



## **Police and Crime Panel**

**Date      Thursday 17 October 2019**

**Time      10.00 am or immediately following the Police and Crime  
Panel meeting to be held at 9.30 am**

**Venue      Committee Room 1B - County Hall, Durham**

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### **Business**

#### **Part A**

**[Items during which the Press and Public are welcome to attend.  
Members of the Public can ask questions with the Chairman's  
agreement]**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Substitute Members
3. Declarations of interest, if any
4. Minutes of the meetings held on 28 June 2019 and 20 September 2019  
(Pages 3 - 8)
5. Recent Media Activity - Report of the Office of the Police, Crime and  
Victims' Commissioner (Pages 9 - 12)
6. Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner's Annual Report - Report of  
the Office of the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner (Pages 13 -  
16)
7. Quarterly Performance Report - Report of the Office of the Durham  
Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner (Pages 17 - 34)
8. Commissioning Update - Report of the Police, Crime and Victims'  
Commissioner (Pages 35 - 40)
9. PCVC Decision Records - Report of the Acting Police, Crime and  
Victims' Commissioner (Pages 41 - 46)

10. Work Programme and Panel Activity - Report of Director of Transformation and Partnerships (Pages 47 - 52)
11. Such other business, as in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

**Helen Lynch**  
Monitoring Officer

County Hall  
Durham  
9 October 2019

To: **The Members of the Police and Crime Panel**

**Durham County Council**

Councillors D Boyes, P Brookes, P Crathorne, L Hovvels (Chair), J Nicholson, A Savory and M Simmons

**Darlington Borough Council**

Councillors H Crumbie, Dulston and B Jones (Vice-Chair)

**Independent Co-opted Members**

Mr N J H Cooke and Mr D K G Dodwell

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## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **Police and Crime Panel** held in Committee Room 1B - County Hall, Durham on **Friday 28 June 2019 at 1.00 pm**

### **Present:**

#### **Durham County Council:**

Councillors D Boyes, J Nicholson, A Savory and M Simmons

#### **Darlington Borough Council:**

Councillors Dulston and Mills

#### **Independent Co-opted Members:**

Mr N J H Cooke and Mr D K G Dodwell

### **1 Election of Chair**

**Moved** by Councillor Boyes, **Seconded** by Mr Cooke and

#### **Resolved:**

That Councillor L Hovvels be elected Chair of the Panel for the ensuing year.

**Councillor L Hovvels in the Chair**

### **2 Election of Vice-Chair**

**Moved** by Mr Dodwell, **Seconded** by Councillor Boyes and

#### **Resolved:**

That Councillor B Jones be elected Vice-Chair of the Panel for the ensuing year.

### **3 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Crumbie and Jones.

### **4 Substitute Members**

Councillor Mills as substitute for Councillor Jones.

### **5 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 14 March and 6 June 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

J Slee, Overview and Scrutiny Officer informed the Panel that a letter of thanks had been sent to the retiring Chief Constable on its behalf and also confirmed that all requirements had been undertaken following the Confirmation Hearing held on 6 June 2019.

## **6 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **7 Recent media activity**

The Panel considered a report of the Head of Policy and Communications, Office of the PCVC which provided an update of press coverage concerning the work of the PCVC since the previous meeting (for copy see file of Minutes).

Press coverage since the previous meeting had included articles on Durham Constabulary being rated 'outstanding' in HMICFRS inspection for the fourth year in a row, the appointment of new Chief Constable and retirement of her predecessor, welcoming the re-unification of probation services, the introduction of Naloxone into Police Custody suites, problem parking outside schools, and the continuing stories of the Hate Hurts campaign, knife crime and drug policy reform. A recent article in the Daily Telegraph about diversionary schemes had referred to the Checkpoint Scheme which operated within the Durham force.

The Head of Policy and Communications referred to problem parking outside of schools and informed the Panel that an action day regarding safe parking was planned for 1 October 2019. In response to a question from Mr Dodwell, the Head of Policy and Communications confirmed that PACT meetings would be made aware of the day of action.

Councillor Boyes referred to the use of Naloxone in Police Custody suites and asked where detainees would access this from, the cost of the provision and how widely Naloxone was used in Custody suites. Councillor Hovvles informed the Panel that a briefing paper on the use of Naloxone would be circulated to Members.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) That the report be noted
- (ii) That the safe parking day of action on 1 October 2019 be brought to the attention of PACT meetings
- (iii) That a briefing paper on the use of Naloxone in Custody suites be circulated to Members.

## **8 Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner's Annual Report 2018/19**

The Chairman informed the Panel that, in the absence of the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner, this item would be deferred to the next Panel meeting.

## **9 Quarterly Performance Report**

The Panel considered a report of the PCVC which provided an update on performance against the Police, Crime and Victim's Plan 2018-2021 (for copy see file of Minutes).

Councillor Boyes referred to paragraph 36 of the report which showed that only 50% of residents considered that the police and council were dealing with anti-social behaviour issues. There appeared to be an increasing number of young people re-offending and a stubborn 'hard-core' of offenders for whom current strategies did not appear to be working. Mr Cooke agreed with Councillor Boyes, adding that the removal of funding to youth and community centres needed addressing.

The Chairman informed the Panel that its comments would be noted and fed back to the PCVC.

**Resolved:**

That the report be noted.

## **10 Police and Crime Panel Work Programme**

The Panel considered a report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships, Durham County Council which sought agreement to the Panel's Work Programme for 2019/20 (for report see file of Minutes).

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer informed the Panel that in addition to the Work Programme listed at Appendix 2 it was proposed to hold a Development Session for Members during 2019/20.

**Resolved:**

That the Work Programme for 2019/20 be approved.

## **11 Commissioning Update**

The Panel considered a report of the Head of Governance and Commissioning which provided an update on key considerations at the Commissioning Board in March 2019 and the supplementary Board in April 2019 (for copy see file of Minutes).

**Resolved:**

That the report be noted.

**12 PCVC Decision Records**

The Panel noted a report of the Chief Executive, Office of the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner which provided an update on the PCVCs decision register since the last meeting and forward plan (for copy see file of Minutes).

**13 HMICFRS Integrated Performance Assessment Report**

The Panel noted a report of the PCVC which provided details of the findings of the recent Integrated Performance Assessment of Durham Constabulary by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (for copy see file of Minutes).

Councillor Boyes referred to the table at Appendix 1 which showed that Durham was only one of two forces which achieved two ratings of Outstanding, and expressed his congratulations to the force.

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **Police and Crime Panel** held in Committee Room 2 - County Hall, Durham on **Friday 20 September 2019 at 11.30 am**

### **Present:**

**Councillor L Hovvels (Chair)**

### **Durham County Council:**

Councillors D Boyes, P Crathorne, J Nicholson, M Simmons and H Smith

### **Darlington Borough Council:**

Councillors H Crumbie, J Dulston and B Jones (Vice-Chair)

### **Independent Co-opted Members:**

Mr D K G Dodwell

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brookes and Savory and Mr Cooke.

### **2 Substitute Members**

Councillor H Smith for P Brookes.

### **3 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

The Monitoring Officer gave advice to the Panel on whether it was appropriate to consider the main item of business in private.

### **4 Exclusion of the public**

#### **Resolved:**

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

**5 Proposed Appointment of an Acting Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner**

The Panel considered a Joint Report of Director of Transformation and Partnerships and Head of Legal and Democratic Services regarding the appointment of an Acting Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner (for copy see file of Minutes).

The Panel considered a request from the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner (PCVC) to appoint an Acting PCVC as an interim measure whilst he was unwell.

**Resolved:**

That Steve White, Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer be appointed as the Acting Police Crime and Victims' Commissioner.

**Police and Crime Panel****17 October 2019****Recent media activity****Report of the Office of the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner****1. Purpose**

This paper provides an update of press coverage concerning the work of the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner since the previous meeting.

**2. Top stories in the press and broadcast media**

Press coverage since the last meeting has included:

- PCVC Celebration of Local Superheroes event at the end of June 2019
- Announcement of the PCVC's request to the Panel to consider the appointment of an Acting PCVC.
- Announcement of Steve White as Acting PCVC, and the details of Ron Hogg's diagnosis.
- Two print articles: one with the Guardian and one with the Northern Echo, both on Ron's career and his call for changes to the law on assisted dying

**3. Social media activity**

- 7427 followers on Twitter (6<sup>th</sup> highest number amongst PCCs)
- 4,976 followers and 4,870 like on Facebook (2<sup>nd</sup> highest number amongst PCCs)
- 260 followers on the PCVC Instagram Account

**Top tweets:**

- July 2019
  - 10,438 Impressions - A growing number of PCCs around the country are seeking more evidence-base solutions to reduce the harm caused by drugs. We need the [@ukhomeoffice](#) to listen to the professionals in order to save lives, improve communities and reduce the number of victims –
- August 2019
  - 4,204 Impressions - We must act now to save lives. We must follow the evidence and introduce drug policies which will save lives, reduce crime and improve communities. Great blog from [@PCCDorset](#) <https://www.dorset.pcc.police.uk/news-and-blog/dorset-pcc-news-blog/2019/08/our-drugs-policy-is-not-working.-we-must-act-now-to-save-lives/> ...
- September 2019
  - 16,384 Impressions - have lost count on the number of early morning raids that I have participated in. Yet, the simple truth is that these activities – which take months, sometimes years in the planning – do no more than disrupt the supply market for the very shortest of periods.  
[https://twitter.com/Release\\_drugs/status/1174933743124877312](https://twitter.com/Release_drugs/status/1174933743124877312) ...

### **Top Facebook posts:**

- **July 2019**
  - 2.7K reach - Durham's Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner has received a national award for transparency for the fourth year in a row -
- **August 2019**
  - 3.5K reach - A post about the [what3words](#) app which can help save time, resources and lives in emergency situations, as it did for a group in Hamsterley Forest recently.
- **September 2019**
  - 2.4K reach - World Suicide Prevention Day – series of posts all averaging
  - 26.7 reach - Announcement about PCVC Ron Hogg being unwell and his request the Police and Crime Panel to consider the appointment of an acting PCVC.
  - 3.6K reach - Statement from the newly appointed acting PCVC and disclosure of Mr Hogg's medical condition.

