
Volume crime

Version 3

1. Policy statement

Volume Crime includes the majority of offences which are committed in England and Wales, and as such have a significant impact on many victims. Volume Crime can include robbery, burglary, shoplifting, vehicle crime, criminal damage, drugs and assaults.

A disproportionately large number of offences are committed by a relatively small percentage of the population in England and Wales. Whilst many of these crimes may involve small financial losses, for the victims themselves the feeling of invasion, of privacy and of being a victim translates into very real feelings of fear of crime and perceptions of a lack of safety and security and therefore impacts on public confidence in the Police Service.

If the Service is to have an impact on Volume Crime, then effective preventative measures, investigation and enforcement should form key parts of the crime reduction strategy.

2. Responsibility

The National Board is responsible for all policy formation.

3. Summary

PFEW believes it is incumbent on Chief Officers and Police and Crime Commissioners to allocate resources to target offenders and 'crime hot spots' using offender management and targeted patrols, to take preventative measures aimed at reducing levels of volume crime in partnership with communities and other agencies and to enhance intelligence-led policing. This is vital to ensure 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.

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.

4. Procedures/implementation

We will engage with the National Police Chiefs Council and the College of Policing to help identify the most effective models for tackling volume crime, based on the best available evidence.

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

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Signed by:



National Chair



National Secretary