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Health Promoting Police Force Agenda

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Health Promoting Police Force

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Health Promoting Police Force

WHO / EU Health Promoting Hospitals

“hospitals impact on health not only through the provision of prevention, treatment and rehabilitation services of high quality, but also through their impact on the local environment”

Why not a health promoting police force?

- Every officer or member of staff is a health and wellbeing champion (Make every contact count)
- Involve friends and families
- Neighbourhood policing / multi-agency
- Public health approach to policing



Policing and Health Collaboration in England and Wales

“The test of police efficiency is the absence of crime and disorder, not the visible evidence of police action in dealing with it”

80% of police demand can be described as working with client groups who have complex needs

Health interventions supported by health data hold the key to not only preventing escalation of need but also crime.

There is a clear and unequivocal link between health inequality and crime.



**Andy Rhodes, Chief Constable
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Health Promoting Police Force – the next paradigm

- Health and Wellbeing is “core business”
 - Professional
 - Resilience
 - Positive impact on communities
- A police force is part of the community it serves
- “Make every contact count”

<https://www.makeeverycontactcount.co.uk/>





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Health Promoting Police Force Group Discussion

Q: Do you agree that there is a link between promoting wellbeing in officers and staff and the public health approach to policing?

Q: If “yes”, give examples, based on you own experience, of initiatives / activities to support the concept

Q: If “no”, what needs to be done to “*make every contact count*”?



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Can we / should we use a health promoting police force model to embed health and wellbeing within core policing business?



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