#### **4. Columns**

Monthly columns in the Monthly columns in the Teesdale Mercury, Weardale Gazette and the Advertiser series, covering how to reduce crime in rural communities.

#### **5. Recommendations**

Panel Members are recommended to note the information contained in this report.

**Sarah Harris**  
Media and Engagement Officer

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## **Appendix 1: Risks and Implications**

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**Finance**

None

**Staffing**

None

**Equality and Diversity**

None

**Accommodation**

None

**Crime and Disorder**

None

**Children's Act 2004**

None

**Stakeholder/Community Engagement**

None

**Environment**

None

**Collaboration and Partnerships**

None

**Value for Money and Productivity**

None

**Potential Impact on Police and Crime Plan Priorities**

Positive coverage of activity will help to boost confidence in policing.

**Commissioning**

None

**Other risks**

None

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**Police and Crime Panel****17 October 2019****Police Crime and Victim's Commissioner's Annual Report****Report of the Office of the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner****Purpose**

1. For Panel Members to consider the Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report 2018-19.

**Background**

2. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (Part 1, Chapter 3, Section 12) requires Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) to produce an Annual Report on:
  - The exercise of the PCC's functions in each financial year; and
  - The progress which has been made in the financial year towards meeting the police and crime objectives in the PCC's Police and Crime Plan.
3. The Act requires the Police and Crime Commissioner to attend a public meeting of the Police and Crime Panel to present the report to the panel and answer any questions on the report.
4. The Police and Crime Commissioner is required to give the Panel a response to any report or recommendations on the annual report and publish any such response. The PCVC was unwell for the June Panel meeting, and it was not appropriate to present the Annual Report in his absence.
5. Appendix two of this report contains the Annual Report for 2018-19 for consideration by the Police and Crime Panel. This year's annual report follows a different format to previous versions, being short and succinct, and primarily an electronic document with links to more detailed information on the PCVC's website.

**Recommendations**

6. That Panel Members consider the Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report 2018-19 and comment accordingly.

**Steve White**  
Acting Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner

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**Finance**

None

**Staffing**

None

**Equality and Diversity**

None

**Accommodation**

None

**Crime and Disorder**

The annual report discusses progress on the objectives within the Police, Crime and Victims' Plan.

**Children's Act 2004**

None

**Stakeholder/Community Engagement**

The annual report includes information about the PCVC's community engagement activity.

**Environment**

None

**Collaboration and Partnerships**

The annual report includes information about how the PCVC works in partnership with a range of other agencies.

**Value for Money and Productivity**

None

**Potential Impact on Police and Crime Plan Priorities**

Subject of report.

**Commissioning**

The annual report includes information about commissioning.

**Other risks**

None

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## Annual Report 2018/19

I have been pleased to serve as your Police Crime and Victims' Commissioner in 2018/19. Here are some of the highlights affecting local people in 2018/19.

There have been some notable successes:

- You continue to be served by one of the best Police Forces in the country – rated as '[outstanding' for effectiveness and efficiency](#) by Government inspectors for the fourth consecutive year in a row – the only Force to have achieved this accolade
- You have an excellent [new Chief Constable](#) in post, with wealth of experience including three years as Deputy Chief Constable in Durham. Jo Farrell replaces retiring [Chief Constable Mike Barton](#).
- Our groundbreaking Community Peer Mentors continue to solve problems for vulnerable people and reduce the demand on policing – and [they have received national recognition](#), with a prestigious Tilley award.
- The innovative Restorative Hub has received an [important quality kitemark](#). It brings victims of crime and offenders into contact with each other, so that those affected by a particular incident can find ways to repair the harm and find a positive way forward. This helps break the cycle of offending and provides greater reassurance to victims - an important priority for me. I am allocating more resource to restorative justice than any other Police and Crime Commissioner.

But there is much more to do:

- Whilst bucking the national trend of a 7% increase in reported crime, in our force area crime increased by 3% in 2018 - whilst incidents of anti-social behaviour were down by 10%. I will [continue to hold the force to account](#) to remain dedicated and vigilant to serving your community, and to continue to give priority to locally-based neighbourhood policing.
- Confidence in policing in Durham and Darlington is high compared to many other forces, and this must continue. We want as many incidents as possible to be reported, so that the Police can then deal with them, protecting communities and keeping people safe.



PCVC Ron Hogg with new Chief Constable Jo Farrell



Community Peer Mentor Coordinator Jim Cunningham receiving a Tilley Award from Prof Nick Tilley of the Jill Dando Institute



Ron Hogg with Young PCVC Ellen Terry and Darlington Youth MP Francis Humble

## Annual Report 2018/19

This year, having listened to the concerns of local people, I published a refreshed [Police, Crime and Victims' Plan](#), setting out my priorities for the work of the Constabulary, in partnership with other service providers. I continue to give top priority to the needs of victims of crime, so that the services they receive are customised to the specific needs of individuals.

In particular:

- My office worked closely with Durham County Council to commission the service for victims of domestic abuse, and are currently working on a parallel service with Darlington Borough Council
- I am working with partners in the Police, the NHS and the Local Authorities to put in place a Sexual Abuse Referral Centre
- The [Hate Crime Action Plan](#) which I launched this year led to the prominent Hate Hurts campaign, encouraging victims and witnesses to report hate crime
- My third [Rural Policing Statement](#) includes specific emphasis on the needs and services of our important rural communities.
- I continue to monitor [police performance](#). I noted that casualties on the road have reduced in 2018.

Ron working with the Police in Darlington Town Centre



Ron attending a agricultural show summer 2018



Ron at the Big Spring Clean in Horden

We continue to operate in a [challenging financial environment](#) and as PCVC I explore all options available to me to maintain police numbers, and invest in the future. I will continue to raise important issues with Government :

- Argue for a [fair level of funding for the Constabulary](#), with lower impact on local Council tax payers
- As a board member of the national Police ICT organisation (PICTO) I will continue to ensure that local and national innovations in the technology arena provide what is much needed to increase efficiency and service to our communities. I am particularly proud of our Force leading in this area with developments which other forces are now using. PICTO has delivered £29m worth of benefits to policing.
- Police and Crime Commissioners should be in a position where they are influential on the [forthcoming re-unified probation services](#), so that local needs are best met
- Campaign to reform the [laws about drug use](#), so that drug-users receive the medical help they need to address their addiction, leading to healthier outcomes and fewer deaths and a reduction in crime.
- Campaign for safer laws relating to [drink-driving](#).
- Campaign for mandatory licencing of private landlords. By knowing who owns a property, the Police will be able to identify offenders more easily, and crime and anti-social behaviour should be reduced.

I will want to continue to meet local people, attend events, and listen to their views and experiences of crime and community safety. Your priorities are important to me.

**Police and Crime Panel****17<sup>th</sup> October 2019****Quarterly Performance Report****Office of the Durham Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner****Purpose**

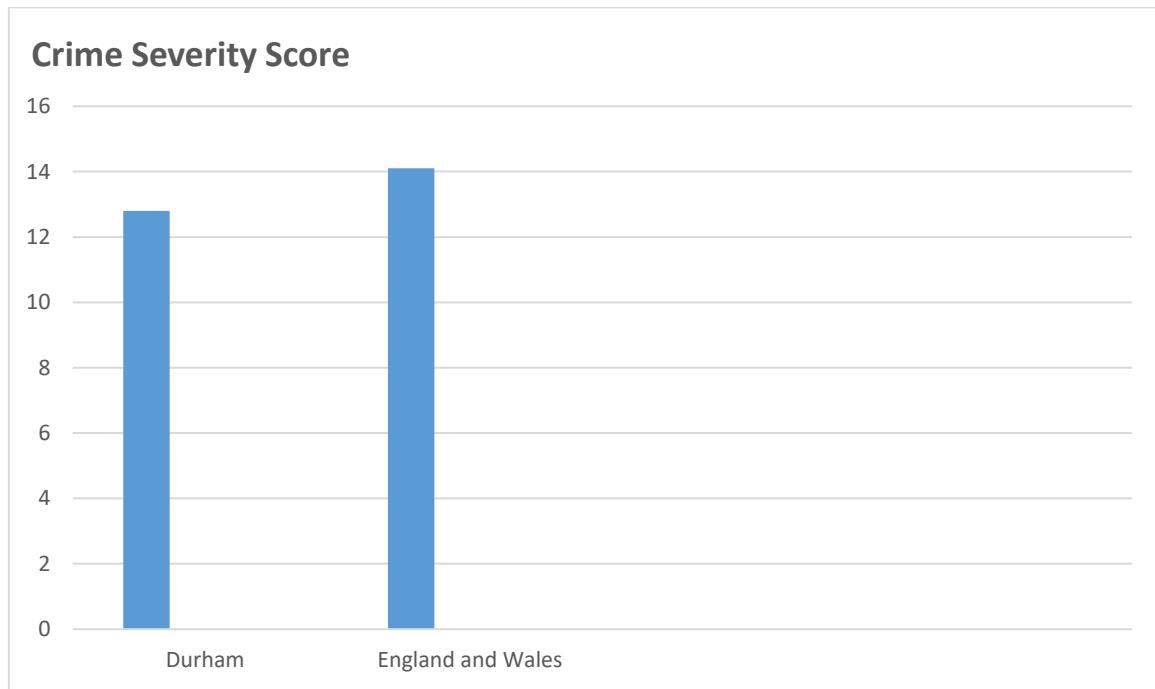
1. To update the Panel and the public on performance against the Police, Crime and Victims' Plan 2018-2021.
  
2. The Police, Crime and Victims' Plan sets out the PCVC's vision for County Durham and Darlington, the outcomes he seeks, and the Key Performance Questions (KPQs) which will help determine whether those outcomes are being achieved.
  
3. The last public performance report looked at KPQs 5-8, considering questions of reoffending, rehabilitation, and confidence. These questions will be re-visited in the report following this one.
  
4. This report considers KPQs 1-4, looking at questions in relation to the safety of our communities, crime levels, and support for victims and the vulnerable.

