

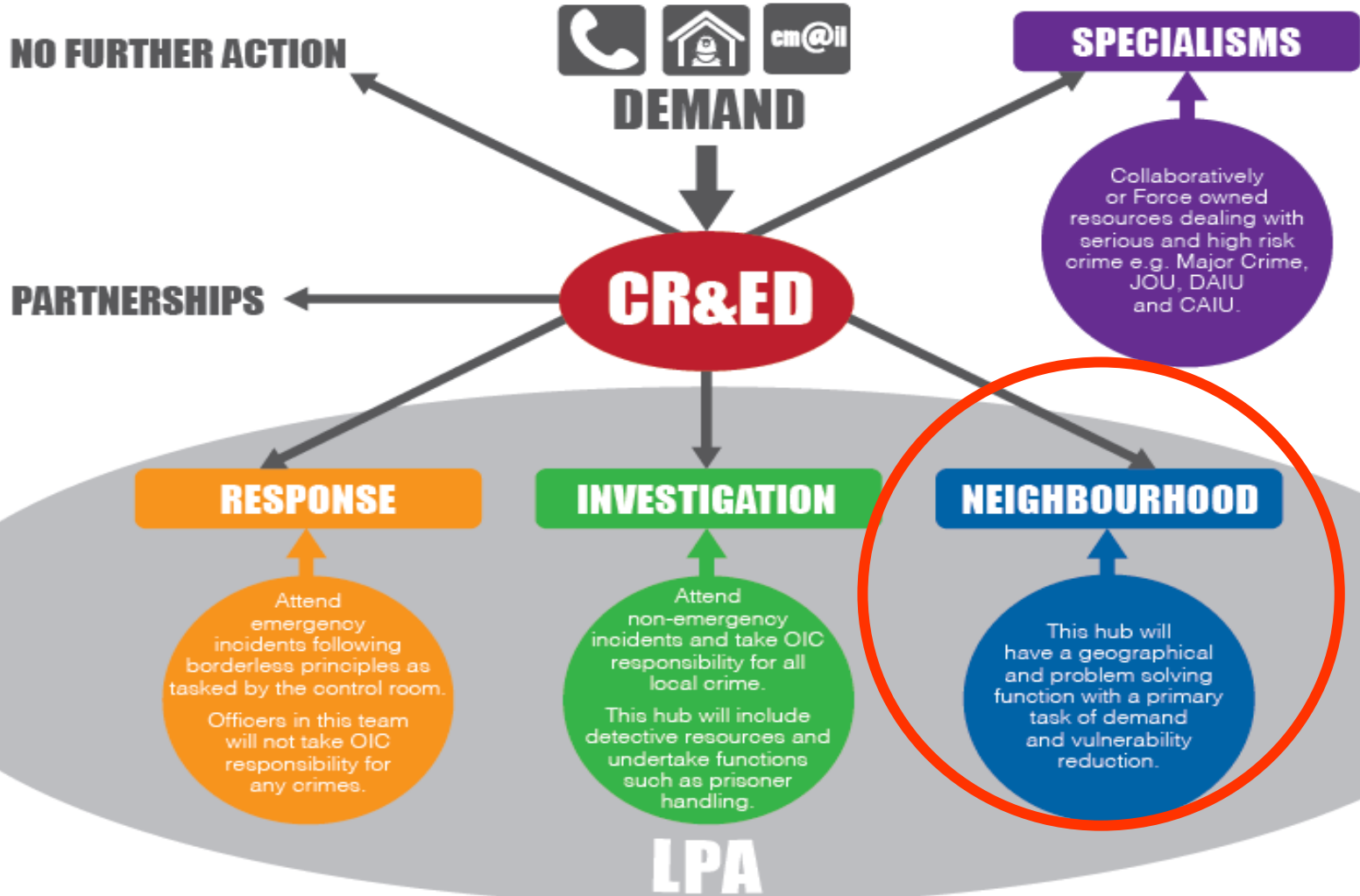
Policing Issues Forum

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What is “Neighbourhood Policing”?

THAMES VALLEY POLICE OPERATING MODEL



Force Performance

(April – September 2022)

- 497,857 total contacts from the public
- 190,464 calls to 999; 260,270 calls to 101; and 47,123 online reports
- 3,319 missing persons found in three months, 313 deemed 'high risk'
- 90,339 incidents attended
- 15,099 arrests made
- 445 knife crime arrests
- 4,494 domestic abuse arrests
- 319 protests, vigils, and car meets evaluated
- 4,025 road traffic collisions attended
- 6,121 fixed penalty notices issued
- 658 reported crimes of assault against our officers
- 33% decrease in residential burglary (3,412 to 2,280**)
- 21% increase in the volume of crimes resulting in formal action (13,005 to 15,723)*
- 44% increase in formal action for domestic abuse cases (1,413 to 2,031)*
- 55% increase in charges for rape, sexual offences and stalking and harassment (464 to 717)
- 173 arrests for making, possessing or distributing indecent images of children
- 74 arrests for either sexual communication with a child 234 arrests for serious organised crime
- 100 adults and children safeguarded from serious organised crime

*Formal action includes a case going to court, or an out of court resolution

**Data is measured against Q1 & Q2 2019 (April to September)

Recent Crime Trends

- **Burglary:** local offences have increased by 33%, year on year. Other police areas experienced an earlier rise: the current level in Chiltern & South Bucks is now aligned to offending rates in other districts. At increased risk are affluent areas of rural towns.
- **Vehicle Crime:** local offences have only seen a 7% increase but is one of the more common victim-based crime.
- **Arson:** whilst local levels of reported damage have remained relatively constant (0.5% rise), there is a 50% increase in the use of fire, to cause such damage.
- For specific crime data in your local area, please see your relevant **Quarterly Update**; produced by your Neighbourhood team and available on the forum website.



Ongoing Neighbourhood Issues

- **Operation Gallop** refers to pony & trap racing on the A413. Police have achieved successes in diverting these events, but not consistently so. Greater partnership contribution is required to achieve a lasting solution, as reliance on policing provision is unsustainable.
- **Operation Go** refers to local speed enforcement by Neighbourhood staff; *supporting* Roads Policing, which is the department who leads on Road Safety issues. Research has indicated that often, residents are principally concerned by the noise of vehicles; travelling at a speed they presume to be excessive. We are therefore also targeting anti-social use of vehicles.
- **Operation Ghostbuster** refers to increased policing presence at ASB 'hotspots', over the Halloween and Fireworks period. This seeks to address misuse of fireworks, graffiti, and other items used to damage.
- Other operations include **Op Groundhog** (proactive burglary patrols), and **Op Greenbelt** (rural crime).



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