

## Problem-Oriented Policing plan Scrutiny Terms of Reference

### 1. Introduction

This document defines the terms of reference for the scrutiny activity of Problem-Oriented Policing (POP) membership and the roles and responsibilities of the members.

### 2. Scrutiny purpose

It was identified by an His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) inspection that Dyfed Powys Police required to improve the Neighbourhood Policing's community engagement. To help aid this improvement Dyfed Powys Police are seeking to undertake independent scrutiny on areas such as POP plans. Dyfed Powys Police approached the OPCC to collaborate on this activity.

The overall purpose of the scrutiny is to assess whether the proposed POP plans are reasonable, proportionate and necessary.

Problem-oriented policing (POP) – also known as problem-solving policing – is an approach to tackling crime and disorder that involves:

- Identification of a specific problem
- Thorough analysis to understand the problem
- Development of a tailored response
- Assessment of the effects of the response
- POP is an approach to develop targeted interventions, rather than an intervention itself.

A POP approach can therefore be applied to any crime and disorder problem. It should not be viewed as an alternative to interventions in the crime reduction toolkit but used in conjunction with them.

POP can be described in the context of the oSARA (scanning, analysis, objective, response, assessment) model of problem solving.

The model assumes that by identifying and understanding the root causes of a problem or conditions that enable it to persist, the solution developed to tackle it will be effective.

The oSARA model employs five stages.

**Scanning** – the identifying and prioritising of potential crime and disorder problems.

**Analysis** – the analysis of potential problems, by gathering information and intelligence to identify underlying causes of the problem.

**Objective** – has a relevant SMART objective been specified.

**Response** – the development and implementation of tailored activities to address the causes of the problem, as identified in the analysis phase.

**Assessment** – the measurement of the impact *of the response to test if it had the desired effect and to make changes to the response if required.*

### 3. Panel Structure

The Membership of the Scrutiny panel shall comprise of:-

- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner representative
- Force representative, POP expert (present to answer any questions)
- Volunteers from (not limited) the following schemes;
  - Independent Custody Visitors
  - Quality Assurance Panel
  - Independent Advisory Group
  - Animal Welfare Visitors

### Operating Arrangements

- The meeting will be held in person.
- Meetings will last an approximately half a day.
- OPCC staff will randomly select 2/3 pop plans to scrutinise from a thematic list prepared by the Force Problem Solving Lead.
- A point of contact will be allocated by Dyfed Powys Police the Force Problem Solving lead in the first instance or a suitable representative from the Central Prevention Hub.
- Case information from the live POP system will be shared during the meeting. All information will be collected at the end of the meeting.
- Cases will be redacted by Dyfed Powys Police.
- If a meeting is cancelled, all members will be informed.
- A summary of the findings will be compiled by the OPCC Quality of Service Caseworker and shared with the Force and Head of Assurance for its accuracy.

### 5. Terms of Reference

The scrutiny panel has been established to provide independent scrutiny of POP plans to ensure that Dyfed Powys police are effective, proportionate, appropriate and to recommend any changes.

Each meeting will be thematic, and each subject will be chosen by the OPCC following consideration of a list of all plans that are active or closed within the last 3 months prior to the panel meeting from the POP system.

#### **4. Frequency of Meetings**

The Panel shall meet six times a year, once every two months. Additional meetings can be convened if the Commissioner and the Force are in agreement where there is urgent business to transact.

#### **5. Requirements of Participation**

- All members will be asked to sign a confidentiality agreement which will be reviewed annually.
- Must be an existing member of any OPCC volunteering scheme or the Dyfed Powys Police Independent Advisory Group.



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