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1. To conduct high quality applied research that aims to involve and advise police officers
2. To work with police officers of all ranks at all levels to ensure that research findings have an operational/strategic impact
3. To consolidate expertise across the University to develop multi-discipline research projects
4. To work nationally and internationally with other universities and various policing societies, networks and forums.

THE KEY RESEARCH THEMES CCPR SEeks TO EXPLORE ARE:
1. Professional development
2. Investigative processes and practices
3. Governance, legitimacy and participation in policing
4. Security, risk and globalisation

The priorities in the first year of operation of the centre (alongside the strategic objectives) were to (1) raise awareness of the establishment of the centre among academics and policing professionals (2) introduce activities within the centre aimed at supporting policing scholarship and (3) support research and knowledge exchange (R&KE). The centre has performed well in all these areas and I am satisfied we have established a good foundation to build on for further development in the future. Ongoing activities signal continued success within the centre.

Thank you to all of our staff, visiting academics, CCCU and visiting students and our advisory board for their ongoing support and contribution.

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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS
2016-17: HEADLINES

• Raised the profile of the Canterbury Centre for Policing Research (CCPR)
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• Established a comprehensive range of events to support policing scholars & practitioners
  Introduced a broad-range of activities including an international study week and an annual CCPR conference.

• Introduced an exciting range of postgraduate research opportunities
  Developing dynamic, relevant and contemporary postgraduate opportunities for policing students including the PhD in Policing, MSc by research in Policing, and the MSc in Applied Policing Practice.

• Engaging with policing and criminal justice organisations to explore challenges and solutions
  Working on a range of research projects from firearms licencing through to the use of therapy dogs in court. Continuous engagement with the College of Policing for direct impact.

• Delivered high quality publications
  Producing high quality books, blogs, chapters and articles in policing. From reporting research findings through to developing effective textbooks for learners.

This annual report is an opportunity to record the activities of the centre in the first year but also to provide a benchmark from which further development can be measured. This first annual report reflects an attempt to set the foundations for the research centre to build further success. The CCPR was introduced, following an application process within the university, in May 2016. The Centre aims to provide a strategic focus in research, knowledge exchange and professional engagement for policing within the School of Law, Criminal Justice & Computing. The Centre is particularly focused in supporting academic staff, policing professionals and students in conducting and distributing policing research.

Dedicated key staff within the centre include: Dr Stephen Tong (Director), Emma Williams (Deputy Director) and Hannah Bygraves (Administrator). These staff have a proportion of their time allocated to the centre. Prof Robin Bryant (Professor for Policing & Criminal Justice) and Dr Katarina Mozova (Research & Knowledge Exchange Committee Member – policing lead) also contribute significantly to the centre as their roles within the School provide mutual benefits. Other staff within the School contribute to the centre by attending CCPR meetings, engaging in policing scholarship and engagement with the professions and students. Many of these activities relate to scholarship activities within policing as part of the research interests. The current membership (25 staff) of the centre comprises of School staff, postgraduate students, advisory board members and visiting staff. The centre has recently opened up membership to other academic staff in the university. The CCPR membership currently meets three times per year (once per term) with one annual meeting with the advisory board members. The CCPR director also attends School and Faculty R&KE meetings and the Head of Research Centres meetings for research centres across the university. These meetings are crucial to ensure that the centre raises awareness and coordinates its activities across the school, faculty and university.

Members of the CCPR
RAISING THE PROFILE OF THE RESEARCH CENTRE

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Although the School has had a long history of working with the police and established relationships with a number of police services, the CCPR was keen to present its activities and its role in working with the police. Over the past 12 months the Centre has worked with the Metropolitan Police (firearms licensing), Kent Police (CCPR student internship of police services, the CCPR was keen to present its activities and its role in working with the police. Over the past 12

ACTIVITIES FOR POLICING PROFESSIONALS AND STUDENTS

We have introduced four key events that include (1) the International study week (2) the annual conference in June (3) the lecture series (in September, January and March) and (4) the round table that took place in May. The centre is keen to promote a mixture of free and fee-paying activities to be made available to students and professionals.

