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RE Draft update to the Policing Plan 2017-18

The Probation Board for Northern Ireland (PBNI) wishes to thank the NI Policing Board for the opportunity to respond to the consultation on the draft update to the Policing Plan.

Please find attached for your consideration comments from PBNI on the draft update to the Policing Plan 2017-18.

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

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Draft update to the Policing Plan 2017-18

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

The Probation Board for Northern Ireland agree with the emphasis on partnership working which is outlined throughout the draft Policing Plan and would further recommend the clarification of the role of PCSPs to reflect the broader focus of these crucial partnerships and the involvement of statutory partners such as PBNI.

At 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 the terms 'District Support Hubs' and 'PEEL' require definition for an external audience. PBNI agree with the term District Support Hubs but we are aware that in Foyle for example these are referred to as 'Concern Hubs/MASH' (see paragraph 2.1.4 of Appendix 1)? Some clarification is needed.

PBNI support the objectives outlined at 2.1 and believe that each objective should reflect the partnership element in order to mirror current practice.

Under Theme 3 – Reduction in Offending – There should be a clear understanding and agreement of the term 'priority' offenders across the justice system and, where appropriate, the Policing Plan should reference initiatives such as ROP (Reducing Offending in Partnership) and the Public Protection arrangements (PPANI) which demonstrate effective partnership working with these priority individuals towards reducing offending.

PBNI is the main organisation in Northern Ireland with statutory responsibility for the management of offenders in the community and as such we would strongly recommend the inclusion of PBNI by name and the specific mention of the ROP initiative and its success at 3.1.1.

At 3.2.1 PBNI welcomes the ongoing support of the Police Service toward Recommendation B12 of the Fresh Start agreement that "the Executive, in conjunction with the Probation Board, should develop, fund and implement an initiative focused on young men who are at risk of becoming involved, or further involved, in paramilitary activity.

This initiative should be a collaboration between government departments and restorative justice partners to combine restorative practices and peer mentoring with targeted support in respect of employment, training, housing, health and social services".

At 3.3.2 the Probation Board believes the specific inclusion of PCSPs is required to promote their role in local communities in tackling paramilitarism. This objective could be further developed to include mention of restorative approaches.