

Annual Report 2015-2016



The Police and Crime Commissioner's
Annual Report for 2015-2016 for
Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

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This is the Annual Report for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly for 2015-2016.



An Annual Report is a document which explains what a person or company has done in the last year to achieve its goals.



This Annual Report will let you know what Tony Hogg did in his last elected year as Police and Crime Commissioner.



Alison Hernandez, the current Police and Crime Commissioner, was voted into office in May 2016 so the next report will evaluate her first year in post.



A message from Alison Hernandez:



I would like to thank Mr Hogg for his service to the community in **pioneering** (hard words explained in the glossary at the back of this report) the role.



Devon and Cornwall is one of the safest places to live in England and Wales where crime continues to fall.



We are always looking for new ways to keep delivering the best possible service in the future.



How the police is funded remains a challenge but one I am determined to take up on your behalf.



Thank you for reading this report.



Review of the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner:



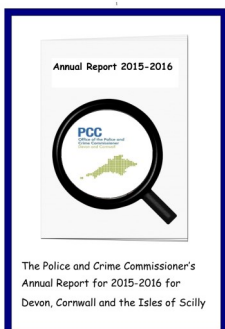
So everyone knows what the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is working on reports are given to the public and **Police and Crime Panel**.



These reports include lots of information about how the commissioner is working on the six **priorities** shown on the next page.



During 2015-2016 the Police and Crime Commissioner and his team went to hundreds of meetings, events, talks and shows to meet the public, answer questions and give information about policing.



This report shows what progress has been made.



Police and Crime Plan priorities:

The six priorities for 2015-2016 were:



1. Cutting crime to make our region a safe place to live, work and visit



2. To reduce the harm caused by people who have drunk too much alcohol



3. To spend the police **budget** carefully, planning now and for the future



4. To ensure the **Criminal Justice System** works well



5. To deliver a high quality victim support service across the region



6. To get community groups and volunteers involved in policing and community safety



Police and Crime Plan progress:



Priority 1: Cutting crime to make our region a safe place to live, work and visit



Crime was reduced by 5% in Devon and Cornwall. People who live here feel confident with the police.



The number of sexual offences went up.



The 101 service was reviewed as the public were not happy with it: calls took too long to be answered and not all calls were being dealt with properly. Since March 2016 there have been improvements and waiting times have been cut.





In 2015-2016 the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner gave grants worth over two million pounds to **partners** to spend on community safety projects.



The funding was spent on:

- Helping victims of domestic abuse



- Drug and alcohol treatment for offenders



- Working with young people to stop them from getting into crime



- £210,000 was given to three Sexual Assault Referral Centres to work with victims of this type of crime; helping them to give evidence and be supported.



Priority 2: To reduce the harm caused by people who have drunk too much alcohol

drinkaware



During 2015 the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner worked with the charity 'Drinkaware', local councils and the **licensing trade** to launch a new project supporting vulnerable people who use pubs and clubs at night.



The #RU2Drunk breathalyser programme was rolled out in different places across Devon and Cornwall. This was so pubs and clubs could keep an eye on how much alcohol people were drinking.



During 2015-16 the PCC was chair of the National Alcohol Working Group who encourage the government to help tackle alcohol fuelled crime and harm.



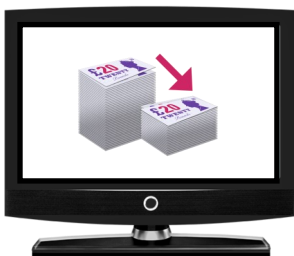
Priority 3: To spend the police budget carefully, planning now and for the future



During 2015-2016 the Police and Crime Commissioner worked with local MP's to let the Prime Minister know that Devon and Cornwall Police was being unfairly funded.



Over 9,000 people signed a petition saying that the police in this region needed more money to run.



Local newspapers, radio shows and television news programmes covered the story.



The Home Office are now going to change the way they work out how much each police force is funded.



During the year the Police and Crime Commissioner:



- Continued to explore how Devon and Cornwall Police could work more closely with Dorset Police. An agreement was signed and so far 21 ways to work together have been approved.

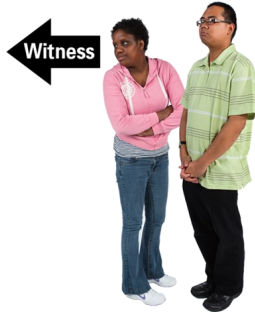


- Took responsibility for all police buildings and said to make the best use of resources and funding that Devon and Cornwall Police should work more closely on projects with the fire service, ambulance service, town and **parish** councils, ports and airports.





