

# Challenger

## Annual update and forward view

# National, regional and local context

- Home Secretary's SOC priorities
- NCA Priorities
- National SOC Strategy 2018
- Modern Slavery Strategy 2014
- Modern Slavery Act 2015
- Greater Manchester Standing Together Plan
- Force Strategic Threat Assessment
- Greater Manchester SOC Strategy
- Community Safety strategies
  - Gender Based Violence – Serious Violence – Complex Safeguarding

# Greater Manchester's partnership approach

Challenger is a broad partnership of organisations contributing to dismantling organised crime and enabling individuals and communities to be free from the harm caused by serious and organised crime.

# Challenger Partners



# Greater Manchester SOC Strategy: Plan on a page

## Programme Challenger Strategy 2022 - 2025

Greater Manchester's partnership approach to tackling serious and organised crime in all its forms

### Vision

To enable individuals and communities to be free from the harm caused by serious and organised crime through the strength of our partnership.

### Aims



1. To increase our understanding of current and emerging threats (through effective horizon scanning), to enable threats, opportunities, and demand to be proactively mapped and predicted



2. To support an enhanced partnership response through effective information sharing and intelligence development



3. To work collaboratively to develop innovative, evidence based, preventative approaches, which focus on identifying and supporting those at risk of engaging or re-engaging in serious and organised crimes



4. To pursue relentlessly disruption and targeted action against the highest harm serious and organised criminal, stopping the problem at source, and capitalising on opportunities to seize assets from criminals at every opportunity



5. To support, through our partnership, opportunities to build resilience to serious and organised crime within communities, with a focus on preventing people becoming victims and perpetrators



6. To ensure that victims receive appropriate and timely support and are safeguarded from harm

### Objectives

**PREPARE** the Greater Manchester partnership to tackle and mitigate the impacts of serious and organised crime

**PREVENT** organised criminal activity from taking place

Use all of our powers to **PURSUE** people involved in serious and organised crime

**PROTECT** our communities and individuals from the harm caused by serious and organised crime

### Measures

Partners are aware of the Serious and Organised Crime threat in Greater Manchester, with all serious and organised crime threats fully mapped and risk assessed, with effective partnership 4P plans in place to tackle them

Ancillary and offender management orders are used effectively to prevent continued criminality and enable better sentence planning from court to prisons and community

Individuals and support agencies are aware of what serious and organised crime is and how to identify it early

Serious and organised crime threats, including organised crime groups, priority individuals and vulnerabilities, are disrupted and dismantled

Communities are provided with access to funding and opportunities to build resilience against serious and organised crime, enabled by financial assets recouped from proceeds of crime in relation to organised crime groups

Support the development of effective safeguarding of children and adults who are affected by serious and organised crime

# Case study examples 2018-2022

## County Lines

The Force County Lines single point of contact (SPOC), part of Challenger, holds a bank of data and has access to several national databases specifically related to county lines and drug supply. In July 2021 the SPOC was tasked to assist a division to locate a medium risk missing person, "JB", who had previous intelligence for county lines and exploitation. The SPOC reviewed phone data related to JB and help to attribute key contacts to them who were known to be drug users, drug dealers and some individuals with previous intelligence for exploitation. This resulted in JB being changed from a medium missing to a high risk missing, which in turn meant further action had to be taken to establish their location. The use of available intelligence, data and systems is integral when investigating missing children and young people, particularly where it is suspected they are missing outside of Greater Manchester. The telephone numbers they are in contact with may be known in other police forces which GMP would not be aware of otherwise without this effective information sharing between police force areas and the ability to access this quickly to safeguard the young person.

# Case study 2018-2022

## Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

The Modern Slavery Coordination Unit received reports of males being threatened and intimidated, forced into work and made to live in caravans with no electricity. The unit provided initial and immediate tactical advice support and commenced critical enquiries such as obtaining CCTV evidence and speaking to witnesses. The Justice and Care Victim Navigator provided initial assistance to potential victims. Further reports were received, which led to the unit supporting local officers to make arrests, undertake searches and commence further enquiries as a result, increasing local capacity and ensuring the right capabilities were in place. The Unit has now commenced with assessing the suspected offenders as an organised crime group.

# Thematic Priorities 2022-25

- County Lines
- Modern slavery and human trafficking
- Organised Immigration Crime
- Western Balkan criminality
- Drugs
- Firearms
- Homicide prevention

# Partnership areas of focus

- Further support the development of local and city-region partners and partnerships, including measures of success
- Support and safeguarding of adult survivors of modern slavery and human trafficking
- Improved relationships and information flow with place-based hubs to support communities most affected by SOC
- Prevention through offender management from custody to community
- Prevention through early intervention with children and young people

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