Communities are safe and crime is reduced	Victims and the vulnerable feel supported	Reoffending is reduced and rehabilitation is improved	People have confidence in the police and the criminal justice system
KPQ1: How safe are our communities?	KPQ3: How well are victims supported to cope and recover, and engage in criminal justice processes?	KPQ5: How well are we reducing reoffending?	KPQ7: How confident are people in the Criminal Justice System?
KPQ2: How well are we preventing and reducing crime?	KPQ4: How well are vulnerable people supported?	KPQ6: How well are we rehabilitating people who have offended?	KPQ8: How confident are people in the police?

*Figure 1: Police Crime and Victims' Plan Outcomes and KPQs***Outcome 1 – Communities are safe and crime is reduced****KPQ1: How safe are our communities?**

5. At its heart, keeping communities safe is part of the essence of policing. And, that our communities both are safe and feel safe is important.

6. And, while policing is importantly connected to community safety, it still takes a wider range of organisations across the public and voluntary sectors working together, and working with local people in all areas, urban and rural alike, to keep where we all live safe.
7. Accordingly, community safety is a broad topic to consider, so – in the interests of length and accessibility – this report remains focused on some top level information and indicators.
8. Firstly, the Crime Severity Score is a measure where sentencing information is used to ‘weight’ the severity of offences. Such a statistic is helpful when changes to recording practices for crime can significantly have an effect upon police recorded offences. Another benefit is that it allows for easy comparison between Durham and the rest of England and Wales in a more meaningful way than perhaps recorded crime. Of course, such an indicator is limited by the extent to which sentencing guidelines reflect the severity of an offence. Similarly, over time this indicator can still be affected by changes to crime recording practices.



*Figure 2: Crime Severity Score (Year Ending March 2019, Office for National Statistics)*

9. The Crime Severity Score shows broadly similar results between Durham and England and Wales.
10. In a similar way to the Crime Severity Score, looking at the offence rate per 1000 population has benefit in allowing easy comparison with England and Wales.

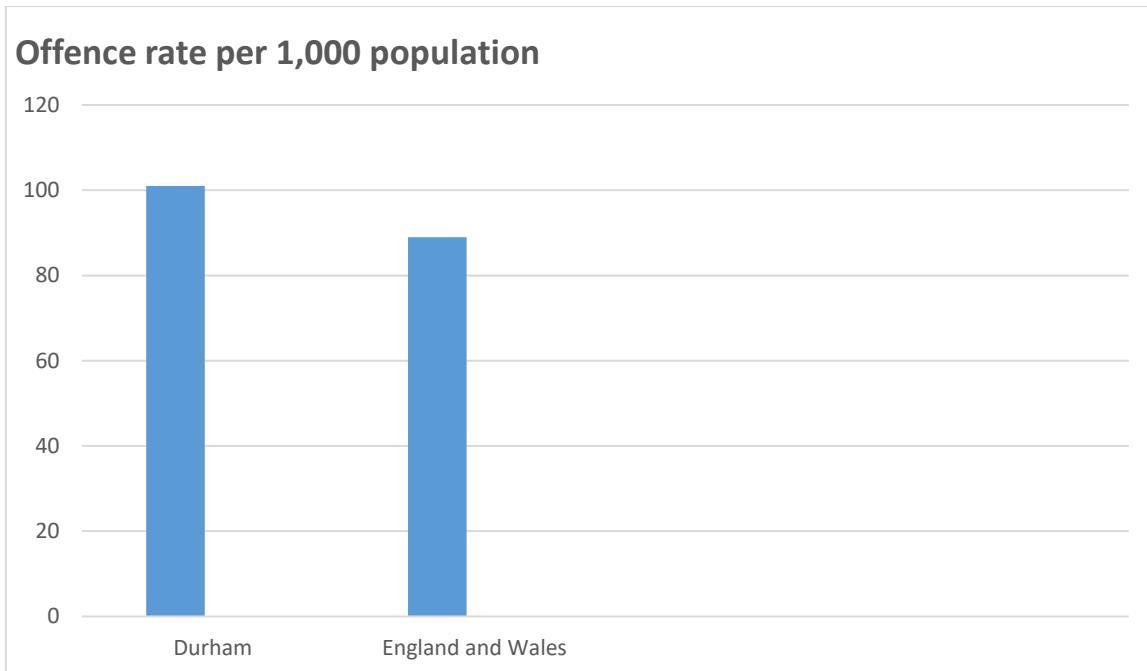
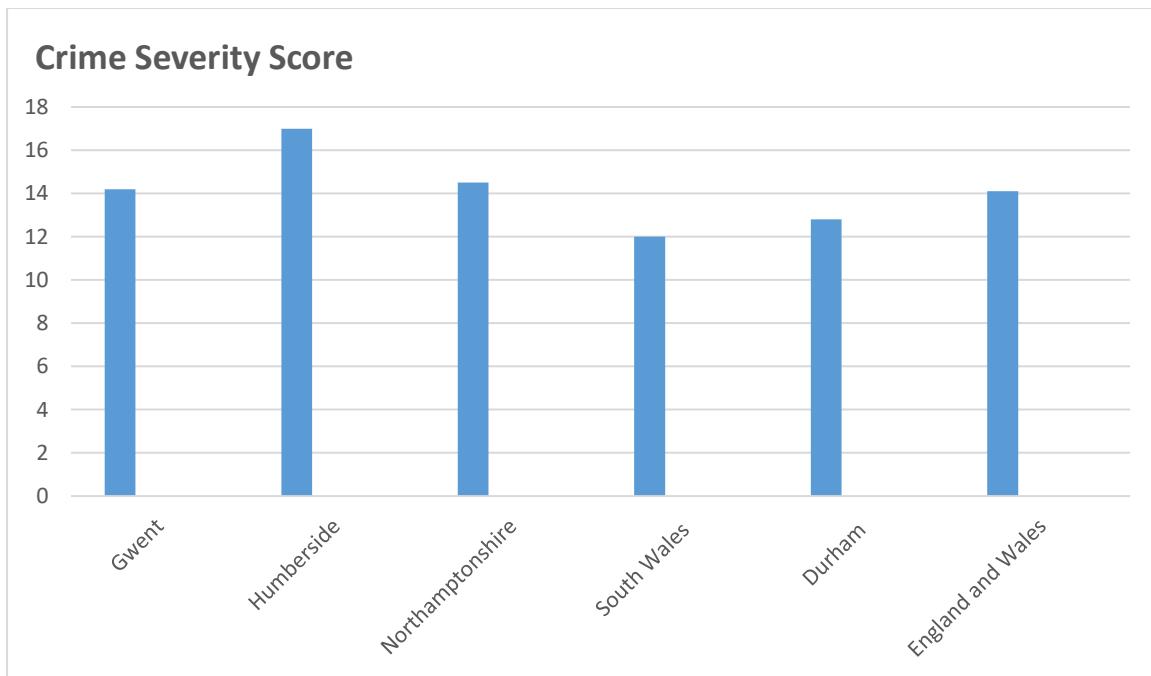


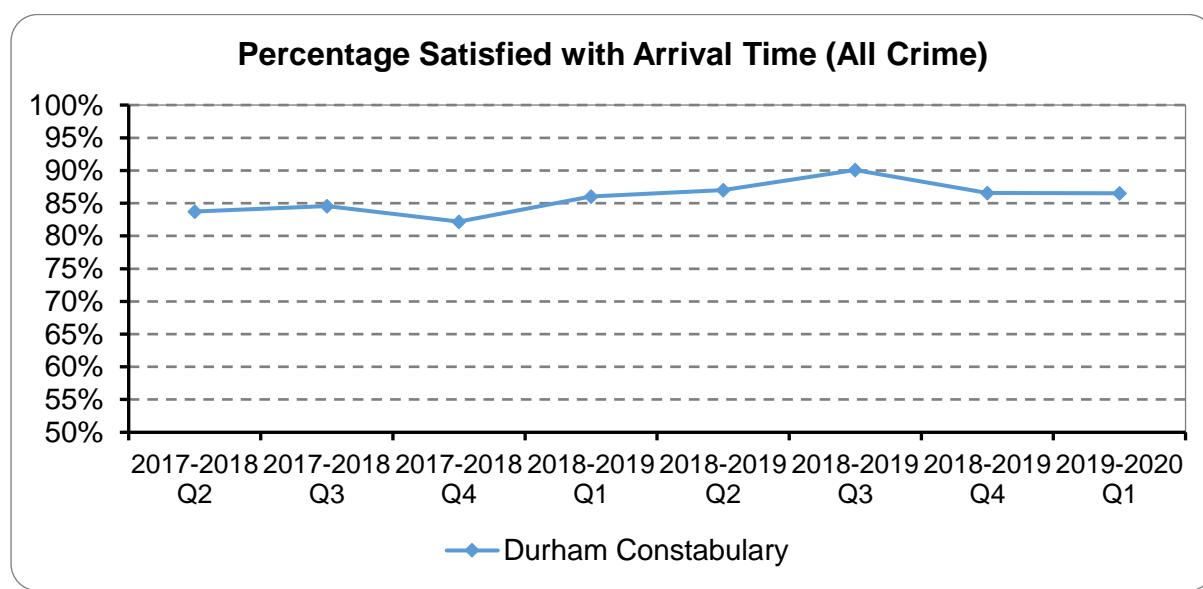
Figure 3: Offence Rate per 1000 Population (Year Ending March 2019, Office for National Statistics)

11. The police recorded rate per 1000 population is higher for Durham than it is for the England and Wales average. A key reason for this is that Durham Constabulary is one of the most compliant forces for recording offences. Also, the North East region has higher levels of recorded Criminal Damage and Arson.
12. Total volume of crime across Durham Constabulary has reduced in the last twelve months.
13. The general performance of Durham Constabulary's Crime Severity score may be measured in an equally effective manner, through comparison with the Constabulary's Most Similar Group (MSG) of forces. This shows that Durham has a lower crime severity score than most of the others.



*Figure 4: Crime Severity Score of MSG's (Year Ending March 2019, Office for National Statistics)*

14. Moving slightly away from these top level indicators, it is important – and pertinent to community safety – that when people require a police response, they are confident that officers will arrive when they need them.
15. The graph below therefore shows the percentage of victims satisfied with arrival time.



