

# LCJB Perspective of PCC Engagement

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This paper is the product from an action requested at the 29<sup>th</sup> of May HCJB meeting held at Police HQ, by HCJB members requesting, what was being agreed elsewhere in the country in relation to the PCC role and the future engagement structures?

A circular email was constructed and distributed to the network of national LCJB Business and Programme Managers across the country (See email below). The following is a summary of collective response to my email from 32 counties. See Appendix A for the counties which have taken part.

## **Circular Email:-**

*I have been asked by my Chair for Hertfordshire CJB to approach you to canvass experience and views on:-*

- *How do your members believe they will engage with the PCC?*
- *Are your CJB's discussing engagement?*
- *If so, has there been any discussions about the PCC becoming and member or not?*
- *If not allowed to be a member due to concerns by partner agencies, has an invited guest option been discussed?*

*All partner agencies locally know and understand there needs to be engagement, however there are valid concerns about information sensitivity, media exposure of material or performance, loss of ability to have full and frank views expressed, and for CPS / HMCTS the judicial independence engagement policy is yet to be published setting appropriate parameters.*

*If you are still in the unknown territory then please tell me that also as it helps to get a sense of volume of undecided nationally too.*

## **Summary:-**

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## **Raised Concerns:-**

### **PARTIAL REDACTION S31 LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Members have strongly voiced a wish to keep their local LCJB forum (or similar partnership governance), as its strength is its ability to deliver against programmes or objectives set for improvement nationally due to its membership of strategic heads and management tasking.

Health and Well Being Boards holding the remit and budget for Drug and Alcohol related treatment and interventions and the remit of the PCC role in this area.

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## **Different Models:-**

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## **Conclusion:-**

It is quite apparent from the collective responses that due to the lack of any formal national policy or firm guidance for the PCC role, the ability to make firm decisions about engagement is challenging for all parties involved. This exercise has been able to share with the 32 areas involved the potential ways forward or alternative models which have been adopted to date.

The varied or changing models of partnership strategic working which are evolving is as a consequence of the strong desire to keep the multi-agency forums going, whilst reducing budgets and resource constraints means that the sustainable future for these forums needs consideration and agreed funding streams. The partnerships allow all individuals who strategically lead for multiple counties such as CPS, HMCTS and LSC or a role such as the PCC to actively engage collectively at a county level in one meeting. Efficiency is at the heart of how we need to deliver business, so being efficient with each agencies time has got to be paramount.

It is clear for the PCC to undertake their role going forward, it is reliant on their ability to engage with a robust strategic partnership, which can effect and deliver change to the existing operational landscape.

## **Appendix A**

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