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The North Wales Police and Crime Panel  
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Dear Police and Crime Panels of Wales,

Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) and the Wales Association of County Voluntary Councils are writing to you in order to propose the co-option of a Third Sector representative on each of the four Shadow Police and Crime Panels in Wales.

WCVA is the third sector strategic partner in the Safer Future Communities Project in Wales, which has created a Safer Future Communities Networks coterminous with each of the four PCC, Police Force and PCP areas. These networks, by bringing together those third sector organisations that provide community safety services, offer knowledge, skills and expertise alongside strong connections with both the community and the socially excluded and hard to reach. The networks will lead valuable, strategic, collaborative working both within the third sector and with external partners.

As you are aware, the law requires that the Police and Crime Panel, when co-opting independent members, must secure that (as far as is reasonably practicable) all members of the Panel (when taken together) have the skills, knowledge and experience necessary for the Panel to discharge its functions effectively. We therefore suggest that knowledge of and understanding of the third sector, that is not only an important service provider but also working with many of the relevant client groups, would be an asset to the Panel. Thus the PCP would have the benefit of scrutiny of the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner from a perspective of Third Sector specialist knowledge and expertise. The PCC would also benefit from constructive, independent challenge from the Third Sector with its strengths in engaging with the most disadvantaged and marginalised groups in society.

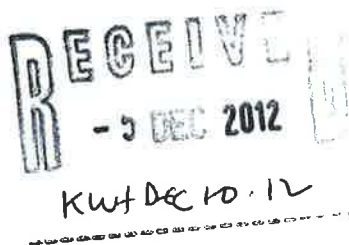
We know there is an ongoing process of selection of 2 co-opted members for each PCP. We ask that in addition to this there is a specific Third Sector co-option onto each PCP agreed by the local County Voluntary Councils in partnership with WCVA in order for the third sector to be consistently represented at all levels and able to make its full contribution.

We would be pleased to meet to discuss this further and look forward to receiving your response.

Yours faithfully,



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