

Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC)

How we are organised

The Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC) is the national body that supports Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs), and other local policing bodies in England and Wales, to provide national leadership and influence change in the policing and criminal justice landscape.

PCCs have made an important contribution in ensuring an efficient and effective police service for local communities. The APCC supports Police and Crime Commissioners to achieve this by:

- Enabling its members to come together to influence the national landscape to affect change locally.
- Assisting with development of policy positions and providing advice that covers the full policing and criminal justice landscapes.
- Supporting its members to engage and forge new relationships with national stakeholders and delivery partners.
- Supporting Commissioners to share good practice and innovation, procure services, and identify ways to achieve efficiencies through working together.

Policy Focus

A key function of the APCC Secretariat is to provide the full breadth of national policy support to PCCs, as channelled through a Standing Group structure. A flavour of the various standing group policy priorities and achievements are set out below:

- *Resources, Efficiency and Strategic Finance*
 - Developing a PCC Comprehensive Spending Review Submission; contributing to the Home Office funding formula review.
- *Transparency and Integrity*
 - Championing police complaints reform; developing Purdah guidance ahead of elections; engaging with the Committee of Standards in Public Life.
- *Joining Up Criminal Justice Services*
 - Mapping the CJS 'pinch-points'; responding to CJS related consultations; building a strong and influential presence in the CJS.
- *Strategic Policing*
 - Ensuring effective engagement and governance; engage and build relationships with the National Crime Agency; influencing Counter Terrorism strategy; build strong governance arrangements in relation to Regional and Organised Crime Units
- *Supporting Victims and Reducing Harm*
 - Working with government to improve resourcing of victims' services; sharing good practice between areas on tackling sexual exploitation; better support young people
- *Workforce and Equalities, Diversity and Human Rights*
 - Supporting industrial relations; collecting evidence in support of pay policy; engaging government and the service in delivering a more representative workforce
- *Working in Partnership to Reduce Crime*
 - Share work around tackling alcohol-related harm; lead change on mental health policy and the use of s136 for detention; support blue light collaboration and other policing and community interactions such as road/traffic policing
- *Performance Standing and Accountability*

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- Developing the relationship with HMIC and the College of Policing; work with the LGA to develop good practice guidelines