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Introduction

Last year was a good year in many ways, for Durham Constabulary, for local people, and for many of the people I work with on a daily basis.

The Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for County Durham & Darlington, **Ron Hogg...**

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary, Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) has identified Durham Constabulary as the best police force in the country for effectiveness, for the third year running. Durham was the only force to be rated as 'outstanding' in the effectiveness inspection, and one of only two to achieve the same rating for efficiency. We can all be very proud of our officers and staff.

We shouldn't underestimate the challenges that face us however.

We are continuing to see the consequences of funding cuts. Recorded

crime has risen over the past year, and we all need to be vigilant in combatting it. We have lost 400 officers since 2010 and we cannot lose any more. I am continuing to campaign to Government Ministers for fair funding for policing.

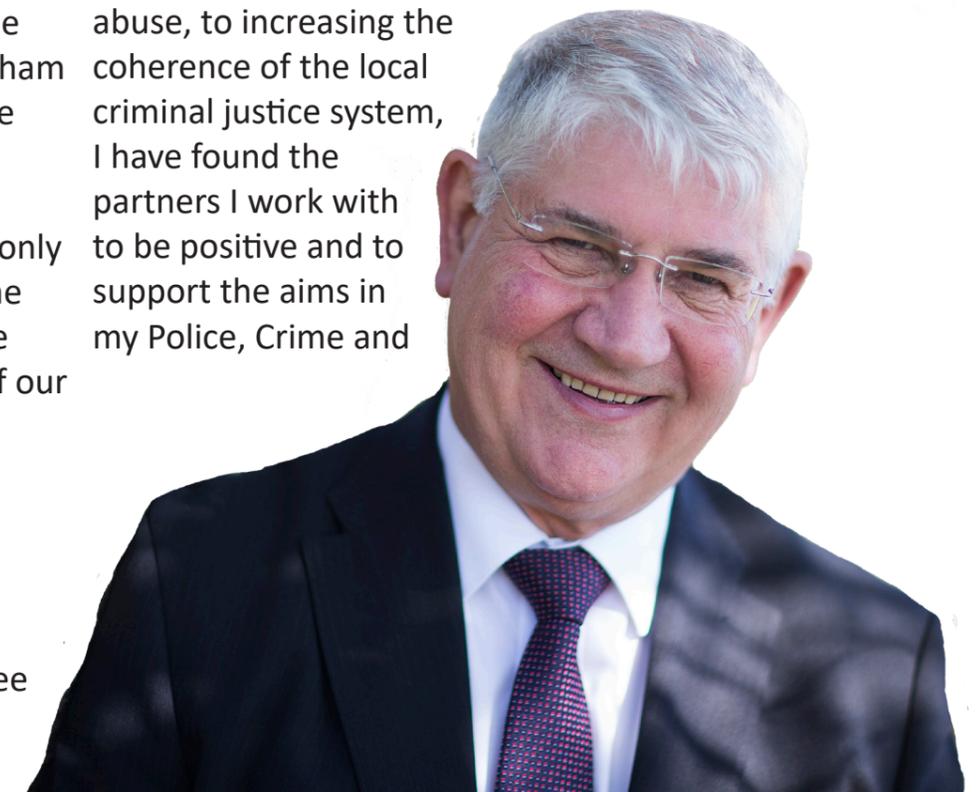
At the same time, confidence in Durham Constabulary has risen, to the point where Durham has the third highest level of public confidence¹ of all police forces in the country.

Almost everything I do in this role is carried out in partnership with others. From improving services for victims of domestic abuse, to increasing the coherence of the local criminal justice system, I have found the partners I work with to be positive and to support the aims in my Police, Crime and

Victims' Plan. This report sets out how we are all working together.

My most important co-workers are local people. It's only by talking to communities that I am able to understand what our priorities should be. I've met and listened to a lot of people over the past year. I intend to continue to do so in the future.

You can find out more about the work that I do by following me on Facebook and Twitter. Just search for **@DurhamPCC** on Twitter and **@PCC.Durham** on Facebook.



