

# Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel

**Have you been a victim of crime, or know someone who has?**

**Do you work with and provide support services to victims of crime?**

The Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel has set up a dedicated group to review existing support services for victims of crime, which will focus specifically on the successes and gaps in supporting victims and provide an assessment of local need. A key part of the review is to listen to the views of the people who have first-hand experience of those support services – either the victims of crime, or those that support them.

This is a crucial piece of work that will help the Police and Crime Commissioner in his ongoing work to commission victim services in the future and it is important that those services reflect victim needs and priorities. National research of best practice support to victims demonstrates that it should:

- Be equally accessible across the county;
- Have an approach that puts the needs of the victim at the heart of the system;
- Be multi-agency, where appropriate;
- Provide support to victims of anti-social behaviour and hate crime;
- Have consistent, specialised provision for victims of domestic and sexual violence; and
- Provide specialised support for children and young people. (*'Listening and learning: Improving support for victims in Warwickshire'*, VSA project)

If you wish to share your experiences and views, or make suggestions about how existing services could be improved, please contact the Panel using the contact details below:

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