

Policing, Health and Families and Children's LA services consensus: working together to protect and prevent harm to vulnerable people in Wiltshire



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This consensus statement has been adapted from a national document developed by Local Government Association, Association of Police and Crime Commissioners, National Police Chiefs Council, NHS England, Association of Directors of Public Health, Clinks, College of Policing, Faculty of Public Health, NACRO, National Association for Voluntary and Community Action, Public Health England and the Royal Society for Public Health. Adapting this document locally demonstrates Wiltshire's approach and commitment to working together to jointly deliver effective services for the Public.

It provides a focus for the police service, Local Authority Family and Children's services and health and voluntary and community sector to work together to improve people's health and wellbeing, prevent crime and protect the most vulnerable people in Wiltshire.

The Department for Education 2016 Strategy for Children's Social Care- *Putting Children First* specifies the requirement for strong partnerships between Local Authorities Children's departments, schools, the NHS and with the police as vital to identifying issues and putting in place the right solutions for children.

The Police and Crime Commissioner is responsible for the totality of policing and coordinates the Criminal Justice System. The Police and Crime Plan sets the strategic direction for community safety, policing and criminal justice. It sets the local vision, the systems priorities, objectives and transformation initiatives to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of community safety, policing and criminal justice system.

It draws together the national requirements from central government, the PCC and Chief Constable's 2025 vision for policing as well as informed by advice from the Chief Constable and local strategies and plans agreed with local government and the criminal justice system. The Police and Crime Plan is developed and delivered with stakeholders to keep our communities safe in the most effective service possible.

The Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS) Policy Position states '*Effective public services can only be delivered in partnership across agencies – the local authority, schools and colleges, police and the health economy engaging strategically with business leaders, voluntary and private sector providers in a locality*'.

WE are a progressive partnership and committed to offering the best possible services, targeted to those who need them, within core values of partnership, coproduction and empowerment.

The public health system is also seeking further collaboration with other public services to address the wider determinants of health – the factors that can set people on the path to ill health and premature death from childhood, or even earlier from pre-conception.

Health outcomes are influenced by a complex interaction between the physical, social and economic environment we live in; our lifestyles; and our individual characteristics. Evidence

shows a clear social gradient to health: the better our social status, the better our health is likely to be. The social determinants of health such as housing, education, work and income overlap with the social determinants of crime. Key risk factors for poor health align closely with risk factors for offending; and those who are or are at risk of offending as a group are more likely to suffer from multiple and complex health issues, including mental and physical health problems, learning difficulties, substance misuse and increased risk of premature mortality.

Within our local health system, we are committed to working across organisational and geographical boundaries to improve health outcomes from pre-conception. Our approach to working in partnership covers all elements of physical and mental health.

By working together and intervening earlier to address the common factors that lead to poor outcomes and bring people into contact with high end services we can improve public safety, prevent offending and reoffending and help to improve the lives of individuals and the wider community across Wiltshire.

This consensus agreement sets out our joint commitment to embed early intervention and prevention across the system, building trust and sharing knowledge across professional and organisational boundaries to make a real difference to improving health and wellbeing outcomes and reducing health inequalities.

Specific objectives include:

- To move beyond single service-based practice to whole system and whole place approaches to commissioning and delivering early support services in response to assessments of threat, harm, risk and vulnerability
- To get better at identifying and supporting vulnerable people through the thousands of interactions between community members, health and police services and our partners each year
- Partners will work together to support families and individuals with complex needs providing both universal and more targeted support that is tailored to each individual.
- To identify and explore opportunities where national bodies can promote guidance, promote the sharing of information, support education and training needs and share learning to improve local services
- To ensure staff have the skills and knowledge necessary, both now and for the future, to improve families' health and wellbeing, prevent crime, recognise risk factors earlier, protect the public and secure public trust
- To work together to use our shared capabilities and resources more effectively to enhance the lives of those with complex needs and the people they interact with
- To offer an integrated approach through the better co-ordination, prevention and early support that will increase the reach and impact of all services.

This consensus is specific to Wiltshire, however we will work with our counterparts in neighbouring areas wherever possible and appropriate, to share learning and address joint objectives.

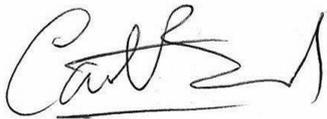
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