Police-university partnerships to reduce crime against students

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Outline

- Perceptions
- Reality
- Response
  - Police (ACPO & Neighbourhood Policing, PAHELO)
  - Tripartite Approach (National & West Mids)
- Benefits
- Future

Perceptions

- Is it worth it?
- They're just a nuisance!
- They're all rich anyway!
- So what's in it for us?
- Its just a bunch of politicos!
- They just get drunk all the time!
- You tell them, they don't listen!

Reality

- Students are victims
- Students are a diverse community
- Students are customers

Response: Police

- ACPO & Neighbourhood Policing
  - ‘Application of Neighbourhood Policing to HEIs’
  - Each main campus site is a neighbourhood in its own right; each HEI is a virtual neighbourhood
  - Designated officer from the respective NPT to each main campus site with day-to-day responsibility
- PAHELO
  - University liaison officers across the country: sharing of good practice; national consultants

Response : Tripartite Approach NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP:

Police/Universities/Student Unions

- PAHELO mission statement : ‘*Working in partnership with Higher Education Institutions and their student bodies to reduce crime, and increase trust and reassurance in order to promote safer Higher Education Neighbourhoods for all those who work, live and study there or visit them.*’
- PAHELO works with NUS; AUCSO; Unipol Student Housing; British Council & Home Office.

Response : Tripartite Approach WEST MIDS PARTNERSHIP:

Police/Universities/Student Unions

- Force-Wide
  - Bestmates campaign: www.bestmates.org
- Birmingham-Wide
  - Student Accommodation Planning Gp
  - City Centre Student Safety Gp
- Local
  - Birmingham Campus SAFE
  - Coventry Mental Health (Students at Risk)
  - Wolverhampton Bestmates Routes

PARTNERSHIP IS THE KEY

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www.astonguild.org.uk

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BIRMINGHAM City University

Birmingham City STUDENTS' UNION

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Stay together
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Benefits

- Increased opportunities for sustainable crime reduction
- Increased opportunities for shared information
- Increased opportunities for police engagement
- Increased opportunities for reassurance
- Increased opportunities for improving customer satisfaction

Thank You

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