

# APCC BULLETIN

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## **INTRODUCTION:**

*Chair of APCC: **Marc Jones***

This month we are marking 10 years since Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) were first democratically elected and started making a real difference by giving the public a stronger voice in policing and criminal justice than ever before.

Throughout the year we have been highlighting some of the key areas in which PCCs have brought positive change to the landscape.

As PCCs, our fundamental role is to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of policing in our areas. We do this through holding the budget for our forces, setting priorities tailored to the needs of our communities through our police and crime plans and through holding Chief Constables to account for their delivery against our plans.

We are the voice of the public in policing, democratically elected to meet the needs of the communities in which we serve. With this, we commission vital support services for victims and ensure the voice of the victim is heard in the criminal justice system. We do this in our wider role as chairs for our local criminal justice boards, which bring criminal justice partners together to deliver improvements on the ground.

**YOU CAN READ THE APCC CHAIR'S FULL BLOG, ENTITLED 'A DECADE OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE', ON THE APCC WEBSITE:**

<https://www.apccs.police.uk/latest-news/blog-a-decade-of-making-a-difference/>

**The role of PCCs has proved pivotal in building partnerships and cutting crime in local communities. Visit the ‘Ten Years of PCCs Making A Difference’ page on the APCC website to find out how PCCs are:**

- Helping to end violence against women and girls
- Driving forward improvements to local criminal justice services
- Tackling ASB and addressing drug and alcohol abuse
- Addressing issues linked to environment and sustainability
- Preventing crime and reducing re-offending
- Committed to tackling some of the most harmful & traumatic crimes.

**USEFUL LINKS:**

<https://www.apccs.police.uk/ten-years-of-pccs-making-a-difference/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yB0uRKW4jNU>

## **APCC NEWS AND UPDATES: VICTIMS IN FOCUS**

*Donna Jones, APCC Joint Victims Lead PCC for Hampshire*

*Sophie Linden, APCC Joint Victims Lead Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime in London*

The APCC’s ‘Victims In Focus’ report highlights the innovative work that Police and Crime Commissioners have implemented to develop practices which support victims, demonstrating their commitment and collaborative approach to tackling some of the most harmful and traumatic crimes.

**APCC Victims Leads, Donna Jones and Sophie Linden:**

*“Victims’ advocacy is at the heart of everything Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) do. By commissioning essential services, they are supporting victims in their journey to recovery. PCCs work hand in hand with partner organisations and stakeholders to deliver these services and understand how to put victims needs at the centre of the criminal justice system. They also have an integral role in listening to victims’ voices and advocating for them both locally and nationally, including through the delivery of local Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) action plans.”*

**The work of PCCs were highlighted in the APCC’s ‘Victims In Focus’ report, which focused on:**

**Advocating for victims:**

Ensuring victims are placed at the heart of decision-making through ensuring their voices are heard and advocating for their rights.

### **Developing innovative services for victims:**

PCCs are at the forefront of developing unique and innovative approaches to victims' support services and making positive impacts in their communities.

### **Using multi-year funding to fund quality services for victims:**

PCCs commission quality victim-support services across England and Wales. Securing multi-year funding means PCCs can develop longer-term, sustainable approaches to support services, including new innovations.

### **USEFUL LINKS:**

<https://www.apccs.police.uk/media/8113/victims-in-focus-v14.pdf>

## **APCC/NPCC PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT 2022**

***THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S TWO-DAY PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT WAS 'CUTTING CRIME, BUILDING CONFIDENCE'***

Over 500 delegates attended the Summit, which brought together senior police officers, Police and Crime Commissioners, decision makers from national organisations and included key-note speeches from the Home Secretary, Shadow Home Secretary and Policing Minister.

For the second time the Summit was opened by Marc Jones, APCC Chair and Martin Hewitt, NPCC Chair and hosted by Journalist and presenter, Clive Myrie.

APCC Chair, Marc Jones: *"This event has never been so timely or important. Not just for policing, but for community safety, for criminal justice and, of course for victims and the public we all serve."*

### **USEFUL LINKS:**

<https://www.apccs.police.uk/apcc-and-npcc-partnership-summit-2022-policeconf22/>

<https://twitter.com/i/web/status/1590277543760130048>

## **APCC IMPACT REPORT 2021-2022**

**THE APCC HAS PUBLISHED ITS ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT, SETTING OUT HOW THE ORGANISATION AND PCCS HAVE BEEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE OVER THE PAST YEAR.**

Marc Jones, APCC Chair: *"It is a huge privilege to chair the APCC at such an important time for policing. Over the last 10 years elected PCCs have established their role as 'the people's voice in policing' and are proud of our role in cutting crime, supporting victims, and mobilising local partnerships to keep people safe. Through our twenty plus PCC-led portfolios we are delivering the policy priorities of our members and this Impact Report highlights some of the key achievements over the last year."*

## THE REPORT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- The role of a Police and Crime Commissioner and the role of the APCC
- How PCCs have been cutting crime, keeping communities safe and supporting victims
- How the APCC has delivered against priorities in its Business Plan which include:
  - Delivering Excellence in Policing
  - Delivering Safer Communities
  - Delivering a National Voice for PCCs

## USEFUL LINKS:

<https://www.apccs.police.uk/media/8192/impact-report-2021-22.pdf>

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<https://www.apccs.police.uk/latest-news/>

<https://www.apccs.police.uk/public/apcc-bulletins>

<https://www.apccs.police.uk/ten-years-of-pccs-making-a-difference/>

<https://www.apccs.police.uk/videos/>

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## ABOUT THE APCC

### THE APCC IS THE HOME OF POLICING GOVERNANCE

It is the national body which supports Police and Crime Commissioners and other local policing bodies across England and Wales to provide national leadership and drive strategic change across the policing, criminal justice and wider community safety landscape, to help keep our communities safe.

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## VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Click on the links below to find out more about what we do:

**ABOUT the APCC:** The role of the PCCs is to be the voice of the people and hold the police to account (<https://www.apccs.police.uk/about-the-apcc/>)

**APCC BUSINESS PRIORITIES:** See our business plan and overview (<https://www.apccs.police.uk/campaigns/apcc-business-priorities/>)

**APCC IMPACT REPORT:** The Impact Report 2020/21 demonstrates the breadth of work and impact of the Association against its five business priorities (<https://www.apccs.police.uk/media/6924/impact-report-2021.pdf>)

**LATEST NEWS:** Up-to-date news updates from our website (<https://www.apccs.police.uk/latest-news/>)

**FIND YOUR PCC:** Use our simple tool to locate the PCC in your area (<https://www.apccs.police.uk/find-your-pcc/>)

**APCC BULLETINS:** View previous bulletins (<https://www.apccs.police.uk/public/apcc-bulletins>)

**YOU HAVE A VOICE:** Short animated video explaining the role of Police and Crime Commissioners (<https://www.apccs.police.uk/videos/pcc-video-you-have-a-voice/>)

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