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RE Consultation on the Priorities for the Corporate Plan 2017-2020

The Probation Board for Northern Ireland (PBNI) wishes to thank the NI Policing Board for the opportunity to respond to the consultation on the priorities for the Corporate Plan 2017-2020.

Please find attached for your consideration comments from PBNI on the priorities for the Corporate Plan 2017-2020.

If you wish to discuss any of these matters further, PBNI will be pleased to do so.

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Priorities for the Policing Board Corporate Plan 2017-2020

Consultation response from the Probation Board for Northern Ireland (PBNI)

1. What are the most important issues and actions that the Board should focus on over the next three years?

The Probation Board for Northern Ireland believes the Policing Board should focus on:

- A. The changing nature of crime
- B. Fear of crime
- C. Building public confidence in Policing
- D. A continued commitment to partnership and policing with the community is crucial.

2. How can the Board deliver on the Programme for Government outcome indicators of:

- reduce crime and harm and vulnerability caused by crime;
- increased effectiveness of the justice system;
- reduced re-offending;
- increased respect, reconciliation and shared space.

PBNI welcomes the alignment of the Policing Board outcome indicators with the Programme for Government indicators. PBNI believe that the NI Policing Board draft priorities will assist the Board to deliver on the Programme for Government outcome indicators and particularly highlight Priority 4 (Engagement and voice) and 7 (Collaborative working – future policing and public service delivery).

There are opportunities for building cooperation and joint problem-solving which PBNI is keen to contribute to.

3. How can the Board improve communication to support its role and work?

Clarification is required of the status and alignment of the Policing Boards strategic documents 'Corporate Plan 2017-2020' and 'Strategic Outcomes for Policing 2016-2020'. There is potential for confusion about the Policing Boards strategic priorities.

The Board can improve communication by the promotion of engagement with statutory partners, based on practical examples such as joint training and exchange of practice to promote better understanding and cooperation.

A fresh approach to the PCSPs by the Policing Board for Northern Ireland is recommended to maximise their potential to deliver improved outcomes for communities.

As a designated member PBNI would welcome the opportunity to deliver local solutions under joint programmes funded through PCSPs.