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INTRODUCTION:

APCC Chair: Marc Jones

Welcome to Issue fifteen of the APCC Stakeholder Bulletin.

The work of Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) commissioning services and convening partners to prevent and reduce crime is more important than ever. So, recent government announcements, focussed on more funding for PCCs to better support victims of crime and keep communities safe, were extremely welcome.

In May's Bulletin you can read about Home Office funding for PCCs to continue with their successful **domestic abuse perpetrator intervention programmes** as well as the **Government's Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Action Plan** which will provide more funding for PCCs to work with their Chief Constables to target ASB hotspots.

This month PCCs marked **Mental Health Awareness Week 2023** and the APCC Mental Health Lead, and PCC for Surrey, Lisa Townsend, pledged her commitment to ensuring those with mental ill-health receive the right care and response.

Also, in this issue find out about the successful **Tackling Addictions and Substance Misuse Parliamentary Drop In Event** that was supported by our leads Joy Allen, PCC for Durham and David Sidwick, PCC for Dorset.

APCC NEWS AND UPDATES:

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ACTION PLAN

The Government's new [Anti-social Behaviour Action Plan](#), sets out measures to eliminate anti-social behaviour and restore people's right to feel safe in their local area. The ambitious plan gives PCCs, local authorities, and other agencies several new tools to tackle the blight of anti-social behaviour faced by communities in England and Wales.

APCC Joint Local Policing Leads, Steve Turner and Jeff Cuthbert said:

"Anti-social behaviour has a devastating impact on victims and communities, and we welcome many of the measures set out in the ASB Action Plan.

"In terms of hotspot patrols and a new Immediate Justice service, new funding will enable PCCs to work with our Chief Constables and wider partners to target enforcement where it is most needed in our communities. Initially in 10 trailblazer areas, we welcome the commitment to roll out to all police forces next year. We also welcome the recognition of partnership working and, in particular, the importance given to early intervention and diversionary work with young people.

"This plan recognises the fundamental role that PCCs play in bringing together partners and agencies to tackle issues in the community on behalf of the public.

"Tackling anti-social behaviour is a key priority highlighted in all police and crime plans in England and Wales and we will continue to work tirelessly to keep our communities safe."

USEFUL LINKS:

[Visit the ASB page on the APCC website to find out more about how PCCs are working with partners to keep communities safe](#)

FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE & STALKING PROJECTS

The Home Office announced up to £39 million to help protect victims from domestic abuse and stalking. The money will fund 50 projects which will be rolled out over the next two years, supporting initiatives to stop abusers from repeatedly targeting victims and terrorising vulnerable people.

APCC Joint Victims' Leads Donna Jones and Sophie Linden, said:

"We welcome this additional funding which will enable PCCs to fund vital schemes and innovative initiatives which prevent harm and support victims in our communities.

"Stalking and domestic abuse are abhorrent serious crimes which are frighteningly common. As PCCs we invest in many initiatives locally from working with perpetrators to help them

identify and change their behaviours, educating the public on harms, to providing support to victims of these crimes.

“PCC-led schemes, including perpetrator programmes, are critical to improving victim safety and in reducing the risk posed by abusers and it is great to receive investment to carry on this work and innovation in this critical area.”

The APCCs National Stalking Lead, Katy Bourne, was awarded £1.34m funding for her ground-breaking perpetrator intervention programme - established in Sussex in 2021.

The Sussex Perpetrator Intervention Programme brings together Sussex Police, mental health workers, drug and alcohol specialists and offender management caseworkers to uncover and address the reasons why perpetrators commit these crimes.

Mrs Bourne said: “Securing this additional funding means that we can continue to spearhead this important, specialist programme.

“We know that crimes such as domestic abuse and stalking are often complex, so it is vital we continue to build on programmes that shape behavioural change whilst carefully supporting victims.”

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

The 15-21 May was [Mental Health Awareness Week](#), a week to raise awareness of mental ill-health and end the stigma associated with it.

The **APCC National Mental Health Lead and PCC for Surrey, Lisa Townsend**, marked the week by pledging her commitment to ensuring those with mental ill-health receive the right care and response.

Lisa said: "Whilst Mental Health Awareness Week can help raise awareness of the valuable support available to people suffering with mental ill health, it is important that we maintain our efforts beyond this campaign and encourage friends, family, colleagues and others to seek help and support.

"As a national lead for Mental Health and Custody with the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners, and as a locally elected leader, I am passionate about bridging the gap between physical and emotional health, and breaking down stigmas that serve as barriers to people accessing support when they are feeling anxious and vulnerable.

"This is why I am working with national leaders from health and policing to help ensure those suffering with their mental health receive the right care from the right person." In her role as APCC Lead for Mental Health, Lisa also joined policing leaders at an event in Hinckley to discuss the [#RightCareRightPerson](#) model to ensure individuals in crisis receive the best response.

View Lisa's video to hear more about the day: <https://www.apccs.police.uk/videos/lisa-townsend-apcc-mental-health-lead/>

TACKLING ADDICTIONS & SUBSTANCE MISUSE PARLIAMENTARY DROP-IN EVENT

On Tuesday 2 May, over 20 MPs and Peers joined the APCC's parliamentary drop-in event on Tackling Addictions.

The successful event was led by the **APCCs Addictions and Substance Misuse Leads, PCCs Joy Allen and David Sidwick**, who were showcasing the APCC's recent [Tackling Addictions In Focus Report](#) and all the work PCCs are doing in this area.

Joy and David engaged with parliamentarians from across the political spectrum about the work of the APCC in tackling drug, alcohol and gambling addiction to reduce harm and prevent crime.

VIEW VIDEO: <https://www.apccs.police.uk/videos/addictions-substance-misuse-parliamentary-event/>

USEFUL LINKS:

<https://www.apccs.police.uk/ten-years-of-pccs-making-a-difference/addictions-and-substance-misuse/>

LET'S GET TALKING

ABOUT THE APCC

THE APCC IS THE HOME OF POLICING GOVERNANCE

It is the national body which supports Police and Crime Commissioners and other local policing bodies across England and Wales to provide national leadership and drive strategic change across the policing, criminal justice and wider community safety landscape, to help keep our communities safe.

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APCC STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2024: Find out how we support our members to have a national voice on behalf of their communities.
(<https://www.apccs.police.uk/campaigns/apcc-business-priorities/>)

APCC IMPACT REPORT: The Impact Report 2020/21 demonstrates the breadth of work and impact of the Association against its five business priorities
(<https://www.apccs.police.uk/media/8192/impact-report-2021-22.pdf>)

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