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Engaging with campaigning charities and the voluntary sector

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Why engage?

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Policy expertise and evidence

- At least **15% of police time** is spent on people with mental health problems
- In a study of arrestees, an average **69%** tested positive for at least one drug
- Between **22%** and **25%** of detainees are reported to be 'drunk' on arrival at police stations

Reducing crime and reoffending

- Less than a quarter of offences are committed by offenders with no previous criminal offences
- Community sentences reduce reoffending by 8.3% compared to short prison sentences with matched 'like for like' offenders.
- Huge social and economic benefits from better resettlement

Powerful local commissioners

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PCC s' Priorities

- Public Engagement: 73%
- Neighbourhood Policing and Volunteering: 68%
- Victims: 68%
- Multi-agency co-operation, including with the voluntary sector: 56%

Commissioning powers

- From April 2013 the PCC will have a single unringfenced community safety fund
- Includes funds that currently goes to Community Safety Partnerships, some youth crime and substance misuse funding, DIP funding, and Positive Futures funding
- PCCs will commission some victims' services (by April 2015)
- PCCs and probation services?

Police and Crime Plans

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- By 31 March 2013 all PCC to have published their **Police and Crime Plans**.
- London Mayor's Draft Plan
  - Reduce youth offending after prison by 20%
  - Increase compliance on community sentences by 20%
  - Speed up court process by 20%
- Other draft plans cite partners including: Probation Service; Crown Prosecution Service; Prison Service; Health Trust; Youth Offending Teams; Housing Associations; Jobcentre Plus; Drug and alcohol action teams; Voluntary sector
- '**Justice Reinvestment'** potential

Examples of voluntary sector contributions

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- Clinks Safer Future Communities
- Revolving Doors Agency
- Women's Institute & Prison Reform Trust
- Restorative Justice Council
- Institute for Criminal Policy Research
- Centre for Justice Innovation

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