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# **Tackling organised crime: a HMIC perspective.**

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## Local to Global

- It is estimated that organised crime costs the UK up to £40bn a year and that there are around 38,000 organised criminals in 6,000 groups.
- **Stem** the opportunities for organised crime to take root.
- **Strengthen** enforcement action against organised criminals.
- **Safeguard** communities, businesses and the state.

## Local to Global

- **Enhance intelligence** – which drives the operational response.
- **Improve the law enforcement response** to organised crime, particularly through the establishment of the National Crime Agency (NCA).
- **Develop international** cooperation.
- **Improve approach** to research and communications.

# NCA Creation Plan

- NCA sets the national operational agenda.
- Needs strong, two way links with police/others.
- Builds intelligence, assesses risk & sets priority.
- Leads national tasking and co-ordination.
- Has special capabilities and technologies.
- Shares expertise and assets.
- Uses prevention as a solution.

# HMIC – Street to Strategic

## Terms of Reference

HMIC will, through a ‘stock-take’ of how serious organised crime is tackled from *Street to Strategic*, ensure that the weaknesses in the foundation that the NCA will be built on are recognised and addressed.

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## International – Good Practice

- Established liaison network abroad, but particularly in foreign ‘source’ or ‘hub’ countries for drugs, firearms and human trafficking.
- Successful working practices with many partners, such as the Royal Navy for drug disruption in the Caribbean.
- Clear link in *Local to Global* regarding up-stream activity, and impact seen on purity/price of drugs.

## National – Good Practice

- Developing covert capabilities to keep up with innovative and determined criminals.
- Mature and well-linked partner agencies with joined-up action against mass fraud, border crime, on-line child abuse etc.
- Recognition that organised crime is a threat to national security and needs the coordination of Government.



## Regional – Good Practice

- Improving funding for tackling organised crime at a regional level.
- Some evidence of regional counter-terror resources supporting organised crime activity.
- Good working with partner agencies and using government departments' information networks.
- In some regions, full capabilities with embedded staff better support both national & local activity.

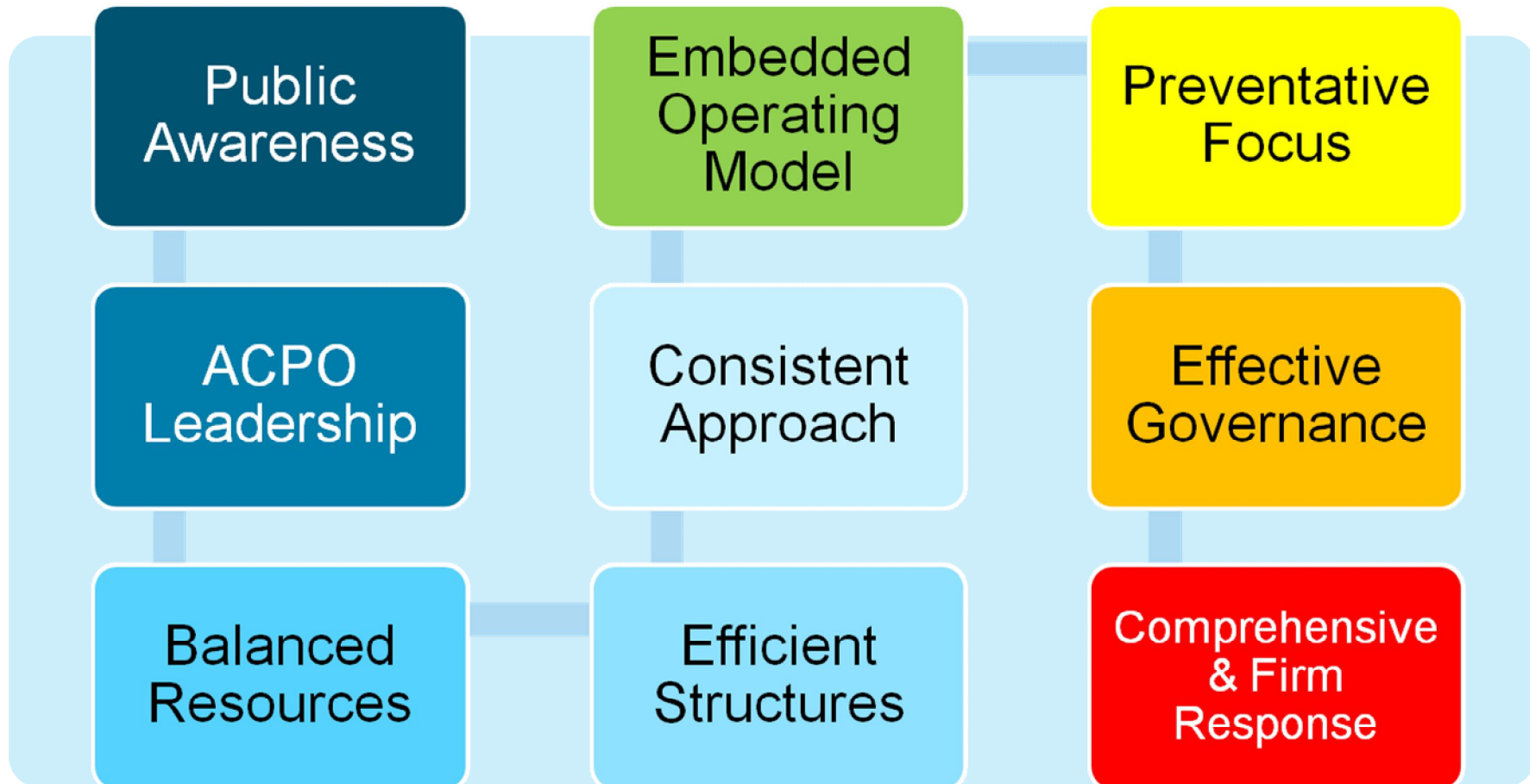
## Force/Local – Good Practice

- Collaborations in many areas bringing greater effectiveness & efficiency.
- Mapping of crime groups is a helpful way to illustrate the threat and to prioritise the risk.
- Use of Neighbourhood Officers to be part of the local effort to work with partners to disrupt organised criminals, gather valuable intelligence and reassure communities with positive action.

## Still to do...

- **Resources** – Is the funding mechanism right? Are the right resources in the right place? Is there consistency of capacity and capability?
- **IOM** – Are the public/partners/police aware of the risk and impact? Is prioritisation effective across levels? Can the approach be more consistent?
- **Governance** – Who holds us to account and how robust are they? How can success be shown?

# The Future



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**Thank you.**