

CLEAR HOLD BUILD

Clear Hold and Build (CHB) is a **3 phased whole system approach delivered in an operational way to improve the local response to tackling Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) threats**. CHB is a **preventative partnership approach** which requires engagement and active participation from statutory, 3rd Sector and private sector partners. It is **designed to simultaneously tackle** the multiple threats from organised crime groups (OCGs), the local vulnerabilities exploited by them and the impact of individual and placed base harm that they cause.

Clear

- Arrest and relentlessly disrupt the Organised Crime Group (OCG) members using all criminal, civil and regulatory powers, and levers to remove and impede their ability to operate.
- Increase community confidence by removing the threat and creating safer places and spaces.

Hold

- Prevent other OCG members capitalising on the vacuum created as they seek to capture illicit market or gain influence over the local area.
- Further Improve Community confidence by ensuring those areas made safe remain so and perceptions of improved security, reassurance and confidence are not undermined.

Build

- Enhance partner agency and stakeholder connectivity to improve local services based on need.
- Work with and support the community to enable them to become more assertive and confident, reduce permissive behaviours, tolerance to illicit goods and services and criminal/anti-social behaviour.
- Improve the living, working and recreational environment for residents by empowering them to work with stakeholders building community resilience and a safer, stronger community.

Each phase outlines an operational requirement. An inter-operable 4P (PURSUE, PROTECT, PREVENT, PREPARE) approach for each phase should be considered, which delivers integrated tactical options in a systematic, proportionate, and relevant way.

CHB is a framework providing **connectivity within an operational journey** which seeks to deliver impact against SOC-related offenders, vulnerabilities and harm in a single joined-up approach, encouraging partners, stakeholders and the community itself to work collaboratively at every level and within every stage. The **community voice** is critical within CHB

Qualitative assessment of impact is measured within CHB, relying on sensory perceptions of change from the community, because the model captures working with them, not doing something to them. **CHB enables effective combination of capabilities and skills** as it combines the best of core investigative doctrines, innovative disruption methods using all powers and levers and the best of partnership problem-solving capabilities.

CHB reduces duplication and enhances efficiency, bringing programmes together to work holistically to tackle all the threats, vulnerabilities and challenges in the place collectively (such as Serious Violence Duty, Anti-Social Behaviour, Combatting Drugs). **Serious crime types are** child sexual abuse; modern slavery and human trafficking; organised immigration crime; illegal drugs; illegal firearms; organised acquisitive crime; cybercrime; fraud; money laundering; and bribery and corruption. **SOC threats cannot be considered in isolation**, and it is increasingly important to target cross-cutting enablers that enhance offenders' abilities to conduct their criminal activities.

Governance integrates Strategic Stakeholder, Tactical Delivery and Operational Delivery Groups setting objectives. Activity is agreed and coordinated in this whole-system approach.

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