

Police and Crime Commissioner national sport, positive activity and youth crime prevention board

Proposal paper

This paper sets out to provide the reader with an overview of the form and function of the Police and Crime Commissioner national sport, positive activity and youth crime prevention board intends to take.

Aim

The Board has been created with the main aim to:

be the strategic focal point for PCC discussions, representing their best interests where they have a focus on, or investment in, the use of sport and positive activity to prevent youth crime and serious youth violence.

Intention

In carrying out this aim the Board has created a funnel for future discussions that ensure:

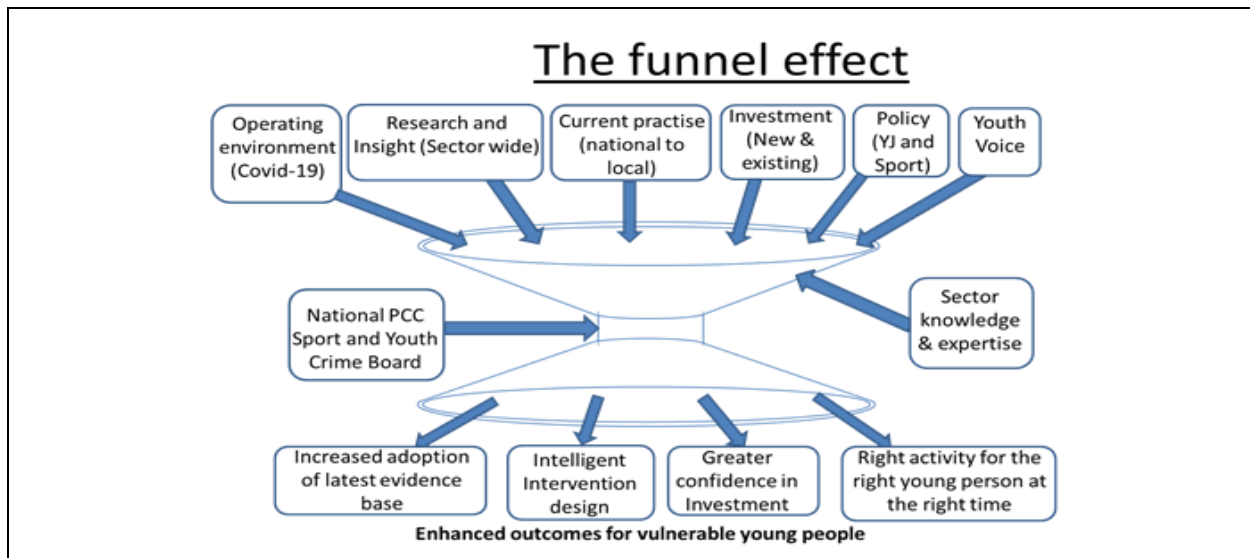
- It becomes the PCC national portfolio board for sport, positive activity and youth crime
- working with all PCCs who wish to sign up/become a member of the portfolio
- acts as the centre of excellence and learning for all aspects of preventing youth crime and serious youth violence through sport and positive activities
- through lobbying, advocating and action, create a unifying partnership with the wider community sports sector
- Take the leadership role on behalf of PCCs with the use of sport as an effective approach in addressing cross cutting issues specifically but not exclusively:
 - o Serious youth violence
 - o Children and young people
 - o Prevention
 - o BAME
 - o Collaboration and partnerships

- champion strategic & operational guidance to achieving and recording impact

Through establishing the PCC sport portfolio, it becomes the conduit (funnel) to bring together the above cross-cutting themes, enabling sport to be utilised to tackle multiple youth crime related agendas, feeding in to other PCC portfolios.

The funnel will therefore act as the central filter for relevant inputs to the agenda such as policy issues, insight and securing additional investment - making it the central dispensing point for sharing learning and championing best practises.

The following diagram shows how this function will operate through the leadership group that will in turn ensure all “member” PCCs benefit from the funnel effect.



