

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONERS

WALES PCC BULLETIN

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This twelfth bulletin is the latest in a series of regular updates to keep you informed about developments for the introduction of police and crime commissioners (PCCs) in November 2012. This edition includes:

- Update on Home Office PCC communications
- Information about the recently laid PCP veto Regulations
- An update on the funding for Police and Crime Panels
- APCC update on PCC national event; and candidates' webpage
- An article, written by Marion Sandwell from the Youth Justice Board (YJB), on developing links between PCCs and youth offending services
- Information provided by the Safer Future Communities project on ongoing work
- Feedback from the recent national Integrated Offender Management (IOM) conference
- Details of HMIC's 'What Works' factsheets for PCC candidates; and
- Tilley Awards

Police and crime commissioners: Communications update

National Home Office PCC campaign

The Home Office will run a national awareness raising campaign about PCCs launching in early October. Should you wish to use our campaign locally, we will make campaign assets (PDF of posters and press adverts, digital adverts) available on the Home Office website once we've launched the campaign. Make sure you visit www.homeoffice.gov.uk/pcc where you'll see all our latest updates. There will also be a printed credit card information handout available for partners to use and distribute. This will be available to order from early October.

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Order email: homeoffice@prolog.co.uk

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Candidate online booklet and print on demand

Work to produce the candidate online booklet and print on demand facility continues to progress. The website will be available in early October providing the public with the ability to sign up for an email alert which will notify them when full details of candidate addresses are available on the website. Police Area Returning Officers (PAROs) are responsible for ensuring that candidate addresses are available on the candidate website by 26th October. Hard copy booklets will also be available to pre-order when the print on demand call centre goes live early October. The website and call centre number will be promoted via the Home Office campaign as well as by the Electoral

Commission booklet that will be delivered to all households from 22nd October onwards. PAROs will also include information about these services on poll cards.

Electoral Commissions PCC elections campaign

The Electoral Commission public awareness campaign for the PCC elections will launch on 22 October and run until polling day on 15 November. Activity will focus on:

- What the PCC elections are for and what powers PCCs will have;
- How to cast a ballot under the Supplementary Vote;
- When the elections are taking place; and
- How to access further information, including information about candidates.

Campaign activity will include:

- A booklet sent to all households in the 41 areas in England and Wales where the elections are taking place;
- A TV, radio and press campaign to raise awareness of the elections, alert people to the booklet that they will be receiving and provide details of the website and helpline where people can go to get further information on the elections and the candidate website/print on demand service;
- The campaign will direct people to further information on the elections at www.aboutmyvote.co.uk or via the Commission's public information telephone helpline.

Templates for local authorities will also be made available to PAROs and LROs to run their own election awareness raising activity at a local level. The templates will be issued in stages on www.dopolitics.org.uk

Police and Crime Panel veto Regulations

The Police and Crime Panel (Precepts and Chief Constable Appointments) Regulations 2012 were laid before Parliament on Thursday 6 September. Those of you who may have seen an earlier draft version of the Regulations will note that some changes have been made.

Firstly, the draft precept setting timetable has been altered to ensure that the deadlines fit, as far as possible, with local budget decision timescales. The PCC will be required to inform the PCP of their proposed precept by 1 February. This will enable PCCs to base their precept proposal on more accurate funding information, whilst ensuring that the PCP has the opportunity to scrutinise the proposal.

Secondly, the PCP has a power to veto a proposed chief constable appointment. The PCC must then propose a reserve candidate for appointment. Changes to regulations have been updated so that the process for scrutinising a reserve candidate for appointment as chief constable includes the requirements for the PCP to hold a public confirmation hearing and publish its report to the PCC. This brings the process for scrutinising a reserve candidate in line with the process set out in the Act for the first proposed candidate, thereby ensuring that all candidates for appointment as chief constable are subject to the same level of scrutiny.

Short guidance notes explaining the legislation concerning each of the vetoes will be published shortly.

Update on Funding for Police and Crime Panels

The Government has committed to provide funding to cover the costs of maintaining Police and Crime Panels. The host authority for a Police and Crime Panel in a police force area can receive annually up to:

- £53,300 for costs of administering Panels;
- £5,715 for Welsh language translation costs for Welsh Panels; and
- £920 for expenses per member (maximum 20 Panel members).

