



National Rural Crime Network

National Rural Crime Network Policy and Campaigns manager

Part time – 3 days a week.

1 year fixed term contract or secondment opportunity with potential to extend

The National Rural Crime Network (NRCN) is seeking an experienced, dynamic policy and campaigns manager to lead its work around tackling crime in rural communities.

Salary: £40-£45K per annum pro rata

Background

The National Rural Crime Network (Network) is a membership group made up of Police and Crime Commissioners from across the political spectrum, and organisations interested in rural community safety and affairs, such as Crime stoppers, Countryside Alliance, NFU, NFU Mutual and Historic England (to name some). It aims to influence national and local decisionmakers about policy and practice in relation to rural crime, so the challenges and concerns of rural communities are better understood and supported accordingly by policing and crime services.

Collectively members have the ability to reach and engage with thousands of people living, working and enjoying rural England and Wales.

A key part of the Network's work is to commission research and use evidence-based insight to challenge and develop local and national policing policy and crime prevention, visit our website for more details, <https://www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net/>

Secretariat support for the NRCN has recently moved to the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC) .The NRCN is currently developing a new Business Plan for 2022-24. Its current vision, mission and objectives are:

***Vision** – To improve the service to the public provided by the police and their partners in rural areas*

Mission – *To develop an in-depth understanding of the needs and concerns of rural communities, and facilitate policy and practice improvements based on this understanding.*

Objectives

- 1. Give rural communities a stronger voice.*
- 2. Act as a multi-agency think tank on rural policing and criminal justice policy and practice, to ensure the needs of rural communities and victims are better served nationally and locally.*
- 3. Encourage and support the activities of those involved in making rural communities across England and Wales feel safer, preventing crime, and in protecting heritage assets.*
- 4. Protect the rural economy by influencing policy and practice regarding rural policing and community safety.*
- 5. Facilitate and encourage national and regional outlets for discussions on rural crime issues between relevant rural partners, watch groups and appropriate national organisations.*
- 6. Increase reporting of rural crime and associated community safety issues.*

The Role:

The NRCN is seeking an experienced and dynamic Policy and Campaigns manager to lead its work around tackling crime in rural communities.

The role will report directly to the current NRCN Chair who is Tim Passmore, Suffolk PCC.

The purpose of the role is to support the network in developing its new Business Plan 2022-24, and to then deliver on the ambitions set out in the plan including:

- establishing and promoting clear policy positions to support the work of the network and keep rural communities safe
- developing an evidence base to underpin activity of network
- developing and delivering proactive campaigns in support of policy positions
- working with key national stakeholders including governments departments, public, private and third sectors, to ensure that the work of the network is visible and understood, and that policy positions land effectively with government and partners.
- Support the wider work of the network.

Key Responsibilities:

- Supporting Chair and network members, lead in the development of the NRCN Business Plan 2022/24 and action plan to deliver against it.

- Identify, prepare and progress any research, information and evidence required to support policy developments and proposals, working with outsourced providers / academics where appropriate.
- Working with network members, develop and deliver campaigns in support of policy positions and / or research findings.
- Represent the Network Chair in relevant policy fora, events and meetings
- Consult and support the Board and the wider membership in development and discussion around policy initiatives.
- Consult and collate detailed submissions in response to relevant government consultations.
- Draft clear, well researched, policy briefings, reports and factsheets for both internal and external audiences.
- Build a network of contacts required to play an effective, credible influencing role.
- Horizon scan for external developments of relevance to the Network's influencing goals.
- Source local, national and international statistics and data on the sectors for a variety of purposes, often at short notice and under time pressure.
- Monitor and report on the outputs, outcomes and impact of the Network.
- Ensure effective links between the NRCN, APCC and wider partners.

Essential Knowledge & Experience Required:

- Educated to degree level or equivalent.
- At least 3 years working in a policy and / or campaigns related field
- A good understanding of public policy processes including the workings of UK parliaments and government departments
- Experience of building and sustaining effective partnerships
- Experience of assimilating and analysing complex information and producing clear and concise reports, summaries and advice
- Experience of campaign development, the build and the successful delivery of campaigns
- Strong copy writing and aural communication skills
- Basic project management experience and proficient in MS Office packages

The NRCN Policy and campaign manager will be based within the APCC secretariat team, which provides the secretariat for the NRCN.

Applications:

To apply for the role, please send a CV and covering letter outlining how you meet the requirements of the job description to Peter Molloy at: pmolloy@ifteam.co.uk

Deadline for applications is 5pm Monday 31st January.

For an informal discussion about the role, please contact:
susannah.hancock@apccs.police.uk