



HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

Glossary

ABC

Acceptable Behaviour Contract - voluntary agreements made between the local police and people involved in anti-social behaviour.

www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crime/antisocialbehaviour/orders

Achieving Best Evidence

Home Office guidance in interviewing children and other vulnerable witnesses so they are better able to give their best evidence in court.

www.homeoffice.gov.uk

ANPR

Automated Number Plate Recognition - scans and identifies vehicles that have invalid MOT and insurance certificates, are stolen or owned by known criminals, that could result in dangerous, hazardous driving or criminal activity.

www.vosa.gov.uk/vosa/hgvpsvdrivers/vosaroadsidechecks/automaticnumberplaterecognition.htm

ASBO

Anti-Social Behaviour Order - issued by the Courts, restricting a person's behaviour and movements and aimed at stopping anti-social behaviour.

www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crime/antisocialbehaviour/orders

BCS

British Crime Survey.

www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/bcs1.html

Best Value Reviews

Police Authority reviews of specific areas of Constabulary services that challenge current practice to assess how effective and cost efficient it is.

The Best Value Performance Plan is available on website: www.herts-police-authority.org.uk

Brought to Justice

When a notifiable offence has resulted in a conviction, caution, fixed penalty notice or has been taken into consideration at court.

www.cjsonline.gov.uk

Cashable gains

Where resources are reduced and performance maintained or improved. (Relates to the Efficiency Plan).

Children Act 2004

This promotes awareness of the views and interests of children in England.

www.hmso.gov.uk/acts/acts2004/20040031.htm

Class A Drugs

Heroin, methadone, cocaine, Ecstasy, LSD, amphetamines (if prepared for injection) and magic mushrooms prepared for use.

DVLA

Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency.

www.dvla.gov.uk

IPCC

Independent Police Complaints Commission - introduced in April 2004 to provide an independent national system of dealing with complaints against the police.

www.ipcc.gov.uk

Livescan

Electronic fingerprinting system.

National Crime Reduction Target

Government target to reduce personal and household crime by 15% by 2008 - measured by the British Crime Survey and covers the following crimes: theft of/from vehicle, burglary of homes, bicycle theft, theft from person, vandalism (criminal damage), common assault, wounding and robbery.

www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs/hosb1801.pdf

No Witness, No Justice

'One stop shop' service for witness enquiries, offering a more tailored support service.

www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/opsr/documents/pdf/cjs_final.pdf

Non-cashable gains

Where resources are redeployed towards a higher priority and performance improved. (Relates to the Efficiency Plan).

Operation Crystal

A multi-agency initiative led by Hertfordshire Constabulary, aimed at tackling the supply of crack cocaine and other associated Class A drugs.

PAVS

Hertfordshire's Public Access and Visibility Strategy - sets out the criteria for reviewing and improving all police buildings in the county and developing new ways to improve access to the public, such as mobile police stations.

Police Stop and Account

Legislation brought in on 1 April 2005, which requires police to record all 'stops' and 'stop and searches' that require a person to account for their actions, presence or possessions.

Safety Camera Scheme

Speed enforcement that is conducted in specifically defined target sites where it can be proved that there has been a history of road casualties over the previous three year period.

Sanction detection

When a notifiable/recorded offence has resulted in a charge, summons, caution, fixed penalty notice or has been taken into consideration at court.

Serious Violence

This includes murder, attempted murder, endangering life and other violent offences that result in either death or wounding, including Grievous Bodily Harm (GBH) and Actual Bodily Harm (ABH).

Statutory Charging Programme

Where prosecutors and police officers work together as a single prosecution team to ensure that defendants are charged appropriately and case files are of a high quality.

Sunflower Centres

A multi-agency single point of contact for victims of domestic violence, hate crime and rape.

www.sunflower-centre.org

Switch Project

A multi-agency project for drug users involved in criminal activity to help provide them with medical treatment to deal with their addiction. Key workers and drug counsellors give support and advice on housing, education, training and employment.

Visual Audit

A high visibility exercise involving a joint agency team visiting a 'hot spot' locality to gather information about the area which will be used to create a partnership response to the problems.

Witness Protection Team

A unit that supports victims and witnesses who require protection where there is a real threat of significant harm. The team also provides advice and guidance to officers across the force who are dealing with low level or perceived threats against victims and witnesses.

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