

Report to the Thames Valley Police & Crime Panel

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Taxi Licensing Single point of contact

The PCC has agreed to fund a part time post 0.8 FTE to be a TVP Single Point of Contact for taxi licensing for a year and it has been to an assessment panel on 1 May. The post is now waiting to be processed through Human Resources. A Minimal Standards Framework for Thames Valley Single Point of Contact (Taxi Licensing) has been produced and has been agreed by all Licensing Authorities and it is hoped that this document will be further developed later in the year.

Police and Crime Commissioner FGM funding is delivering projects across the Thames Valley

It has been eight months since the Police and Crime Commissioner's Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) grant was awarded to organisations across the Thames Valley to increase awareness and prevention of FGM and work is ongoing across the area. The £120,000 funding was awarded in October 2017 to six organisations across the Thames Valley for projects between 6 months and 2 years in length.

Examples of the work delivered with the funding so far include:

- Training sessions delivered to schools across the Thames Valley. Oxford Against Cutting is delivering a two year programme. It has prioritised its training for schools based on the highest number of girls who speak languages from communities which may be affected by FGM. To date over 500 teachers and Year 2 pupils have attended training sessions increasing awareness and understanding of FGM.
- Men's Groups to promote discussion about FGM. In addition to hosting workshops aimed at women and girls from affected communities, the Rose Centre in Reading is hosting a men's group. 64 men have attended the group to date, discussing the role of men in stopping FGM and the impact of FGM on men in terms of estrangement that can occur in marriage and the cultural and political impetus behind the practice.
- Midwife and client sessions. Slough Refugee Support is delivering midwife and client sessions headed up by a Somali speaking midwife with course materials available in the Somali language. These sessions aim to raise awareness of FGM amongst attendees and

recognise the fact that it is practiced in the UK as well as their home country. Sessions have included a Q&A session enabling women to ask questions and seek advice.

The development of an Advice Hub for professionals. An Advice Hub is being developed as part of the Rose Centre in Reading where professionals can access advice online or by phone. This could include expertise on FGM from a health perspective, legal advice, and local data and grass roots intelligence.

Other organisations which received funding were Refugee Resource, Somali Outreach Project and MK Dons.

Launch of play to educate children about healthy online relationships

More than 3,000 children in Oxfordshire will learn from the performance of a special play highlighting what does and doesn't constitute a healthy online relationships with people.

Pupils aged between 9 and 11 across 60 primary schools will view the performance between Friday, June 8 and Friday, July 6. The 40-minute play is being staged in Oxfordshire and elsewhere in the Thames Valley thanks to a £51,000 grant provided by the Police and Crime Commissioner Anthony Stansfeld. The Oxfordshire performances are part of the county council's Anti-bullying strategy and pupils will go away from the play with a better understanding of:

- What constitutes a healthy relationship
- Pressure to conform with peer group online
- Risks when sharing inappropriate images online, including online sexual exploitation, cyber-bullying and other online abusive behaviour.
- The impact of online abusive behaviour with a view to developing empathy.
- Coercion and control within online relationships and strategies for managing this.
- Where to go for information and support.

PCC offering £400,000 fund to tackle key aims within Police and Crime Plan

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Thames Valley has launched a grant fund for organisations who can assist him in achieving key aims in his Police and Crime Plan. This fund is now open for applications and up to £400,000 of grant funding is available. The PCC is looking to fund around 6 – 8 medium sized projects which can deliver against some of the PCC's strategic aims.

First annual Police Governance Summit - 6 - 7 June 2018

Police governance has developed very considerably since PCCs were first elected six years ago – and not just as a result of the recent opportunity for PCCs also to take on fire governance. Increasingly, OPCCs undertake a considerable (and growing) range of policy-related work, plus are expected to deliver much speedier and more effective support and decision-making than their Police Authority secretariat forerunners.

CoPaCC (Policing Insight's parent organisation) was established at the time of the first PCC elections in 2012 to monitor Police and Crime Commissioners' work, and is now widely acknowledged as providing considerable national insight into police governance.

This first Police Governance Summit focused on areas which have been identified as key current challenges. Sessions took place on a number of areas such as:

Holding the Chief Constable to account
OPCC Communications – what works?
Recognising OPCC Performance
Maximising the PCC – Police and Crime Panel relationship
Effective use of committees: Should the Joint Audit Committee just be about compliance?
Police Governance Budgets: Can greater OPCC collaboration help make the most out of tight budgets?

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL WORKSHOP – LGA

This event is being held on 11 July 2018 at Westminster and is open to Members of Police and Crime Panels The agenda for the day is:

- An update from the Home Office
- The new complaints framework
- Learning from Essex on their experience as a new Police, Fire and Crime Panel
- An introduction to the new National Association of Police (Fire) and Crime Panels
- News from the APCC

<https://lgaevents.local.gov.uk/lga/557/>

POLICING THE ROYAL WEDDING

The Royal Wedding has been one of the largest policing operations that Thames Valley Police has undertaken and Thames Valley Police reported that together with partners, a safe and happy event was delivered for all.

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex were married in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, on 19th May, followed by a carriage procession through Windsor town and a reception in St George's Hall.

Months of hard work went into planning the Royal Wedding, which saw more than 100,000 people head to Windsor to take part in the celebrations. Thousands of Police officers worked tirelessly to make sure it was a day of celebration for the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, their guests and visitors to the Royal Borough of Windsor, whilst continuing to serve communities across the Thames Valley area.

Recent publications/events and media interest

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