The only fee-paying events include the International study week and the annual conference, with the latter competitively priced at £55 (or £45 for an early bird registration) for the two-day conference. The International Study week included 15 students studying the MSc in Policing (Netherlands) within the School and 35 officers studying at Charles Sturt University. The Australian visit will be a bi-annual arrangement and the Dutch Police Officers attend every year. The week was combined with the CCCU study weekend that allowed UK, Dutch and Australian officers to sit in the same presentations, discuss common issues and socialise. Discussions are currently looking into the possibilities of a UK trip to Australia. Academics from all three institutions are currently working on a special issue journal on police education.

THE ANNUAL CCPR CONFERENCE

The annual CCPR conference has already built upon the successful opening of the first conference in 2016 with the 2017 conference fully booked. We have also seen the number of stands present increase with Oxford University Press, the College of Policing, the Independent Police Complaints Commission and the PNLD (Police National Legal Database) all in attendance at this year’s conference.
The 2016 conference delegates were very positive in their feedback with 96% expressing they were very satisfied with the conference. Some of the delegates said:

‘Fabulous conference. Thank you so much for the opportunity to speak and be part of this event’

‘If conferences are about learning I’m sure everybody learned much more than they ever expected’

‘Couple of great days of thought provoking presentations superbly organised.’

Finally, the round table event focused on policing and mental health. The event was co-hosted by CCPR and the England Centre for Practice Development with Carrie Jackson (Director ECDP and chair for the event) and speakers including Michael Brown (College of Policing), Matthew Scott (Kent Police and Crime Commissioner) and Madeleine McGiven (Mind). The event attracted over 100 registered participants and generated some lively debate. We are looking to host another round table event in October 2017 focusing on hate crime.

Together with the launch of the Canterbury Centre for Policing Research (CCPR), the conference was aimed at enhancing engagement between academia and policing organisations and was a resounding success. The centre also launched the ‘CCPR policing lecture series’, a free event, available to all School students and policing professionals. The purpose of the lectures is to host invited speakers from outside the university to present on a policing issue of current importance. Speakers can be researchers or policing professionals. The lectures are delivered on Friday evenings to coincide with policing study weekends at the university. In the current academic year (2016-17), we welcomed Dr Tom Cockcroft (Leeds Beckett University), Dr Oliver Smith (University of Plymouth) and Gavin Hales (Police Foundation) covering issues including: police culture, deviant leisure and police effectiveness. The lectures were very popular and we are currently considering invitations to speakers for 2017-18.

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Over the past year CCPR staff have explored with different policing organisations opportunities for collaboration and research activities. The following projects are a selection of some of the work currently ongoing:

**COLLEGE OF POLICING – RPEL**

CCPR were successful in winning a piece of work for the College of Policing in the summer 2016. Emma Williams led the project on the Police Education Qualification Framework project developing the strand of work focused on the recognition of prior experiential learning. Emma was seconded for two days a week to the College from Sept 2016 – March 2017. The work produced included three guidance documents for individuals interested in claiming RPEL, for forces in terms of how they can support their staff when undertaking further education and for the universities themselves. A standardised application form which was piloted in three forces and a directory outlining all of the universities in the UK delivering policing programmes for officers.

**FIREARMS LICENSING RESEARCH**

Research conducted for this project culminated in a report is an evaluation of risk management by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) in relation to firearms licensing, including an assessment of current methods for assessing risk and an analysis of data on Certificates that were refused on application, refused on renewal, revoked or voluntarily surrendered for the years 1992 – 2016. Techniques included latent cluster analysis to discover unknown groupings within ‘offender’ data. Our primary conclusion was that an enhanced structured professional judgement should form the basis for risk assessment and decision-making for shotgun and firearms licensing by MPS Firearms Enquiry Officers (FEOs) and their managers. This research is currently being extended to other police forces and to the licensing of Registered Firearms Dealers.

**CHILD HOMICIDE RESEARCH**

CCPR staff are currently engaged in the statistical modelling of offender characteristics based on the victim variables and circumstances in cases of child homicide. In the first instance this has used data for children under the age of two where the identity of the offender(s) is known, using binomial logistic regression techniques. Initial results were presented to the NCA and others and using their feedback (and additional data), the next phase is underway with the intention of providing investigative support tools.

**CSE RESEARCH**

The CCPR is working with District Councils, police services, schools and others on developing strategies to counter child sexual exploitation (CSE). The empirical research aspects of the project are subject to final ethical clearance but are likely to include the testing of educational and other materials that enhance understanding by the at-risk groups (for example, girls aged 13 or 14).

