

**OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMBERSIDE
DECISION RECORD**

Decision Record Number: **DR16/2024**

Title: **Development of a Bespoke Anti-Social Behaviour Problem Solving Toolkit.**

Executive Summary:

The Police Foundation will develop an Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Problem Solving Toolkit for Multi-Agency Partners in Humberside, to support the tackling of ASB issues within the region. This will be a multi-functional tool, developed in conjunction with partners to ensure integration with their processes, reduce duplication across the different work streams with a view to mesh with their current approaches. The tool would improve shared terminology, include structured assessment styles, along with a range of proven evidence-based interventions that could be employed to tackle ASB.

Decision of the PCC:

Approved

Background Report: Open

Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct.

Any such interests are recorded below.

The above decision has my approval.

Signature



Date 21/03/2024

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMBERSIDE**

SUBMISSION FOR: DECISION

OPEN

Title: Development of an ASB Toolkit from Police Foundation

Date: 12th February 2024

1. Executive Summary

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2. Recommendation(s)

That the development of the Police Foundation ASB Toolkit is funded and its availability and usage is promoted with multi-Agency Partners.

3. Background

It is recognised that Humberside has made great strides in tackling ASB in the community, however, we strive to keep improving to further reduce the impact in the community. The Home Office has made funding available to Police and Crime Commissioners to help cut Neighbourhood Crime and ASB not only through the Police, but also by pursuing collaborative approaches with Multi-Agency Partners.

The current ASB Toolkit used by Humberside Police is accessed by the College of Policing website and is primarily focused on Police use. The toolkit directs the individual to different areas of the website to view sections of police processes that would support tackling ASB using current techniques and promotes the use of law enforcement.

As a police tool, this toolkit does not directly refer to the valuable contributions of our partners such as the Local Authorities, Community Sector / Private Business Partners and Volunteer Organisations.

The introduction of a bespoke toolkit to enable a consistent shared style with a collaborative process would be a practical solution, allowing all partners to link in and benefit from a more synergistic approach. This would ensure all individuals and agencies involved in tackling ASB would have a common viewpoint and shared terminology and adopt a proven, evidence-based approach.

The toolkit promotes a consistent evaluation and assessment process, closely followed by the shared options to challenge ASB rooted in evidence-based practice with clear underlying principles. As such, a cross-organisation response could be devised, drawing on Partnership strengths.

Research has identified no directly comparable offerings on the market, leaving the alternatives, should such a multi-agency approach be desired, the procurement of this product or to develop an in-house equivalent.

4. Options

- 1) To do nothing and allow all agencies to continue with their own processes.
- 2) To financially support the work carried out to research, create an ASB toolkit and promote to Multi-Agency Partners by The Police Foundation
- 3) To conduct own research and creation of an ASB toolkit by the OPCC and make it available to the Partner Organisations.

5. Financial Implications

Option 1 would be of no cost due to no involvement.

Option 2 costs provided by The Policing Foundation total £25,250 excluding VAT.

Option 3 would likely require seconding or recruiting an individual to carry out the role, due to limited capacity within the current staffing. The cost to carry out recruitment, interviews and temporary post set up and wages (including oncosts) for an individual at the appropriate skill level would far outweigh the quoted costs provided by the police foundation.

6. Legal Implications

None identified

7. Driver for Change/Contribution to Delivery of the Police and Crime Plan

Reducing ASB has been a key component of the Police and Crime Plan in Safer Communities aim. Whilst the work already done has made great strides to reducing ASB across the Humberside Region, there is more work to be done. This was highlighted by a recent ASB summit, hosted by the PCC, that identified opportunities for joint-working and best practice in other PCC areas.

The introduction of a bespoke ASB toolkit will amalgamate the specific regional concerns with national proven success strategies for to deliver on the Police and Crime plan aims.

