
LOCAL POLICING

Version 4

1. Policy statement

Local policing is the face of policing. We need a well-funded, fully trained and effective police service to ensure the welfare and efficiency of police officers, resilience and the provision of the best possible service for the public.

A well-funded and resourced local policing function enables officers to actively gather criminal and community intelligence to help identify threats to public safety including intelligence on prolific offenders, vulnerable victims and repeat locations.

Local policing is vital in ensuring that victims and witnesses of crime have confidence in the service and are satisfied with the handling of their case, as well as keeping the public safe.

2. Responsibility

The National Board is responsible for all policy formation.

3. Summary

PFEW believes that local policing is vital to the prevention of crime, to reduce demand on policing services and to improve the outcomes for victims, witnesses and local communities.

Local policing must remain at the heart of all policing from dealing with anti-social behaviour through to tackling serious criminal organisations and domestic extremism. This will help address perceptions of trust in and legitimacy of the police service as well as providing ways of engaging with individuals, families and communities in order to deliver community based, appropriate and agreed outcomes.

PFEW believes that the most effective models of local policing are based on the best available evidence to ensure the best use of resources particularly given the difficult decisions about resources and the reduction in police officer numbers.

We wish to see policing move away from a culture of 'what gets measured gets done' towards one where officers once again have the time to devote to activity beyond the station walls, time that allows officers to engage with the public in a meaningful way. Officers patrolling the beat are far more likely to receive public feedback and gain intelligence that those waiting for it in police stations.

4. Procedures/implementation

PFEW will work with the College of Policing, PCCs and Chief Officers to help define the most effective local policing models, based on the best available evidence.

We will review existing research, analyse and evaluate current practices and identify evidence-based research into what works in models of local policing

Responsibility is delegated to the National Secretary and/or appropriate sub-committee.

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Signed by:



National Chair



National Secretary