**THERAPY DOGS: DOGS IN THE COURTROOM**

Dr. Katarina Mozova and Liz Spruin, Senior Lecturer from the School of Psychology, Politics and Sociology visited Vancouver and Seattle in April as part of the ongoing Dogs in the Courtroom project. They met representatives from the Courthouse Dogs Foundation and the Vancouver Police Department, as well as Child Advocacy Centres, and took part in puppy training classes. Trainers they met are keen to continue to work with the project by bringing the first facility courthouse dog over to the UK which would be the first such dog in Europe. It will be utilised in an applied setting, for research, for university students, and for consultancy.

The aim of their project is to explore the benefits dogs can have in supporting people throughout different stages of the Criminal Justice System, including medical examinations, police interviewing and giving evidence in court. The team already conducted research within a court setting and is currently conducting research with Kent Police with the view of dogs enhancing ABE interviews. This project allowed for the creation of new valuable links with the Witness Services, international organisations, courts, and others. The project has been impactful already, with features in The Psychologist, HM Courts and Tribunals newsletters, Witness Service newsletters, and ITV Meridian.

**PROFESSIONALISING CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION – AN EXAMINATION OF AN EARLY ATTEMPT TO SUPPORT SPECIALISATION IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION**

A partnership between Kent Police and Canterbury Christ Church University that produced the Advanced Detective Training programme (ADT) including a University qualification, was delivered from 2001-2006. The ADT partnership pre-dated the national Professionalisation Investigation Programme (PIP) and Core Investigative Doctrine launched in 2005. This research, led by Dr. Steve Tong and Dr. Martin O’Neill, was aimed at collecting the experiences of detectives on the ADT programme, from their initial development and education in criminal investigation through to their post-ADT police career to date. Trainers and academics contributing to the programme and the Chief Constable at the time were interviewed as part of the research.

**CCPR STUDENT INTERN**

Prof. Robin Bryant and Dr. Stephen Tong secured the first CCPR student intern who will be working with Kent Police this summer. The scheme is the first time the School has been involved in using students in collaboration with the police. The intern will be involved in analysing police data to support the police team at headquarters.
Staff and students in the CCPR contribute in a variety of ways to developing outputs. From conference papers to blogs to book chapters and articles, staff are publishing on a broad range of policing issues. Emma Williams (Deputy Director) has built up the CCCU Policing & Criminal Justice blog with regular contributions from staff and students. Emma also contributes regularly to the well-known ‘Policing Insight’ blog and the oracle. Robin Bryant is the lead editor for the ‘Blackstone’s Handbook for Policing Students’, now in its eleventh edition.

Staff within the CCPR will also be planning for the REF/TEF and with this in mind the School does audit all current and planned publications. At the moment it is estimated that 94% of policing staff are research active and have published 33 items that could be considered for the REF with over 30 further publications expected over the next 18 months. The role of CCPR supporting staff across the school with policing research ranges from advice on research proposals, introductions to key personnel in police organisations, through to advice on publishing on a broad range of policing issues. The Centre currently has four visiting staff including one visiting professor and three senior research fellows. We would like to increase this in the next academic year. We envisage these additional visiting staff will involve research collaboration and involvement in postgraduate supervision activities.

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The Centre has a good range of activities available for students and practitioners to support policing scholarship. The bi-annual international study week, the annual conference, the lecture series and the round table events will continue but further activities will not be added to the schedule.

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How does the PDR system impact officer morale and is it fit for purpose?

Policing and mental health

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Can I follow you? Social Media Surveillance and Policing Dilemmas

The cognitive benefits of humour within professional policing

An investigation into the effect of austerity on detectives working within CID and the investigative process

Volunteering in policing

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An evaluation of the implementation of the 2010 National Drugs Strategy by Criminal Justice agencies in Kent.

A study into the role of the College of Policing in professionalising policing; a focus on embedding the andragogical principles of motivation within ongoing extrinsic continuing professional development requirements.

An investigation into the influence of gender bias in the development of policy, professional practice and interventions in the cases of domestic violence and abuse.

The Use of Spatio-temporal Analysis of Electrical Fire Incident Data to Target Effective Fire Prevention Education.

Was but not heard: A critical analysis of the experience of the criminal justice system for child victims of sexual abuse.

A study into the extent to which youth justice strategy since 1997 has achieved responsibilities of young offenders


An investigation into the social identity of Police Officers and how that identity is maintained, developed and challenged.

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