*Figure 5: Percentage Satisfied with Arrival Time (All Crime)*

16. Moving on, and as highlighted in previous reports, police recorded Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) incidents have fallen year-on-year, a trend which is set to continue. Reasons for this

include changes to crime recording, where some incidents formerly recorded as an ASB incident now of necessity may be recorded as a crime – for example, harassment.

17. While overall ASB incident numbers are falling, the proportion of all incidents that have an ASB qualifier has risen from 10.46% (period April-August 2018) to 11.03% (period April-August 2019).
18. Additionally, ASB incident levels have risen above those of this time last year. However, it is worth noting that summer spikes in ASB recorded incidents are typical in the statistical trend.

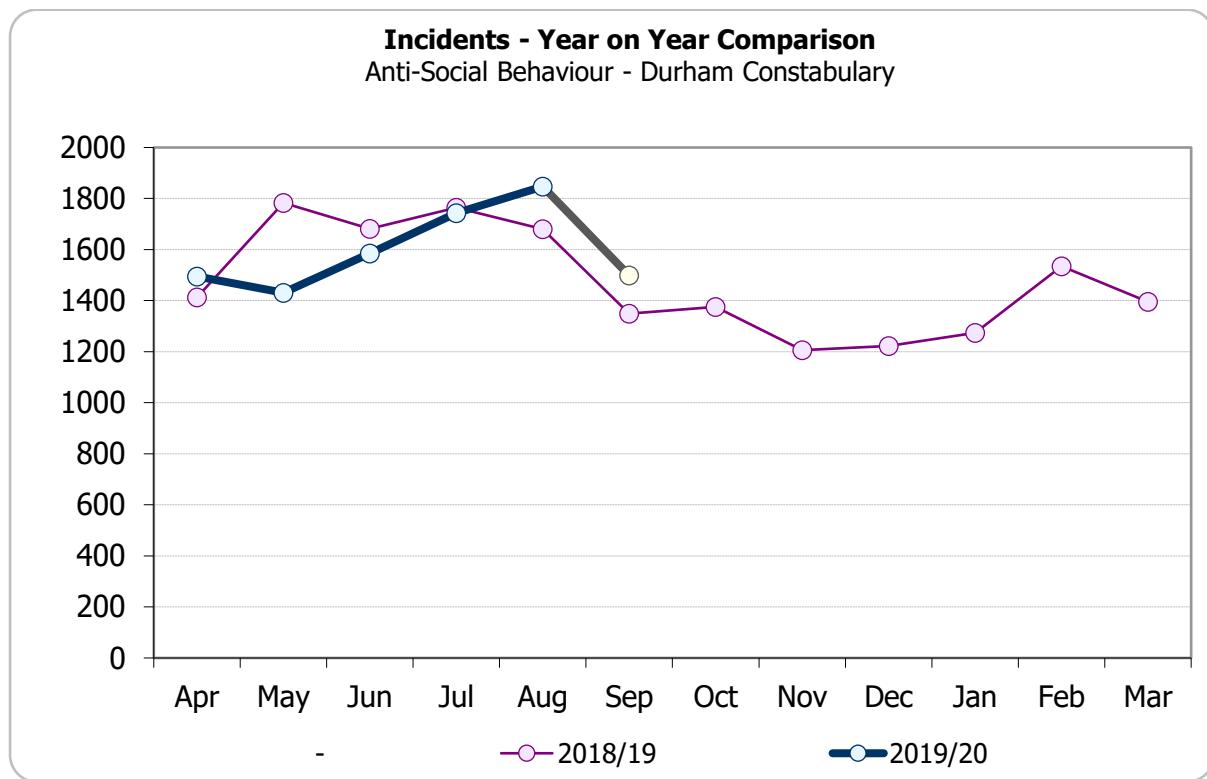


Figure 6: Police Recorded Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents

19. In terms of road safety, improving this is a priority for the PCVC – and the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads can be an important indicator in helping to answer KPQ1.
20. Thus, the two graphs below (taken from the North East Regional Road Safety Resource) show the number of fatal and seriously injured casualties for Durham's force area. The number of these casualties fell in 2018 compared with 2017.
21. Explaining why the number of fatal and serious casualties may have fallen is challenging given the number of factors that influence an accident, and it is worth noting that the

downward trend in fatal casualty figures accelerated once Durham Constabulary changed their recording method to Collision Recording and Sharing (CRASH) in March 2016.

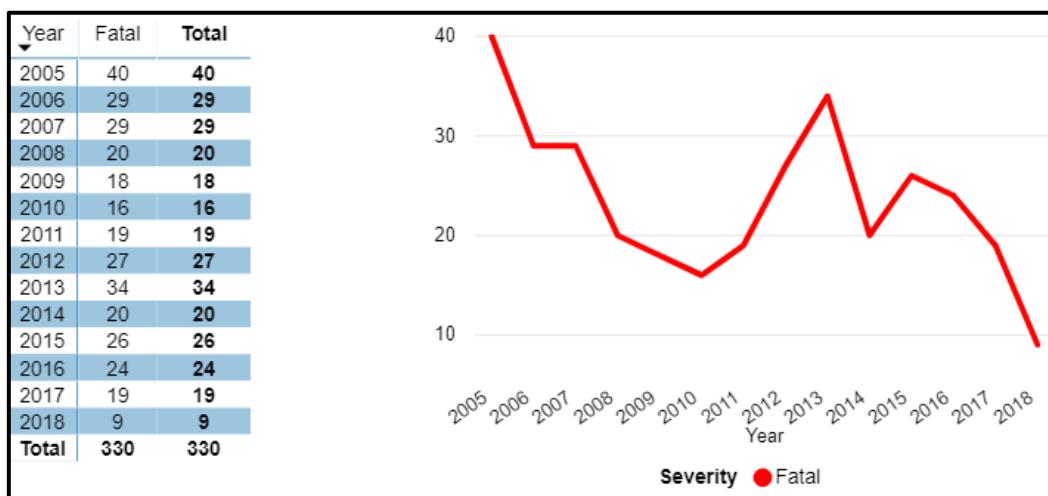


Figure 7: Fatal Casualties (North East Regional Road Safety Resource)

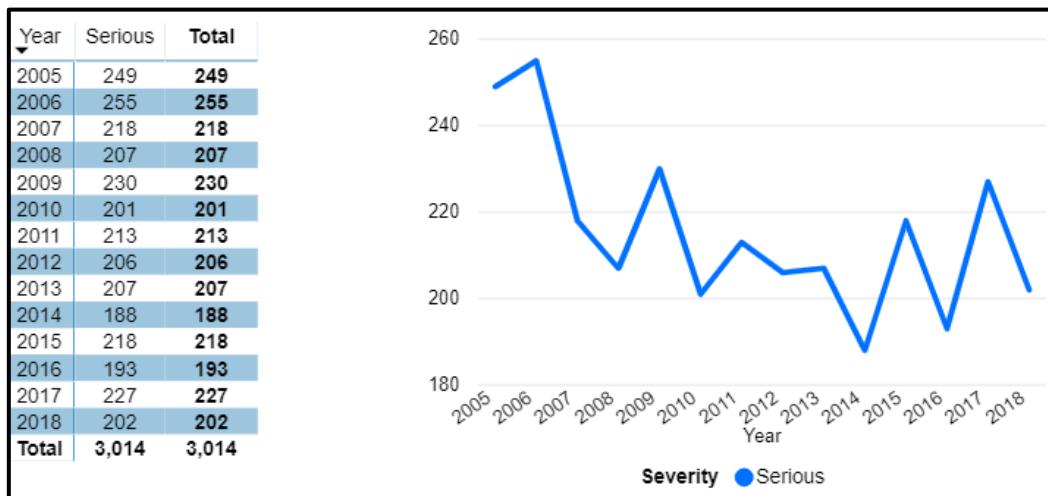


Figure 8: Seriously Injured Casualties (North East Regional Road Safety Resource)

22. Other work related to road safety include Community Speed Watch, a scheme that allows communities to work with the police and other agencies in monitoring and addressing speeding issues. There were 686 deployments in 2018, with volunteers dedicating over 431 hours of their time.
23. This year new equipment supplied has been funded in partnership across the 3 towns Area Action Partnership. Durham Constabulary have become the first force in the country to create a unique Speedwatch van to catch speeding drivers more effectively.
24. The Roads Policing Unit of Cleveland and Durham Specialist Operations Unit (CDSOU) also supports a calendar of campaigns throughout the year on top of their continuous policing

and enforcement work. In quarter three of 2018-19 these campaigns were in relation to trucks and buses, the carriage of dangerous goods, insurance, and drink/drug driving.

25. The national pledge to provide an extra 20,000 Police Officers nationwide is welcome, with Durham Constabulary recently advertising for an additional 200 Police Officers. However, it is worth noting that Durham Constabulary have seen a reduction of 367 Police Officers, as of December 2018, since 2010. There are differences between decreased numbers due to staffing modernisation processes, compared to those decreased due to austerity measures.
26. The role of Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT's) and PCSOs are fundamental to policing in Durham Constabulary. PCSOs continue to have a presence across the county, and this year the force has recruited two new Community Safety Responders. These are highly trained individuals who work for the Constabulary as PCSOs, for Community Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service as retained firefighters, and also as first responders for the North East Ambulance Service.

