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REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS FOR PRACTITIONERS



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REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

These questions are designed to encourage practitioners to think beyond individual incidents and consider the wider impact of waste crime on communities, organisations and the environment.

Understanding Impact

- When investigating waste crime, do we focus more on the waste itself or the harm it is causing?
- How would a resident describe the impact of this issue compared to how we record it?
- Are we measuring success purely through enforcement outcomes, or are we considering community outcomes as well?
- What impact is waste crime having on vulnerable people and communities?
- If this issue remains unresolved for another six months, what would the consequences be for the community?

Community and Public Confidence

- What message does a persistent fly-tipping hotspot send to residents about their neighbourhood?
- How might repeated environmental offending affect residents' trust in local services?
- Do residents know what action is being taken in response to waste crime reports?
- How effectively are we communicating successes and positive outcomes to communities?
- If I lived next to this problem, would I be satisfied with the response being provided?

Professional Curiosity

- Are we accepting the obvious explanation, or could there be something more significant taking place?
- What information might we be overlooking?
- Who benefits financially from this activity?
- Is this incident part of a wider pattern?
- What would happen if we viewed this issue through a community safety lens rather than an environmental lens?

Prevention and Problem Solving

- Are we addressing the cause of the problem or simply dealing with the symptoms?
- What could have been done to prevent this issue from occurring in the first place?
- How many times have we responded to a similar issue in the same location?
- Are our interventions creating lasting change or temporary improvements?
- What environmental improvements could reduce the likelihood of repeat offending?

Partnership Working

- Who else should know about this issue?
- Which partner organisations could help achieve a better outcome?
- Are we sharing intelligence and information as effectively as we could?
- What expertise or powers are we missing that another agency could provide?
- If all relevant agencies worked together on this issue, what could we achieve that we cannot achieve alone?

Housing and Community Safety

- Could this issue be affecting resident satisfaction?
- How might this issue impact perceptions of safety?
- Is there a link between this environmental issue and wider anti-social behaviour concerns?
- Are there any Consumer Standards considerations we should be thinking about?
- What does this issue tell us about the overall health of the community?

Vulnerability and Safeguarding

- Who is most affected by this issue?
- Could vulnerability be a factor in either the offending or its impact?
- Is there a safeguarding concern that we have not fully explored?
- Are we balancing support and enforcement appropriately?
- What barriers might be preventing compliance?

Intelligence and Enforcement

- Are we targeting the right person, or just the easiest person to identify?
- What intelligence opportunities exist within this investigation?
- Could organised criminality be a factor?
- What financial gain is being generated from this activity?
- Have we considered who is ultimately benefiting from the offending?

Personal Reflection

- If I was responsible for solving this issue permanently, what would I do differently?
- What assumptions have I made about this situation?
- Have I considered all available options before choosing a course of action?
- What can this incident teach me that will improve future investigations?
- If this became a case study in six months' time, would I be proud of the decisions I made?

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