2012-13

In 2012-13 the amounts provided to host authorities will be adjusted pro-rata as Panels will be in operation for only part of the year. To reflect the costs host authorities and members will incur in setting up Panels so that they are ready for PCC arrival in mid-November, it has been agreed to adjust funding in 2012-13 back to 10th October.

Host authorities can receive half funding in 2012-13 to cover the period October to March:

- £26,650 for costs of administering Panels;
- £2,860 for Welsh language translation costs for Welsh Panels; and
- £460 for expenses per member (maximum 20 members).

The funding will be provided via a grant agreement, and will be paid in arrears in one payment in March 2013.

In future years the payment of the grant will be at least two payments per year.

APCC National Event - 11th September

The APCC briefing event on PCCs held 11th September was a success; with over 150 delegates attending. The conference was featured in the [Evening Standard](#) and a story by the [Press Association](#). The BBC also covered the national briefing and interviewed several PCC candidates.

To download the presentations and workshop handouts click [here](#).

APCC candidates' web page

APCC recently launched a web page with links to candidates' websites, which the public can use to check out what their local PCC candidates are campaigning on. You can visit the candidate section [here](#). We will continue to amend the list when we receive confirmation that candidates' websites have gone live.

You may download a table of PCC candidates [here](#).

APCC Blog

Baroness Newlove of Warrington, Government Champion for Active, Safer Communities, has written exclusively for the APCC on how PCCs can work with their local victim services. You can read her article [here](#).

For further information on the APCC please contact Joel Charles, APCC Communications Officer, joel.charles@apccs.police.uk

PCCs and Youth Justice

Marion Sandwell, of the Youth Justice Board, writes about the work of youth offending teams and planning for the future commissioning landscape.

Youth offending teams (YOTs) (since their inception as statutory bodies) have been at the forefront of delivering preventative programmes for young people in the youth justice system, complemented by strong partnership working arrangements resulting in successes at local levels.

To ensure funding for targeted youth crime prevention services in their local areas can continue to operate under the new commissioning landscape, YOTs will have to engage with, and influence PCCs.

Since 2006/07 the youth justice system has witnessed a continual drop in the number of young people entering the youth justice system; custody and offences committed.

Many YOTs are actively working to prepare for PCCs, including:

- Establishing a “voice” within the transition boards working towards PCCs.
- Scoping their working arrangements to seek collaborative opportunities & streamlining of services.
- Working together in police force areas, rather than as individual YOTs.
- Partnership priorities and the potential opportunities for involvement of the PCC.
- Reviewing how potential candidate priorities will affect programme and funding arrangements.
- How to assist PCCs to understand the needs of local people, using existing engagement mechanisms.

YOTs together with their partners (VCSE, Police) have been at the forefront of rehabilitating young people in the youth justice system; stopping first time entrants in; reducing re-offending; reducing the numbers of young people in custody - none of which would have been achievable without concerted efforts at working to come up with evidence based youth crime prevention programmes.

YOTs in Wales

YOTs in Wales have taken a collaborative approach both regionally and nationally to ensure their strategic objectives are embedded in their local police authority plans.

The Wales Youth Justice Advisory Panel, which acts as a strategic, multi agency reference group for youth justice services across Wales and is jointly chaired by Welsh Government and Youth Justice Board, continues to support closer strategic links with the police across Wales, working in partnership with the Association of Chief Police Officers Cymru to support and widen the use of police led restorative alternatives to charging.

News from Safer Future Communities

WCVA update

Safer Future Communities events have taken place in all police force areas of Wales with contributions from the Home Office, police authorities, Safer Future Communities and the lead County Voluntary Council. These events have enabled diverse networks of third sector organisations involved in community safety work that are coterminous with each of Wales' 4 PCC areas to be formed. The events included a World Cafe session based on a SWOT analysis around community safety priorities looking at the sector's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats in the context of the transition to Police and Crime Commissioners. The networks will be an important point of contact between the third sector and Police and Crime Commissioners.