8. Equalities Implications

Not applicable

9. Consultation

Humberside Police have been consulted and are willing to support the development of this toolkit. The proposal was the subject of a workshop at the recent ASB summit and was positively received by partner organisations.

10. Media information

Not applicable.

11. Background documents

Please see the attached proposal from The Police Foundation.

12. Publication

Open

13. DPIA considered

Not applicable

Background Document

Developing an ASB Problem Solving Toolkit for Humberside.

A proposal from the Police Foundation.

Elevator pitch

The Police Foundation proposes to develop an Anti-Social Behaviour Problem Solving Toolkit for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside. This would be structured around the SARA model and would set out how multi-agency partners could approach tackling ASB problems through the different phases of Scanning, Analysis, Response and Assessment. As part of that approach, we would identify a range of different interventions that have been used to tackle ASB, have been properly evaluated and have an evidence base behind them. We would also highlight case studies of good and leading practice. We would host a number of workshops with multi-agency partners in Humberside to socialise the use of the Toolkit.

Background

The Home Office has made further funding available to PCCs to tackle neighbourhood crime and anti-social behaviour. The Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside and Humberside police are clear that they want to invest these funds in a way that is evidence based and most likely to be effective at reducing Anti-Social Behaviour. To this end the Police Foundation proposes to develop a Problem Solving Toolkit for Anti-Social Behaviour, for use in a multi-agency context, which will set out the most effective and evidence based ways of tackling ASB problems, and demonstrate how these can be applied as part of a wider problem-oriented/problem solving approach.

The Problem-Solving Toolkit

We propose that the Toolkit is structured around the SARA model for applying problem solving. We envisage it would be structured in the following way:

- An introduction to the principles of problem solving/problem-oriented practice and the scope of the Toolkit (i.e. what is ASB?)
- Scanning: how to define ASBs problems, including the data and intelligence sources that can help identify patterns and trends
- Analysis: how to work out why your ASB problem persists, setting out some of the key questions you should ask of the data and intelligence

- Response: how to plan, design and deliver interventions to tackle ASB. This section will include a comprehensive review of those interventions and strategies for which there is an evidence base. It will also include case studies of good and leading practice.
- Assessment: how to learn lessons from your interventions, including how to evaluate whether or not they were effective.

This would be provided as an accessible c 10,000 word report to be made available to multiagency partners through the OPPC.

Workshops

The Police Foundation would deliver a number of workshops in order to socialise the content of the Toolkit with multiagency staff. We suggest 4 of these, but this could be flexed up or down as required.

Outcomes

The development of the toolkit and the associated workshops should mean that the PCC and partners in Humberside are in a better position to invest the additional funds made available by the Home Office. This will be because:

- There will be a comprehensive evidence base which can inform ASB interventions by local police and partners;
- This will be nested within a problem-solving approach that can be implemented by practitioners at all levels;
- There will be activity to embed both of the above into operational practice.

Why the Police Foundation

The Police Foundation is the only independent think tank focused exclusively on improving policing and developing knowledge and understanding of policing and crime reduction. Our mission is to generate evidence and develop ideas which deliver better policing and a safer society. We do this by producing trusted, impartial research and by working with the police and their partners to create change.

We have long experience of working with police partners to deliver tailored products that they can use to inform both strategic and operational decision-making. Recently, for example, we developed an evidence review in relation to crime prevention for Cleveland Police, alongside a workshop for police leaders across the force to help embed a preventative mindset and familiarise them with the evidence base.

Budget

Module	Staff	Days	Cost
Review of the evidence base on effective ASB interventions	Researcher	10	2500
	Senior Researcher	10	5000
Review of problem oriented policing literature and its implications for ASB	Researcher	7	1750
	Senior Researcher	7	3500
Development of toolkit	Researcher	10	2500
	Senior Researcher	10	5000
Workshops x4	Researcher	8	2000
	Senior Researcher	6	3000
Total			25,250
VAT			5050
Total inc VAT			30,300