is scheduled to take place. You can contact Mr Underhill or the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Dorset in the following ways:

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