The following are the leads for each Safer Future Communities network in Wales:

North Wales - John R Jones of Medrwn Môn (john@medrwnmon.org)

South Wales - Alison Harris of Voluntary Action Merthyr Tydfil (Alison.Harris@vamt.net)

Dyfed Powys – Hazel Lloyd-Lubran of Ceredigion Association of Voluntary Organisations (Hazel.Lloyd-Lubran@cavo.org.uk)

Gwent - Mike Bridgman of Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations (mike.bridgman@gavowales.org.uk)

A South Wales Hustings event with the candidates for the South Wales Police & Crime Commissioner role will take place on Wednesday 24th October 2012 at Orbit Business Centre, Merthyr Tydfil between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. This is an opportunity to hear the candidates' manifestos, and to ensure that they are each influenced as to the role that the third sector can play in supporting community safety.

For further information about the Safer Future Communities Project in Wales, contact Gaynor Davies, Community Safety Officer, WCVA gdavies@wcva.org.uk

Women's Resource Centre (WRC)

WRC have produced three briefings on how to influence PCCs to include work to tackle violence against women and girls within their Police and Crime Plans. To find out more contact Rebecca Veazy at: Rebecca@wrc.org.uk

WRC, [End Violence Against Women](#) (EVAW) and [Rape Crisis](#) (England & Wales) have also produced a flyer for women's organisations to raise awareness about PCCs. [View the flyer here.](#)

Finally, WRC held an event on 20th September for women's organisations based in the south east who want to find out more about the elections and the best way to engage with PCCs once they take up their posts. [Visit the WRC website for details of this event.](#)

National Conference on Integrated Offender Management (IOM): July 2012

The Home Office hosted a national conference on Integrated Offender Management (IOM), which included a strong focus on the role of Police and Crime Commissioners on 3rd and 4th July 2012, at the National Policing Improvement Agency, Ryton-on-Dunsmore, near Coventry. The event attracted around 200 delegates from a range of partnership agencies, including police, probation, prisons, local authorities and the voluntary sector.

Contributions came from a range of keynote speakers including the then Minister for Policing and Criminal Justice, Nick Herbert, MP, Stephen Greenhalgh, the London Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Juliet Lyon, CBE, Director of the Prison Reform Trust, and senior representatives from the Home Office, Ministry of Justice, Association of Chief Police Officers, Probation Chiefs' Association, Local Government Association and Voluntary Sector.

One of the key aims of the conference was to help areas maximise the contribution that IOM can make locally to reducing crime and re-offending, and to consider this in the context of the Government's criminal justice and health reforms, including the arrival of Police and Crime Commissioners.

The conference set out some of the opportunities that IOM offered moving forward, including expanding the partnership base by maximising voluntary sector involvement and expanding the local model to include a more definite focus on preventing onset and escalation of offending.

The conference report is now available on the Home Office website.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/crime/reducing-reoffending/2012-iom-conference/IOM-Conference-report-2012>

HMIC – What Works

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary has developed a series of fact sheets specifically aimed at PCC candidates. The 'What Works' website pages, which are now available on HMIC's website at the link below, provide PCC candidates with an independent summary of what works in policing.

<http://www.hmic.gov.uk/pcc/what-works-in-policing-to-reduce-crime/>

Tilley Awards

The Tilley awards are awarded annually, and for 14 years have been recognising innovative crime fighting projects where police, community groups and the public successfully work together to identify and tackle local crime problems. This year's entries tackled problems including organised crime, gang violence, alcohol and drug related crime, and anti-social behaviour.

The Tilley Awards public vote is now live.

You can vote for your favourite shortlisted project by visiting the Home Office website here <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crime/partnerships/tilley-awards/> Please also encourage colleagues, friends and family to visit and vote.

Voting closes on the 2nd November and the winning project will be announced alongside the top three projects judged by an expert panel in December.

You can also vote using your mobile phone or smartphone.

We're sending out regular bulletins throughout the roll-out of Police and Crime Commissioners. Contact us at PCCPartnersEnquiries@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk to keep you informed of what we are doing, what we plan to do and the opportunities for you to get involved. We will also field any enquiries or questions you have.

We welcome your comments and questions throughout the development and implementation process.