

About smarter practice

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What smarter practice means and how examples are developed

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We visit forces to learn about local practice, interventions and activity. We write reports to share this knowledge with other forces. Our reports are known as smarter practice.

The aim of smarter practice is to:

- share learning
- enable forces to implement practices that have addressed crime challenges in other areas

How smarter practice examples are developed

1. An activity or policing intervention is tried in a force.
2. The activity is reviewed jointly by experienced practitioners from the College of Policing, the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC), His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) and the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC).
3. If the activity is considered suitable for further testing, it's written up in a report that follows a set format – known as smarter practice.
4. Smarter practice examples are published on our website to share with other forces for consideration.

[Our practice bank](#) also includes examples of force activity that have not been reviewed as smarter practice.

Recently published examples

- [Project Vigilant – Thames Valley Police](#)
- [Safety of women at night – Exeter's Community Safety Partnership](#)
- [Begging resources guidance – Surrey Police](#)
- [Railway Guardian – British Transport Police](#)
- [Teachable moments focused deterrence car – West Yorkshire Police](#)

All our smarter practice examples

Anti-social behaviour

- [Begging resources guidance – Surrey Police](#)

Serious violence and homicide

- [A&E navigators – South Yorkshire Police](#)
- [Clear, hold, build – West Yorkshire Police and Merseyside Police](#)
- [Habitual knife carrier index – Sussex Police](#)
- [Multi-agency child exploitation \(MACE\) team – Norfolk Constabulary](#)
- [Operation Provide – Lancashire Constabulary](#)
- [Operation Rasure – Thames Valley Police](#)
- [Prevention, prosecution, intervention, education and diversion \(PPIED\) – Greater Manchester Police](#)
- [Prevention First – Hertfordshire Constabulary](#)
- [Rapid debrief process – Essex Police](#)
- [Teachable moments focused deterrence car – West Yorkshire Police](#)
- [Whole-system approach – Leicestershire Police](#)

Violence against women and girls

- [Project Vigilant – Thames Valley Police](#)
- [Railway Guardian – British Transport Police](#)
- [Safety of women at night – Exeter's Community Safety Partnership](#)

Vulnerable people

- [Right Care Right Person – Humberside Police](#)

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