#### KPQ2: How well are we preventing and reducing crime?

27. Overall, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) has graded Durham Constabulary as 'Outstanding' at preventing and reducing crime in four of the Police effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy (PEEL) inspections it has undergone.
28. Crimes recorded by the police have risen recently in Durham and nationally. This is because of improved recording, increased confidence to report certain crimes, and actual rises for some categories. (NB: The impact of changes in recording methods are no longer impacting the current figures which are yet to be released)

Police Recorded Crime % Change, Year Ending September 2018 Compared With Year Ending September 2017			
	Durham	North East	England and Wales
All crime (excl. fraud offences)	12%	14%	8%
Violence Against the Person	25%	26%	19%
Sexual Offences	17%	18%	14%
Robbery	31%	14%	17%
Theft Offences	2%	3%	1%
Criminal Damage and Arson	0%	2%	-1%

*Figure 9: Police Recorded Crime Percentage Change, Year Ending September 2018 Compared With Year Ending September 2017 (Crime Survey for England and Wales)*

29. From the period August 2018 to August 2019 percentage change in: Violence Against the Person, Sexual Offences and Robbery all increased marginally. While Theft Offences and Criminal Damage and Arson, reduced. (Source DCOP)

Police Recorded Crime Rate of Offences, Year Ending September 2018			
	Durham	North East	England and Wales
All crime (excl. fraud offences)	99.8	107.7	86.4
Violence Against the Person	37.3	33.6	26.3
Sexual Offences	3.2	3.3	2.7
Robbery	0.4	0.6	1.4
Theft Offences	29.7	36.7	34
Criminal Damage and Arson	15.4	15.9	9.9

Figure 10: Police Recorded Crime Rate of Offences per 1000 Population, Year Ending September 2018 (Crime Survey for England and Wales)

30. Durham Constabulary has a higher proportion of resolved outcomes – where a crime has been solved by the police – than is the case nationally. Between April and September 2018, then, Durham's solved rate was 25%, compared to a 15% average for forces across England and Wales.

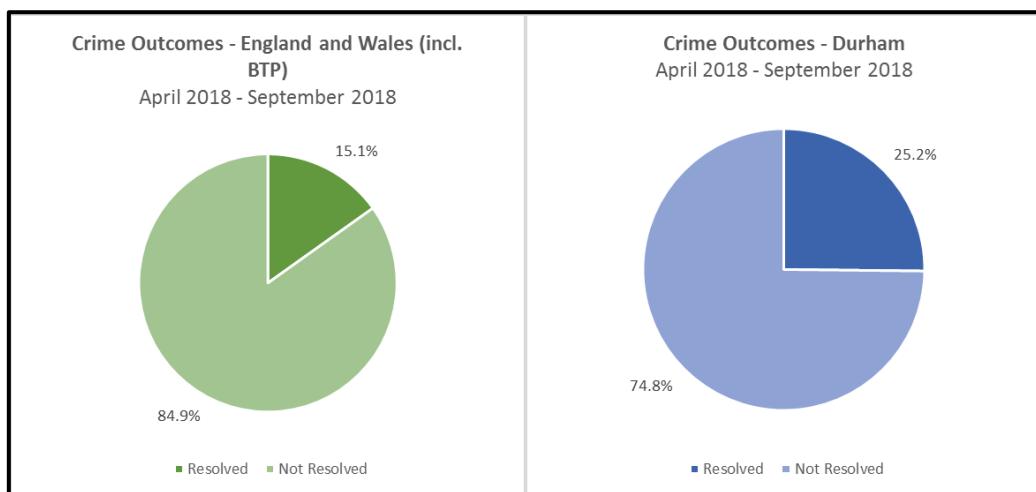


Figure 11: Crime Outcomes for England & Wales and Durham (Home Office)

31. There is an increased onus within Durham Constabulary upon tackling high harm crime. However, solved rates have decreased across the board, in all harm categories, with only four crime categories showing an increase in solved rate from August 2018 to August 2019. (Source DCOP)

32. Criminal Justice as a whole is made up of many agencies and partners. Whilst an increase in police officer numbers is of course welcome our partners may continue to struggle in relation to service delivery. This would include local authorities and departments, such as: the CPS, probation, and the health service.

33. On a wider point around crime prevention, Durham Constabulary is committed to keeping County Durham and Darlington safe for residents, businesses, students and visitors alike. A large part of this centres around the work of Durham's neighbourhood policing teams who are always out and about in their local areas, helping to promote public safety. In addition, the Constabulary's crime prevention officers offer specific advice about particular crimes – as well as how individuals and households can help to prevent crime through keeping their valuables and homes secure. More information can be found on Durham Constabulary's website ([www.durham.police.uk/Information-and-advice](http://www.durham.police.uk/Information-and-advice)).

34. More detail on crime prevention activities will be included in future performance reports.

35. Reducing reoffending is the subject of the next report. However, there are a multitude of projects and schemes which Durham Constabulary work in partnership with, that aim to reduce reoffending, such as; Community Speedwatch, Checkpoint, electronic tagging and alcohol ignition interlocks, to name but a few.

## **Outcome 2 – Victims and the vulnerable feel supported**

KPQ3: How well are victims supported to cope and recover, and engage in criminal justice processes?

36. Victims often feel let down by the system because of the way in which they are passed from one agency to another and are not properly supported. The PCVC's office work (through the Local Criminal Justice Partnership (LCJP)) to ensure that victims and witnesses are able to cope and recover from their experience – and, that they are able to engage with the Criminal Justice System in a positive way.

37. The work is led and coordinated through the LCJP's County Durham and Darlington Victim and Witness Group. That group has a delivery plan mirroring its Strategic Plan on a Page. Below are the five sections of this delivery plan, with a small update on some of the work ongoing:

### **25.1. Provide co-ordinated, end-to-end care and support for victims and witnesses**

First and foremost this means understanding and identifying current pathways for victims as a part of ongoing commissioning to reach the right model in support of victims.

Another continuous part of this section of the delivery plan is ensuring that officers within the Constabulary have the correct level of understanding and awareness of victim and witness services.

### **25.2. Effective pathways**

In terms of these pathways for victims, the establishment of the Root Cause Analysis Group (detailed further below) helps the LCJP's Victim and Witness Group to identify gaps in service provision.

### 25.3. Victim centred criminal justice system processes

The trial of the Criminal Justice Victim Liaison Officer is a significant part of this section of work (further detail below).

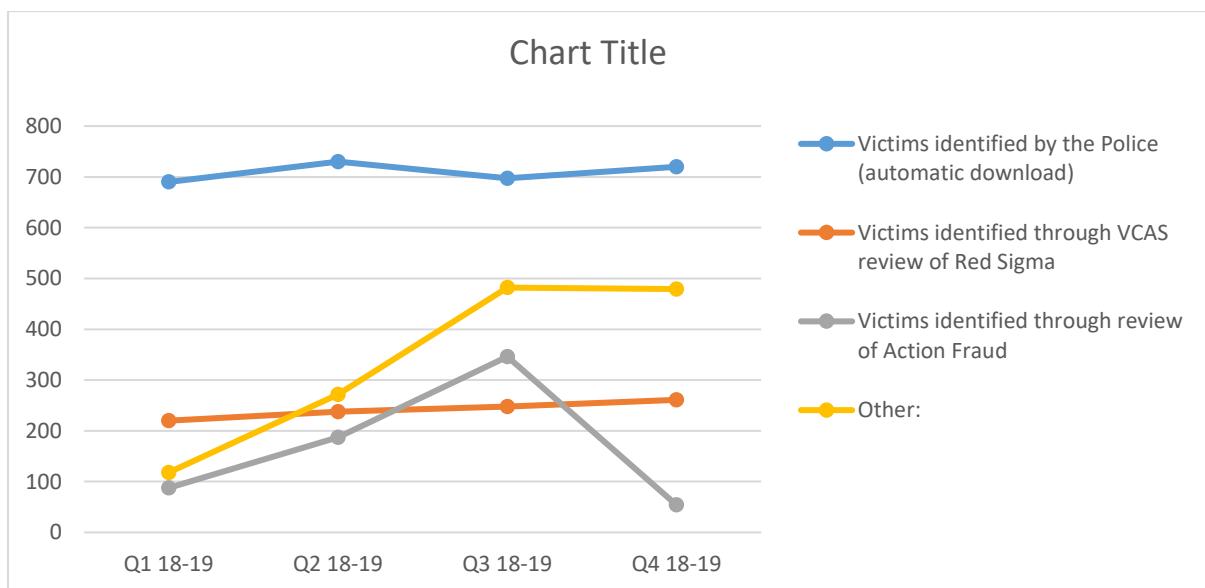
### 25.4. Performance management

A performance framework group has worked to develop a performance management framework to enable better monitoring against outcomes and the delivery plan. This is now in place.

### 25.5. Awareness raising

Work is ongoing to develop a communications plan – and to ensure improved understanding among partners of one another's work.

38. VCAS is commissioned by the PCVC for Durham and the PCC for Cleveland. It, alongside other – more specialised – services supports victims to cope and recover. As the current contract comes to an end, there will be a great deal of work ongoing to learn lessons ahead of recommissioning. The below graph shows the number of referrals received by VCAS over time.—the VCAS contract is running to September 2020 and work is underway to develop an improved contract specification.



*Figure 12: Referrals into VCAS*

My office continues to work with the Constabulary to monitor these referral numbers.

39. As briefly highlighted above, feedback from the current pilot in Durham Crown Court of the Criminal Justice Victim Liaison Officer will inform the recommissioned service. The liaison is funded by the PCVC and delivered through VCAS; they work in partnership with

relevant criminal justice agencies to help ensure that a victim's voice is heard, that they feel safe, and that they are kept informed about the progress of their case.

40. More generally on support available, while VCAS remains the main support service for victims, I recognise that victims of certain crimes require a specialised element of support.

41. Accordingly, some of the specialised services that support victims include:

- the Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Centre (RSACC) – a charity which provides free and confidential counselling and advice for women and girls who have been raped, sexually abused, or have suffered domestic abuse;
- the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC), which offers forensic medical examination, advice, support, counselling and sexual health screening for people in County Durham and Darlington who have experienced rape or sexual assault;
- Harbour, which works with families and individuals who are affected by abuse from a partner, former partner or other family member; and
- the Halo Project Charity, which supports victims with regard to those suffering abuse in the name of honour and those experiencing forced marriage.
- Hate crime advocacy service HCAS- Evaluation underway this autumn with a view to any changes to arrangements from September 2020.

42. In terms of these specialised areas, my office works to improve the way victims feel supported in a number of ways.

43. With regard to sexual abuse, I have increased Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (ISVA) provision for victims across Durham which is delivered through RSACC.

44. Tackling and preventing domestic abuse is a priority for me; my office therefore works with the Constabulary on this through 'The Whole System Approach' – a collaborative project across eight police force areas, and one that seeks to transform domestic abuse services, deliver lasting change, positive outcomes for victims, and meaningful consequences for perpetrators.

