

# Police and Crime Panel

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## Recent media activity



## Report of the Office of the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner

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### 1. Purpose

At the Panel's Development Session in April 2018, there was discussion about coverage in the press of the work of the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner, and Durham Constabulary. A commitment was made to update the Panel about key press activity at each Panel meeting. This paper provides an update covering the period since the previous meeting.

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

Press coverage since the last meeting has included:

- Celebration of local superheroes
- Police funding, including
  - covering pensions liabilities
  - whether Government funding should be per capita
  - funding for forces with significant knife crime
- Anti-social behaviour in Stanley
- Drug-testing, including in Durham city
- Effect of Brexit on international police cooperation
- Dealing with violent crime (nationals)
- Young PCVC Takeover Challenge

### 3. Social media activity

- 7000 followers on Twitter (4<sup>th</sup> highest number amongst PCCs)
- 4600 followers on Facebook (2<sup>nd</sup> highest number amongst PCCs)

Top tweets:

- Remembrance day
- Congratulations to ACC Wilson (Lincs) for Winner award

Top Facebook posts:

- Remembrance day

The office has also opened an Instagram account recently, currently with 134 followers

### 4. Columns

Monthly columns in the Teesdale Mercury, Weardale Gazette and the Durham Times and Advertiser series, covering:

- Community engagement
- Rural crime and rural statement

## **5. Recommendations**

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

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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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