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Welcome to the second monthly e-bulletin of the Safer Future Communities (SFC) networks One East Midlands is coordinating in Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire.

You are receiving this e-bulletin as you have recently registered your interest in joining your local SFC network. This e-bulletin includes news and links to a range of resources related to SFC that we think might be of interest to you. We will also be in touch shortly with details of the SFC launch events we are organising in each of the network areas, alongside regular updates on what is happening in regard to SFC at both a national and local level.

If you are not a member of your local SFC Network in Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire or Nottinghamshire, but have received a copy of this e-bulletin and would like to join, email information@one-em.org.uk with your full contact details and the name of the network you are interested in.

For further information on your SFC network email information@one-em.org.uk or telephone 0115 934 8471. For further information on One East Midlands visit www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk.

Please feel free to forward this e-bulletin on to anyone you think might be interested in joining one of our SFC networks.

SFC launch events – latest details

One East Midlands are in the process of organising the free launch events for each of the SFC network launches. The launch dates already set, though the venues are still to be confirmed, are:

- Lincoln - 11 September
- Grantham - 13 September
- Derby - 25 September
- Derbyshire - 27 September.

All of the above launch events will take place from 10am to 12pm. The dates for the launch events in Nottingham, Nottinghamshire and Northamptonshire are yet to be confirmed, but are expected to take place in late September or early October.

Each event will include presentations on SFC, Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs), the role of the community safety partnership, roundtable discussions on local case studies, and the chance to network with other members of your SFC network. You will also have the opportunity to meet some of your potential PCC candidates.

Full details of the launch events, including dates, times, venues and agendas will be circulated to you as we confirm them. In the meantime, if you would like to register your interest in attending one of the launch events in Lincoln, Grantham, Derby or Derbyshire, email office@one-em.org.uk or telephone 0115 934 8471.

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Case studies wanted – deadline extended

As part of our leading on the Safer Future Communities networks in Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire, One East Midlands are producing a series of case studies showing the fantastic work of VCS organisations in addressing crime reduction and prevention, which we will share with the police and crime commissioner candidates, police authorities and the other SFC partners, as well as promoting through the One East Midlands website.

This is where you come in. If your organisation has a great example of VCS community safety or criminal justice work, we want to hear from you. Please note that in particular we are looking for examples that meet the SFC priority areas, which are crime, antisocial behaviour, re-offending, substance abuse, violence against women and girls, and youth crime.

Thank you to all of you who have already submitted a case study. If you haven't yet but would like to do so, it couldn't be easier, all we need you to do

is answer the questions below and we will put the case study together for you (showing you the final version for your approval before it's published). If you have them, your organisation logo, photos from the project and quotes from anyone involved will also be gratefully received.

- Name of project
- Lead contact and organisation
- Location where project took place
- What problem did the project seek to address
- Brief summary of the project
- Duration of project and amount of funding required
- What changes took place both during the lifetime of the project and afterwards:
- How did the project help to reduce crime and/or increase community safety:
- What cost benefit did this project have for the Police and other statutory organisations
- Any particular aspects of skills developed or learning that you would like to share

In addition, if you would be happy to present your case study during a roundtable session at your network launch event, details above, please let us know. The deadline for you to get back to us with your responses to the questions above has now been extended to Monday 13 August. Responses should be emailed to information@one-em.org.uk.

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Guide to influencing the PCCs

In the run up to and after the PCC elections many individuals, organisations, public bodies and even private companies will be vying for the PCCs attention. Your case for the PCC to listen to the knowledge and understanding of the VCSE in setting their plan and for the continued funding of VCSE community safety activities will be stronger if you address the PCCs priorities and frame the VCSE work accordingly.

CLINKS, the national charity supporting voluntary organisations working with offenders and their families and the leading national SFC partner, has produced a guide to influencing your PCC and making the case for the VCSE Sector. The guide is in three sections:

- Section 1 looks at things which are likely to be high priorities for every prospective and elected PCC and explores what they mean for the VCSE and what kind of evidence can you use to gain influence in this area.
- Section 2 looks at issues which may not be priorities for the public and which PCC candidates may find be less familiar with and find more challenging but which are important to the VCSE Sector and the communities we represent.
- Section 3 examines who should be the audience for your influencing activities.

To download the guide and other SFC resources produced by CLINKS visit www.clinks.org/services/sfc/sfcreources.

Working with children, young people and families

The National Council for Voluntary Youth Services (NCVYS), on behalf of the Department for Education's Overarching Strategic Partnership, has published a briefing on PCCs, exploring the impact that the forthcoming changes to police force structures and looks at the implications for the VCSE working with children, young people and families. To download the briefing, which also explores the implications for funding and opportunities for influencing the PCCs, visit www.ncvys.org.uk/UserFiles/Police_and_Crime_Commissioners.pdf.

APCC umbrella body commissioned

A new Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC) has been commissioned to provide an umbrella body for elected PCCs and all policing governance bodies in England and Wales. For further information visit its website page at www.apccs.police.uk/?utm_source=Linx+239+-+26+July&utm_campaign=linx239&utm_medium=email or its facebook page at www.facebook.com/TheAssociationOfPoliceAndCrimeCommissioners.

PCC update bulletin

The Home Office has published the 11th edition of its monthly PCC update bulletin, which includes an update on PCC candidate briefings, details of the Access to Elected Office Fund, progress on establishing Police and Crime Panels and updates from the Department of Health and the National Crime Agency. To download the July bulletin, along with archive issues, visit www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/police/police-crime-comms-bulletin/.

Free consultancy support

As part of its Sustainable Work with Offenders Project (SWOP), CLINKS is funding free consultancy support to over 60 small to medium criminal justice organisations who are facing financial challenges and wish to improve their

financial sustainability. As they are currently under-represented in the two regions, the five finals offers of this support will be exclusive to organisations based in the East Midlands or the East of England.

To be eligible for support, organisations must be a charity or social enterprise, have an annual income of less than £3million, be members of CLINKS, or be willing to join CLINKS, and have experienced actual or predicted reduction in income from previous sources. You must also be carrying out significant work with offenders or supporting the sustainability of local criminal justice organisations.

For further information, including an application form, visit www.clinks.org/services/swop#gs. The deadline to return completed applications by email to helen.coombe@clinks.org is Thursday 30 August.

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If you have something you would like us to publicise that's of interest to the members of the Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire or Nottinghamshire Safer Future Communities network, you can email us at information@one-em.org.uk.

If you no longer wish to receive these emails or if you would like to change your contact details, email us at information@one-em.org.uk.

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