45. On support for victims of hate crime, and as part of the work of the Joint Hate Crime Action Group, a review of support for victims of hate crime is underway.

46. More broadly, other work is ongoing, directed by the LCJP's Victim and Witness Group which established a task and finish group to understand the current provision of services for young victims of crime. This work is ongoing.

47. Taking this altogether, there is more work to do to develop the right model in supporting victims; and that is why the joint work of the LCJP – and work with other partners – remains critical.

48. Moving on, recorded victim satisfaction is one of the indicators I monitor in holding the Constabulary to account over their service to victims.

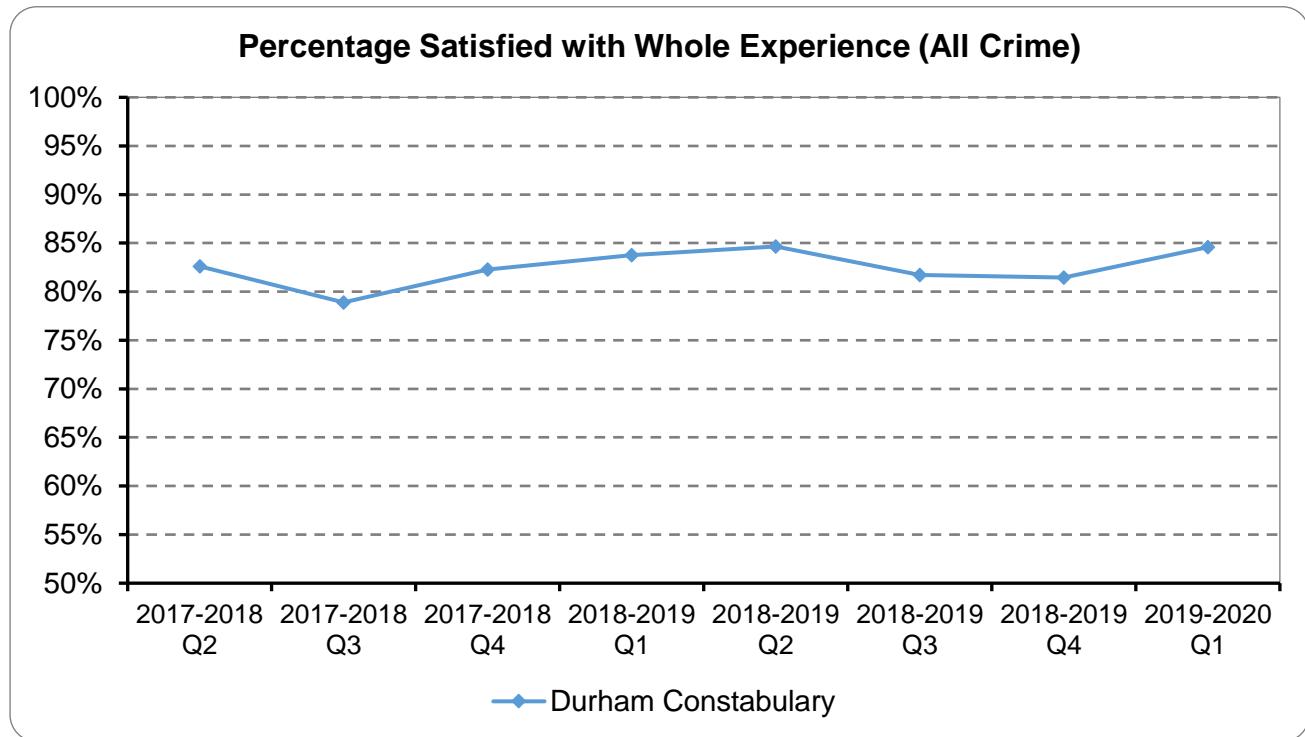


Figure 13: Percentage Satisfied with Whole Experience (All Crime)

49. While overall victim satisfaction remains high, and previous falls in 'actions taken' and 'follow up' categories, as highlighted in previous performance reports, have been reversed, victim satisfaction only tells part of the story.

50. Indeed, understanding the *experience* of victims – something which goes beyond measuring victim satisfaction – is important, and is undertaken by my office in a number of ways.

#### *Victim experience*

51. Firstly, then, my office works with the Constabulary and others to undertake certain scrutiny work.

52. For example, the Rape Scrutiny Panel, which was established in line with the North East Regional Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategy, works with Durham Constabulary to improve performance in the investigation of rape cases and to improve the service offered by the police to victims of rape.

53. Similarly, the Domestic Abuse Scrutiny Panel does the same with regard to cases of domestic violence, looking at such cases where there has not been a prosecution.

54. In addition to this work, the LCJP's Victim and Witness Group established a working group which looks to build on anecdotal feedback received from victims in relation to their

experience with the Criminal Justice System. These Root Cause Analysis groups report back to the Victim and Witness Group on their findings, having identified issues within the current system, thereby aiding commissioning to help deliver improvements.

55. The Victim and Witness Group also receive detailed and meaningful performance reports from an analyst working within and alongside my team to understand and measure progress.

KPQ4: How well are vulnerable people supported?

56. Vulnerable people encompass a wide range of issues and persons; including but not limited to: alcohol and drugs, mental health, domestic abuse victims, missing from home individuals, child and adult safeguarding, those who have fallen victim to human trafficking and modern slavery, and CSAE.
57. HMICFRS recently undertook an inspection of selected forces (which did not include Durham Constabulary) in relation to crimes against older people. The Constabulary responds to the implications of thematic inspection which did not use the force as a case study.
58. Older people are supported in three core ways by Durham Constabulary:

1. Operational staff will identify concerns during their interaction with a vulnerable adult, and share the information with relevant safeguarding agencies through the completion of a Vulnerable Adult Concern form.
2. A THRIVE assessment is made on initial contact by the call handler who informs the attending officer of that assessment. Also in follow-up to the incident a further THRIVE assessment takes place and a bespoke victim contract is agreed. Continual THRIVE assessment is crucial to deliver the best service to vulnerable people. This allows appropriate adults being sought and also specialist intermediaries, if required, to support our victim.
3. Victims, or indeed people who have been affected during the crime, can be referred to our commissioned victim care service, VCAS (Victim Care and Advice Service), where they can review the information recorded and make a further needs assessment to ensure the correct level of support is provided by the correct support agency.

*Modern Slavery*

59. A report published in October 2017 by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) showed notifications to the National Referral

Mechanism (NRM) in relation to modern slavery and human trafficking (MSHT) in the local authority area as 2 in 2014, 6 in 2015 and nil reports in 2016.

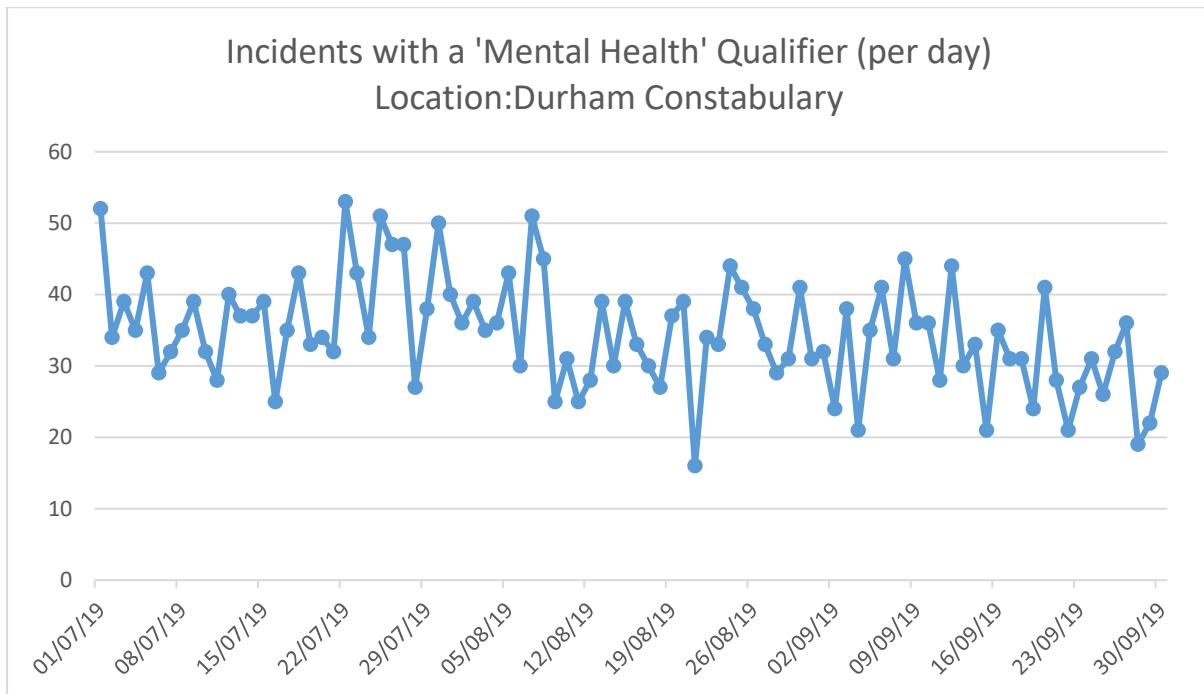
60. In contrast, during 2018-2019 there were 48 referrals to the NRM for potential victims of MSHT in Durham. This shows a substantial increase to previous years and is in line with the national trend, and reflects the substantial activity, locally and nationally, to raise awareness of the issue

The increase in MSHT cases is managed through:

- Durham County Council approved and launched its Modern Slavery Charter in October 2018 with its focus upon Prevention, Protection and Partnership working. This Charter supports the approach of Durham Constabulary, particularly in relation to the prevention of MSHT and protection of victims.
- In August 2018, the Local Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) agreed to include modern slavery within its performance reporting and data is provided from the police. It is assisting with building a local picture of the size and prevalence of modern slavery.  
(Source: Safe Durham Partnership Board, Modern Slavery overview)
- The PCVC works with partners to support vulnerable people so that they do not become victims of crime and anti-social behaviour or become involved in crime.
- From a police perspective, HMICFRS noted in their 2018/19 PEEL report, that the Constabulary has an excellent understanding of what makes people vulnerable and how they need to be supported, that Durham has a good understanding of its demand with regard to the vulnerability it faces, and is effective at identifying people who are vulnerable.

