

# Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Plan – Community Safety & Criminal Justice

## Police and Crime Objectives 1 – Victims

### SHARED OUTCOME:

Victims and witnesses are placed at the heart of the criminal justice system and have access to clear pathways of support

**AIM:** Deliver a victim first approach

### OBJECTIVES

A policing service is provided which responds to an individual's immediate needs and safeguards them from potential future victimisation.

Victims and witnesses of crime can access appropriate and proportionate needs-led emotional and practical support at all stages of the CJS process

Victims and witnesses are treated with respect and their needs are acknowledged during the criminal justice process.

### PRIORITIES FOR ACTION

Victims from the three priority groups (serious crime, vulnerable or intimidated or persistently targeted) are identified and provided with an appropriate response based on their level of risk at the initial point of contact.

Victims of anti-social behaviour receive a proportionate response bespoke to their needs.

People in mental health crisis have their needs met through the provision of the right care at the right time and from the right service.

Victims of crime receive a consistently high quality investigation.

Victims and witnesses are seamlessly supported throughout the criminal justice process wherever they live in the county. For example victims of burglary and other serious crimes will always be visited by a police officer.

Victim and witnesses support services are commissioned in a cost efficient way, have clear referral pathways and effective handovers between agencies as the victim's needs change.

A countywide partnership response is developed to reduce the harm, risks and costs of domestic abuse, child abuse (child sexual exploitation), serious sexual offences, trafficking and modern day slavery and 'Violence Against Women and Girls' (VAWG) which keeps victims safe from future victimisation.

Victims of crime are given the opportunity to ask to meet their offender in a Restorative Justice conference at a time and in the way that is right for them.

Processes within the CJS are reviewed to ensure they consider their impact upon the experience of victims and witnesses.