The group will operate in accordance with other national PCC portfolio groups, meeting regularly throughout the year tackling key issues affecting members and producing papers, proposals and learning, to move the agenda of preventing youth crime through sport, forward.

Outcomes

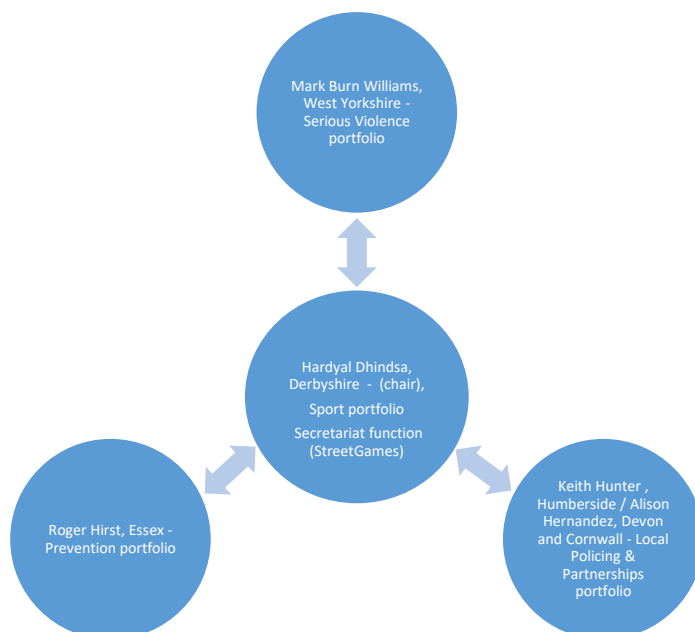
In achieving these intentions and unifying a singular PCC voice, the Board will:

- seek to influence future policy and strategic priority setting across the youth justice and community sport sectors
- champion the most effective *approach* when commissioning sport and positive activity
- Share, debate and agree actions focusing on;
 - o the latest research and insight
 - o routes to disseminating best practise
 - o identify potential funding sources
 - o build local and national collaborative partnerships
- engage wider sector experts to guide and shape future thinking and direction of the Board

Sport portfolio structure & leadership group

The sports portfolio will be made up exclusively of Police and Crime Commissioners, Deputy Mayors for Policing or their representatives. Therefore the maximum number of members will be 43. It is however, proposed that a *leadership group* is created in order to drive this agenda across the PCC network at the same time as connecting sport and physical activity with other pre-existing relevant PCC portfolios. Having reviewed the current PCC portfolio's, there are three that fit the cross-cutting theme of sport namely, Serious Violence, Prevention and Local Policing and Partnerships. Through their pre-existing roles, the leadership group, chaired by Hardyal Dhindsa, is made up initially of the following Police and Crime Commissioners:

Leadership group



It's anticipated this structure will facilitate the most efficient method for the sports leadership group to inter-connect and collaborate with the respective existing portfolios. Conversely, the existing PCC portfolio representatives will then be able to access the expertise and insight through the sports portfolio when they decide it advantageous to do so.

This continuous input and output of insight and communication will act as the driving force behind the sports portfolio as it seeks to demonstrate its value to all PCCs, resulting in the anticipated "sign up" of all likeminded PCCs to the sports portfolio.

Wider sector involvement

Whilst the sports portfolio will be driven by the *leadership group* and made up of member PCCs, there is recognition that there are critical government departments and national agencies that operate in this space and it is therefore proposed that these are engaged to become part of the expert partnership group.

Expert partnership group



Expert partners will be engaged to regularly contribute to the forward planning and priority setting of the sports portfolio and the leadership group may feel it appropriate to have a number of standing agenda items that enable regular participation of specific advisory partners. An example of this could be the longstanding academic relationship with Loughborough University. Who, in addition to sharing their latest insight observations with portfolio members, could act as the conduit for engaging other academic institutions and their research findings, ensuring sector wide insight is factored into the leadership groups future direction and priority setting.