## *Mental Health*

61. A significant number of incidents that the police deal with involve mental ill-health in one way or another.



*Figure 14: Incidents with a 'Mental Health' Qualifier (per day) (Durham Constabulary)*

62. For the three month period shown on the graph above (1<sup>st</sup> July 2019- 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019) there was an average of 34.5 recorded incidents per day with a 'mental health' qualifier.

63. As shown in *Figure 14*, over the past three months, incidents with a 'mental health' qualifier have fluctuated steadily. Albeit at quite high levels, 7.16% of all incidents over the past three months have come under the category of having a 'mental health' qualifier.

64. And an average of 31% of mental health related calls in 2019 were supported by the Street Triage Team – mental health nurses co-located within the Constabulary. The Street Triage Team now has a wider remit which includes working with NPT Officers to support people with mental health issues in non-crisis situations.

65. Something significant to note are changes, brought about in 2017, to the Mental Health Act which prohibited the detention of under 18s in police custody, and stressed that over 18s may be detained in only exceptional circumstances. In 2019, there was one detention in police custody as a 'place of safety' across Durham's force area.

66. The PCVC also promotes referral to Liaison and Diversion (L&D) services. These identify people who may be vulnerable when they first come into contact with the Criminal Justice

System (CJS). Indeed, the service can support people into appropriate health or social care.

*Educate and Raise Awareness of Sexual Exploitation (ERASE)*

67. The ERASE team focus on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) – as well as on missing children (given that this can be an indicator that a child is at increased risk of sexual exploitation).
68. As part of this programme of work, the Herbert and Philomena protocols are two schemes which look to help prevent vulnerable adults, and children in care, respectively, from going missing – and in the case of someone going missing, to help to find them more quickly.

*Vulnerable people with complex needs*

69. The Vulnerability Intervention Pathway (VIP) Navigator Service works with adults with particular needs that require multi-agency support. The initiative is council-led and police representatives work with partners, including on the VIP Programme Board and Tactical Group. DCC funding for the VIP navigators has recently been extended to August 2020.
70. Community Peer Mentors is a project which aims to reduce the pressure on frontline emergency services by engaging with and supporting people who feel they are vulnerable owing to anti-social behaviour, neighbour disputes, or crime. It engages with those who make frequent calls, helping reduce the severity and/or frequency of these calls. As a project it is now active across the whole of Durham Constabulary with area coordinators in place.

**Recommendation**

71. That the Panel note the contents of the report and seek any relevant points of clarification.

**Steve White**

Acting Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner

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## **Appendix: Risks and Implications**

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### **Finance**

N/A

### **Staffing**

N/A

### **Equality and Diversity**

N/A

### **Accommodation**

N/A

### **Crime and Disorder**

N/A

### **Children's Act 2004**

N/A

### **Stakeholder/Community Engagement**

N/A

### **Environment**

N/A

### **Collaboration and Partnerships**

N/A

### **Value for Money and Productivity**

N/A

### **Potential Impact on Police, Crime and Victims' Plan Priorities**

Highlights performance in relation to the Police, Crime and Victims' Plan.

### **Commissioning**

N/A

### **Other Risks**

N/A

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## **Police and Crime Panel**

**17<sup>th</sup> October 2019**



## **Commissioning Update**

### **Report of Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner**

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#### **Purpose**

1. To update Panel Members of key considerations at the Commissioning Boards in July
2. The Commissioning Board was established to support the delivery of priorities and outcomes in the Police & Crime Plan. The information contained in points 3 to 5 set out the refreshed terms of reference and process for the Board.

#### **Terms of Reference**

3. The meeting objectives are:
  - To be the reviewing body for all reducing reoffending, community safety and prevention, and victims' commissioning plans and advising the PCVC on resources related to these proposals.
  - To agree outcomes and service level agreements with service providers and grant recipients.
  - To demonstrate proper governance of spending decisions.
  - To review performance and delivery of outcomes (or not) for those organisations that receive resources for reducing reoffending, community safety and prevention, and victims' service activities.
4. The Commissioning Board will:
  - Provide advice to the PCVC on commissioning activities that relate to or impact upon the priorities within the Police and Crime Plan.
  - Develop commissioning proposals (in partnership) that respond to evidenced areas of need within communities that are strategic planning priorities within the Police and Crime Plan.
  - Consider and approve options for (shared and/or whole) OPCVC investment in services.
  - Oversee the outcome and monitoring arrangements for delivery of services (wholly or jointly) funded by the PCVC.
  - Ensure fairness and transparency in the decision making process.
  - Publish decisions taken at each Board.

5. The process for a proposal to be considered is:

- Shared need is identified. This could be an established strategic partnership (Community Safety Partnership, Reducing Reoffending Group), new partnership to respond to an emerging need, or a tactical arrangement from a variety of local organisations (UTASS).
- Conversation with OPCVC subject/theme policy lead (who may already be involved identifying the shared need).
- OPCVC policy lead develops proposal for Commissioning Board with contributions from representatives of the organisations with the shared need.
- In developing the proposal, the participants must ensure that:
  - The OPCVC priorities and specific key performance question(s) (KPQ) must be clearly identified;
  - Matched resources (or funding) are being contributed towards responding to the shared need (solution);
  - The OPCVC does not expect to be the only organisation resourcing the proposal;
  - Proposal participants must agree the submission to the Commissioning Board.
- OPCVC policy lead will present proposal at the next Commissioning Board, with support from contributing participants at the meeting as required (for the item concerned).
- OPCVC policy lead provides decision and feedback to colleagues that prepared the proposal.

### **Expenditure 2019/20**

6. The detailed analysis of funding allocations for 2019/20 is shared in Appendix 2, breaking spend down between the strategic budgets:

- Reducing Reoffending;
- Victims' Services;
- Community Safety and Prevention.

### **Recommendation**

7. To consider the report and provide any comments and questions.

**Charles Oakley**  
Head of Governance & Commissioning

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## **Appendix 1: Risks and Implications**

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**Finance**

All funding decisions are reflected in the OPCVC 2019/20 budgets.

**Staffing**

n/a

**Equality and Diversity**

n/a

**Accommodation**

n/a

**Crime and Disorder**

Many of the projects are aimed at reducing crime and disorder.

**Children's Act 2004**

n/a

**Stakeholder/Community Engagement**

Information about the PCVC's funding streams is set out in the Police, Crime and Victims' Plan.

**Environment**

n/a

**Collaboration and Partnerships**

n/a

**Value for Money and Productivity**

Value for Money is a key consideration in the allocation of all funding.

**Potential Impact on Police and Crime Plan Priorities**

All funding is expected to have a positive impact on priorities.

**Commissioning**

As per the report.

**Other risks**

n/a

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## Appendix 2: Strategic Funding Allocations 2019/20

Organisation	Procurement Contract or Contribution towards Project	Reducing Reoffend-ing	Victims' Services	Community Safety & Prevention	Total
		£	£	£	£
<b>Funding 2019/20</b>		<b>657,326</b>	<b>940,700</b>	<b>616,742</b>	<b>2,214,768</b>
700 Club	Trailblazer			69,000	69,000
Age UK Darlington	Unit 34 Darlington			2,000	2,000
Clarity	Bounce Academy			10,000	10,000
County Durham Community Foundation	Community Safety Fund			115,000	115,000
Darlington against Disability	Hate Crime Advocacy for Victims of Crime		30,000		30,000
Darlington Council	Darlington Partnership Contributions			15,000	15,000
	Domestic Abuse Service		21,000		21,000
	Youth Offending Service	122,300			122,300
Durham Agency Against Crime	Contribution to DAAC			22,100	22,100
Durham Community Action	Voluntary Community Sector Infrastructure Support			10,000	10,000
Durham County Council	Anti-Social Behaviour Officers			119,000	119,000
	Domestic Abuse & Court Support Services		116,500		116,500
	Youth Offending Service	260,000			260,000
Durham OPCVC	Check Point Project	252,600			252,600
	Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference		45,000		45,000
	Sexual Assault Referral Centre		45,000		45,000
	Victim Services Officer		36,000		36,000
HALO	Forced Marriage and Domestic Abuse Services		22,500		22,500
National Probation Service	Accommodation Project Manager	10,000			10,000
North East Prisoner After Care Society	Youth Project	9,426			9,426
Rape & Sexual Assault Counselling Centre	Counselling Provision		20,000		20,000
	Independent Sexual Violence Advisors		79,000		79,000

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Procurement Contract or Contribution towards Project</b>	<b>Reducing Reoffend-ing</b>	<b>Victims' Services</b>	<b>Community Safety &amp; Prevention</b>	<b>Total</b>
Restorative Hub	Restorative Justice and Community Mediation		156,300	52,000	208,300
Safe in Tees Valley	Community Peer Mentors			170,000	170,000
Safe in Tees Valley	Victim Needs Assessment & Referral Service and Criminal Justice System Victim Support		326,800		326,800
Show Racism the Red Card	Anti-Racism Education in Schools			20,000	20,000
Tees Esk Wear Valley	Child Psychologist		30,454		30,454
Various	Small Contributions	3,000	12,146	12,642	27,788

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**Police and Crime Panel**

**17<sup>th</sup> October 2019**



**PCVC Decision Records**

**Report of the Acting Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner**

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**Purpose**

1. To update Panel Members on the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner's decision register since the last meeting, and forward plan.

**Background**

**Decision Making Process**

2. Key decisions are made at an Executive Board comprising the PCVC, the PCVC's Chief Executive, the Chief Constable and the Joint Chief Finance Officer. Other officers of the PCVC or the Chief Constable will attend as and when required. On occasion it is necessary to take decisions outside of this process for reasons of expediency, but all relevant parties are consulted and informed.
3. All key decisions are supported by a report setting out the decision required, all relevant factors to be considered, the outcome of any consultation undertaken and the risks and implications of the course of action being recommended.
4. An online record is maintained of all key decisions taken by the OPCVC. This includes a link to any documents which are disclosable under FOI. This record includes decisions taken by the PCC or any person to whom delegated powers have been granted.
5. The PCVC will consider holding public meetings when this will provide a means of consultation on decisions (i.e. precept consultation) where there is a clear interest in actively seeking views of the community.
6. The PCVC may choose to delegate powers to any deputy appointed, his statutory officers or a senior member of police staff.
7. A record is kept of all decisions made under delegated powers detailing the factors taken into consideration, including any consultation carried out.
8. Decisions to be made by the PCVC will relate in the main to his statutory functions and financial responsibilities. A Forward Plan for key decisions to be taken over a 3 month period will be published on the PCVC's website.

