

Introduction

This document is an update on the work of the Humberside Criminal Justice Board and its subgroups during the months of April to June 2020.

Criminal Justice Board

The Criminal Justice Board met more regularly during the Covid-19 lockdown to ensure that the Criminal Justice System continued to run smoothly during the crisis. The board played a pivotal role in connecting the core criminal justice agencies to wider partners, to ensure that victims of crime were kept informed of how the system was operating during the lockdown.

Victim and Witness Care

Victims' Hub

The Police and Crime Commissioner commissioned a report on the victim experience on behalf of Criminal Justice Board. This report, which included consultation with members of the public affected by crime, recommended that a "Victims' Hub" would improve communication and lead to better outcomes for local victims. The work links to a revised "Victims' Code of Practice" and a new Victim's Law that is due to be set before parliament in 2021.

The work consists of two phases: an action plan of shorter term opportunities for improvement, and longer-term work to investigate the ways in which a local victim's hub could be delivered that is cost-effective and resolves the issues that victims of crime described in the survey.

Efficiency and Effectiveness

Recovery

As the country entered the Covid-19 lockdown, the criminal justice system was affected just like every other sector. Because in-person hearings became difficult or impossible, the criminal justice agencies responded with a series of initiatives, including video-enabled justice and measures to protect those who did need to attend at a court venue.

The Efficiency and Effectiveness Group is now reviewing the innovations that were put into place and making recommendations as to which should be permanently adopted or adapted, which should be abandoned and whether we can accelerate other opportunities to work more effectively on a future crisis.

Rebuilding

As the criminal justice agencies begin to rebuild their services after the lockdown, the Efficiency and Effectiveness Group are reviewing their plans to identify where there are crossovers or gaps that can be addressed through joint-working.

Reducing Offending

Youth Offending

The Reducing Offending Group heard a report from the Youth Offending Service on the effects on young people of the delays in the criminal justice system during lockdown. The learning from this will inform the response to future crises.

Find out more

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