



To: Business Coordination Board

From: Chief Executive and Cambridgeshire County Council Research Group

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STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT: MANAGING OFFENDERS: PREVENTING OFFENDING

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out for the Board, the key findings of the Managing Offenders; Preventing Offending Prevention Strategic Needs Assessment especially around areas that require wider partnership action including housing, employment and skills, drugs and alcohol and mental health.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Board is recommended to note the contents of the attached report.

3. Background

3.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998, and subsequent amendments through other legislation, places a statutory responsibility on the police, local authorities, and key partners (the "Responsible Authorities") to reduce crime and disorder in their communities.

3.2 In October 2016, the Board agreed that there was a need to commission an assessment around the future threat, risk, harm, vulnerability needs of the local population and identify the strategic direction of service delivery to meet those needs.

3.3 In addition, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Cambridgeshire Constabulary also successfully bid for Innovation Funding from the Home Office in order to develop and implement a countywide Offender Hub. As part of the development there is a requirement to understand offender demographics, and assess where there are gaps in the provision of services.

3.4 A focus on Offending Prevention and Management was agreed, given existing work around Victims and Domestic Abuse and Violence against Women and Girls. The SNA

scope and terms of reference was determined in conjunction with policing and non-policing partners including the Offender Sub Group and Cambridgeshire Criminal Justice Board.

- 3.5 The Managing Offenders; Preventing Offending SNA provides a system-wide strategic view around offenders, highlighting issues across the system such as gaps or data insufficiencies. It aims to inform system-wide delivery groups and enables next steps around prioritisation and further focused work.

4. Key findings

- 4.1 The Executive Summary of the Managing Offenders; Preventing Offending report is attached to this report and highlights:

- The number of offenders within the criminal justice system and those vulnerable to offending in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
- The high level and complex needs of those in contact with the criminal justice system especially around housing, employment and education, drug and alcohol misuse and mental health which impacts offending and reoffending
- Gaps and areas of future focus.

5. Recommendation

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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