9. Generally Key decisions are likely to include:

- The preparation, drafting and issuing of the Police and Crime Plan
- Issuing the precept
- Adopting a Medium Term Financial Plan
- Commissioning of Services
- Preparation and issue of the Annual Report
- Any decision which is considered to be of significant public interest or impact either generally or on a particular locality
- Any decision which will incur revenue expenditure in excess of £100,000
- Any decision which will incur capital expenditure in excess of £100,000
- The approval of or adoption of strategies/policies
- Key procurement decisions
- Significant changes to the police estate
- Allocation of grants

10. Details of the Police Crime and Victims' Commissioner's Decision Register 2019 can be found in Appendix 2.

## **Recommendation**

11. That Panel Members note the contents of the report and ask any questions.

**Jon Carling**  
Head of Policy and Communications

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## **Appendix 1: Risks and Implications**

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**Finance**

All decisions with financial implications are made with value for money as a key consideration, and are affordable within budgets.

**Staffing**

n/a

**Equality and Diversity**

n/a

**Accommodation**

n/a

**Crime and Disorder**

n/a

**Children's Act 2004**

n/a

**Stakeholder/Community Engagement**

Consultation with key stakeholders is carried out as appropriate to each decision.

**Environment**

n/a

**Collaboration and Partnerships**

Consultation with key partners is carried out as appropriate to each decision.

**Value for Money and Productivity**

n/a

**Potential Impact on Police and Crime Plan Priorities**

Decisions will impact directly or indirectly on the pursuit of Police and Crime Plan priorities.

**Commissioning**

Several decisions relate to commissioning of services.

**Other risks**

n/a

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**Key Decisions**

(Links to more detailed reports are available on the website)

Decision Number	Decision Taker	Subject
001/2019	PCVC	The PCVC has given approval, based on the financial needs of the organisation and public consultation to increase the precept by £24 per annum for a Band D property in County Durham and Darlington.
002/2019	PCVC	The Commissioning Board (December 2018) concluded the formal decision making for activities to be funded in the financial year 2019/20.
003/2019	PCVC	The PCVC has agreed to contribute £5,000 for a pilot to tackle and reduce hate crime. This arrangement closely aligns with the priority in the Police Crime and Victims' Plan to 'tackle and reduce hate crime'.
004/2019	PCVC	The PCVC has approved an unconditional offer without vacant possession in relation to the sale of Bede Kirk Police Station in Barnard Castle.
005/2019	PCVC	The PCVC to propose Mrs Joanna Farrell to the Police and Crime Panel for appointment as Chief Constable of Durham Constabulary.
006/2019	PCVC	The PCVC to sign the section 22A Agreement under the Police Act 1996 (as amended) to approve the Single Online Home, a national platform for the delivery of a range of online services.
007/2019	PCVC	The PCVC has agreed to contribute £10,000 towards an accommodation project manager which the National Probation Service will manage.
008/2019	PCVC	The PCVC has approved funding of £6,000.00 towards a multi-agency Domestic Abuse Champions and Safeguarding Training event. This arrangement closely aligns with the priority in the Police, Crime and Victims' Plan to 'safeguard vulnerable people'.
009/2019	PCVC	The PCVC to sign and endorse the Darlington Community Safety Partnership Information Sharing Protocol.
010/2019	Acting PCVC	The Acting PCVC to approve the County Durham Vision 2035, and to communicate that decision to the County Durham Partnership.
011/2019	Acting PCVC	The Acting PCVC to approve a maximum of £1,400 towards the bursary in memory of Stephen Lawrence. This arrangement closely aligns with the priority in the Police Crime and Victims' Plan to 'tackle and reduce hate crime'.
012/2019	Acting PCVC	The Acting PCVC has agreed a contribution of £10,000 towards the Rural Aerial Network. This arrangement closely aligns with the priority in the Police Crime and Victims' Plan to 'improve community safety in rural areas'.
013/2019	Acting PCVC	The Acting PCVC has agreed a contribution towards the role of Strategic Development Officer for the Upper Teesdale Agricultural Support Services Ltd (UTASS). This arrangement closely aligns with the priority in the Police Crime and Victims' Plan to 'improve community safety in rural areas'.
014/2019	PCVC	The PCVC has agreed to develop an Independent Durham Constabulary area Safety Camera Partnership.

## **Forward Plan**

- Commissioning and Grant Funding for 2020/21
- Precept Consultation 2020/21

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## Durham Police and Crime Panel

**17 October 2019**

### **Work Programme and panel activity 2019/20**

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#### **Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Transformation and Partnerships**

##### **Electoral division(s) affected:**

None

##### **Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To provide information to Members of the Police and Crime Panel (PCP) on panel activity for the period 1 April – 30 September 2019.

##### **Executive summary**

- 2 The report provides an update on panel activity for 2019/20, details for future meetings, arrangements for a proposed development session and financial support.

##### **Recommendation**

- 3 The Police and Crime Panel is recommended to note information within the report.

##### **Background**

- 4 The Panel's rules of procedure state that the PCP will be responsible for setting its own work programme taking into account the priorities defined by the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner (PCVC) within the context of the Police and Crime Plan and Annual Report. The work programme must also include the functions described in the terms of reference for the panel.
- 5 The work programme enables the PCP to plan and focus on how it will effectively provide challenge to the PCVC and deliver its responsibilities within the context of the terms of reference and rules of procedure namely:

- Review and comment on the Draft Police and Crime Plan and Precept
  - Reviewing the PCVC's Annual Report
  - Holding confirmation hearings following a proposed appointment by the PCVC to the posts of Chief Constable and Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Finance Officer within the Commissioner's Office.
- 6 At its meeting on 28 June 2019, the Panel agreed its work programme for 2019/20 and also requested to include a development session during 2019/20. A copy of the work programme is included within Appendix 2 to this report and it is to note that the work programme is to be flexible to accommodate additional items throughout the year.

## **Panel Activity 2019/20**

- 7 For the period, 1 April – 30 September 2019, the Police and Crime Panel have held three meetings to which its activity has included:
- (a) Chief Constable Confirmation Hearing, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019
  - (b) Durham Police and Crime Panel AGM, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019
  - (c) Appointment of an Acting Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner, Special Panel Meeting, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019.
- 8 Within its work programme, the panel requested to include a development session. This was scheduled for 12 September 2019 but due to availability was cancelled and it is suggested that arrangements be made for the development session to take place.

## **Panel Support**

- 9 To deliver the Panel's work programme and associated activity, financial support is provided by grant funding of up to £64,340 for administration and members expenses is available to be claimed from the Home Office by the Host Authority.
- 10 Total panel expenditure for 2018/19 was £86,525 with £64,340 recovered from the central government grant and the variance met by the Host Authority. This was an increase from £82,970 in 2017/18 but reflects activity for an additional panel meeting during 2018/19. It is to note that elected member expenses for panel activity are borne by their respective authority and for co-opted independent members travelling expenses were claimed for Mr D Dodwell (£174.60) and Mr N Cooke (£92.70) in 2018/19.

- 11 The panel has received its grant letter and application for financial support of up to £64,340 for 2019/20. In considering the Grant Offer letter received from the Home Office, it is to note that additional information relating to Critical Success Factors which includes reports on panel activity and achievement of outcomes and targets has been requested.

## **Main implications**

### *Crime & Disorder*

- 12 Activity within the Panel's work programme aims to contribute to reducing crime and disorder within County Durham & Darlington.

## **Conclusion**

- 13 The report provides panel Members with an overview of activity and details to consider a proposed work programme for 2019/20.

## **Background papers**

- None

## **Other useful documents**

- None

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Legal Implications**

The Panel's work programme is to be delivered in accordance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

### **Finance**

The report includes information on the Home Office Grant to deliver Police and Crime Panel activity.

### **Consultation**

None.

### **Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty**

None

### **Human Rights**

None

### **Crime and Disorder**

This is a key focus of the work of the Police, Crime and Victims Commissioner and Police and Crime Panel.

### **Staffing**

None

### **Accommodation**

None

### **Risk**

None

### **Procurement**

None.

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## Appendix 2: Durham Police and Crime Panel Work Programme 2019/20

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Date & Time	Suggested Items for Work Programme
28 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 1.00pm County Hall, Durham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2019-20</li> <li>● Media Articles</li> <li>● Q4/Year end 2018/19 – Public Performance Report</li> <li>● PCP Work Programme</li> <li>● PCVC Commissioning Activity</li> <li>● PCVC Decisions</li> <li>● HMIC Inspection Reports</li> </ul>
17 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 10:00 am County Hall, Durham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Media Articles</li> <li>● Review of PCVC Annual Report 2018-19</li> <li>● Quarterly Performance Report</li> <li>● Commissioning Update</li> <li>● PCVC Decision Records</li> </ul>
9 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 2.00pm County Hall, Durham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Media Articles</li> <li>● Precept Setting Consultation</li> <li>● Q2 Public Performance Report</li> <li>● PCVC Commissioning Activity</li> <li>● PCVC Decisions</li> <li>● HMIC Inspection Reports</li> </ul>
6 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 10:00 am County Hall, Durham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Media Articles</li> <li>● Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner's Proposed Precept for 2020/21</li> <li>● Local Criminal Justice Partnership</li> <li>● PCVC Commissioning Activity</li> <li>● PCVC Decisions</li> <li>● HMIC Inspection Reports</li> </ul>
12 <sup>th</sup> March 2020 2.00 pm – Darlington Town Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Media Articles</li> <li>● Q3 Public Performance Report</li> <li>● Decisions by the PCVC</li> <li>● PCC Commissioning Activity</li> <li>● HMIC inspections</li> </ul>

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