

Homelessness Problem Solving Forum

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About My Role

Police

- **Holding the Chief Constable to account on behalf of the public for the efficient & effective policing of Dorset**

Crime

- **Wider duty to work in partnership to improve community safety and criminal justice outcomes**

Commissioner

- **Commissioning services that contribute to “crime and disorder” reduction**

Purpose

Partnership

- **Statutory agencies**
- **Voluntary organisations**

Commitments

- **Establish a Problem Solving Forum (PSF)**
- **Support for innovative initiatives from the PSF**

Process

- **Homelessness – first topic**
- **Presentations**
- **Workshops**
- **Commissioning**

Context – Part 1

Dorset Police's perspective*

- On average, over the last two years, 2,200 A.S.B incidents per annum related to homelessness
- Almost $\frac{2}{3}$ were in the Bournemouth area and 15% in Weymouth & Portland
- On average, over the last two years, over 950 crimes per annum have been recorded where the suspect was of No Fixed Abode (NFA) – 2% of total recorded crime

** for the period 1 August 2015 to 31 July 2017*

Context – Part 2

Dorset Police's perspective*

- **Over half the crimes recorded with a suspect of NFA were in Bournemouth and 18% in Weymouth & Portland**
- **Shoplifting accounted for the largest proportion of crimes committed by those of NFA (23%)**
- **No specific seasonality identified in relation to suspects of NFA**

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Over To You...

**Thank you for all your work
across Dorset**