Priority 4: To ensure the Criminal Justice System works well



The Police and Crime Commissioner focussed on the needs of victims and witnesses; to make sure that there were high quality services to support them properly.



- A virtual remand court was set up so offenders could give their evidence from a police station and not have to be moved to a court



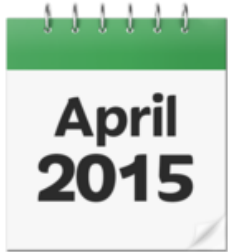
- **Street triage** for people with mental health issues continued



- **Restorative justice** was used with more victims of crimes so offenders could make up for their low level crimes



Priority 5: To deliver a high quality victim support service across the region



In April 2015 the Victim Care Unit (VCU) was set up. This was a very special project which needed partnership working between the Office of the Police and Crime



Commissioner, the police, partner agencies, community groups and charities.



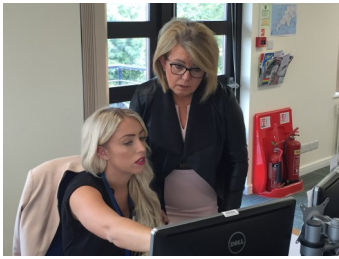
The VCU's role is to contact victims of crime and refer them to over 70 organisations who can help support them.



The VCU is in Exeter. It has one manager, 10 victim care officers and four specialist advocates that provide support.



There is a website that victims can use to search for support themselves if they do not wish to talk to the police.



In September 2015, Baroness Newlove, the Victim's Commissioner visited the Victim Care Unit. She was very impressed with the way it was run.



The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner also recruited special volunteers to support victims of fraud. Fraud is when someone tricks you out of your money. 22 volunteers are now working alongside the fraud victim care advocate in the Victim Care Unit.

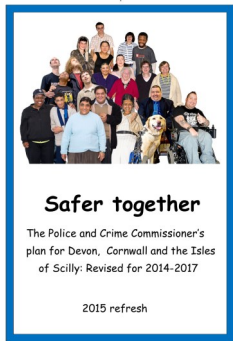




Priority 6: To get community groups and volunteers involved in policing and community safety



A new Citizens in Policing plan was developed to look at how the police can work with volunteers inside and outside of the police.



As well as the 6 priorities from the Police and Crime Plan the Police and Crime Commissioner was **committed** to these 5 themes:



- Maintaining an ongoing discussion with the public



- Reviewing police performance
- Engaging with diverse communities
- Regularly reviewing the Police and Crime Plan



- Keeping high standards and **ethics**



Public consultation and engagement:

In 2015 the engagement team found new ways to speak to the people of Devon and Cornwall. These were: face to face, online through social media and via a regular newsletter.



The Police and Crime Commissioner also sat on lots of different boards to look at:



- finance



- mental health



- alcohol

- road safety



- crime in rural areas



Openness and transparency:



By publishing this Annual Report Alison Hernandez wants to be completely open and transparent with you.



This means she is giving you the information you need to know, so you are more aware of what she is doing in her role of Police and Crime Commissioner, on behalf of the public.

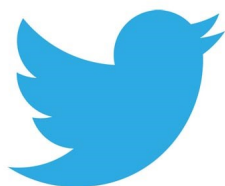
Staying informed:



If you want to stay well informed of the work the Police and Crime Commissioner is doing and has done to address the priorities and targets set in the Police and Crime Plan you can:



- Keep in touch on Facebook
www.facebook.com/devonandcornwallpcc



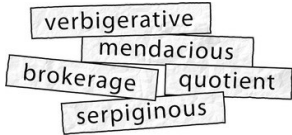
- Go on Twitter @DC_PCC



- Watch short films on PCC TV
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Glossary ~ hard words explained:



Budget = a budget is a set amount of money that you have to spend



Committed= if you are committed to something you feel very strongly about it



Criminal Justice System = The police, courts, prisons and Crown Prosecution Service all working together



Ethics = are your morals and beliefs, your sense of right and wrong



Licensing trade= companies allowed to sell alcohol



Parish = is a local village or small community



Partners = supportive groups, originations and agencies that work together to achieve aims and goals



Pioneering = brand new, done for the first time



Police and Crime Panel= is a group of professionals who get together to challenge the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner and their team



Priorities= are important things you have to get done



Street triage = Health
workers helping police officers
to identify people who have
mental health issues; providing
them with support

Plymouth People First x
Self Advocacy



*The OPCC would like to express its
sincere thanks to Plymouth People First
for their help and support in preparing
this easy read.*