¹Crime Survey of England and Wales

Key Achievements of 2017/18

Durham Constabulary was awarded an 'Outstanding' rating for its Effectiveness in reducing crime and keeping communities safe – the only Force to receive that rating, and for the third year running.

Durham Constabulary was rated as 'Outstanding' for Efficiency, in November 2017, again for the third year running - one of only two Forces to receive that rating.

Wide and increasing range of services for victims of crime, with new services launched for victims of hate crime and people with mental health ill-health, in April 2017.

Launch of multi-agency Local Criminal Justice Plan January 2018.

Partnership established with NHS England to improve local services for victims of sexual violence.

Libby Wright elected as Young Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner in September 2017.

Mini-Police operating in 105 schools.

10,000 local people attended Superheroes event in October 2017.

Second Rural Statement published.

171 people received service from Community Peer Mentor programme.

£150,000 awarded to local groups for projects to promote community safety.

Checkpoint diversion scheme shown to reduce reoffending by around 10%.

Continuing campaigns for:

- Fair funding for policing
- Reform of national drug policy
- Minimum unit pricing for alcohol
- Lower drink-drive limit
- Mandatory registration scheme for private landlords



Ron and Cleveland PCC Barry Copping signing the LCJP Plan



Young PCVC Libby Wright at the Celebration of Local Superheroes



Community Peer Mentors

Highlights of 2017/18

We have an outstanding Police force, tackling the rise in crime...

There is no getting away from the fact that the level of recorded crime has been rising, and that this places extra demand on the police force. I published a Performance Report in December, and you will find it on the home page of my website, at www.durham-pcc.gov.uk. It shows a rise of 35% in 'all recorded crime' in the twelve months to September 2017, an increase of over 10,000 compared to the previous year.

There are three key reasons for this:

1. In 2016 the Home Office, advised by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS), made significant changes to the rules by which crime is recorded. One change is that the Police now have to take a victim's word that they have been a victim of crime unless there is evidence to say this isn't the



PCVC Ron Hogg with Chief Constable Mike Barton

case. A second is in the timing of when a crime must be recorded:

this decision must be made within the first 24 hours of receiving the call; previously this was 72 hours. I support both of these changes because I believe that they are increasing the confidence of the public, and especially victims, in policing.

2. People are increasingly confident to report crimes and incidents to the Police. We have seen rises in recorded cases of hate crime, domestic abuse and sexual violence. Our intelligence has led me and the Chief Constable firmly to the view that this is primarily because people are more

prepared than they used to be to report such events.

3. There have been real increases in some types of crime. My latest performance report indicates that, to September 2017, arson increased by 66% compared to the previous year, vehicle crime by 18%, shoplifting by 13% and burglary by 7%.

I might have expected a rise in recorded crime to lead to a lower level of confidence in policing. Fortunately, that doesn't seem to be the case. The Government commissions an independent Crime Survey of England and Wales, and this indicates that confidence in Durham Constabulary is currently

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the sixth-highest of all 43 police forces – a much higher position than three or four years ago.

That can only happen if Durham Constabulary is doing a good job – and is seen to do so. I'm delighted that the Force continues to be very highly regarded by HMICFRS. In March, the Force was awarded an 'Outstanding' rating for its Effectiveness in reducing crime and keeping communities safe – the only Force to receive that rating, and for the third year running. The Constabulary was rated as 'Outstanding' for Efficiency, in November 2017, again for the third year running, and one of only two Forces to receive that rating.

There are some very good reasons behind these outstanding inspection results. Here are three:

1. The force uses very sophisticated analytical processes and systems to understand the demands placed on it. It analyses where crimes and anti-social behaviour are taking place, what types of

crime they are, and what this means for the future – and it deploys its resources to meet these needs, as accurately as possible.

2. Durham Constabulary has a culture in which officers and staff are really encouraged to take responsibility, come up with new ideas, and to see them through to delivery. The Chief Constable has real confidence in the ability and judgement of his people, and this shines through in their day-to-day activities. This is what we mean when we talk of #durhamdifference.
3. This means that the force is at the forefront of innovation in policing. Durham Constabulary uses the most modern software to enable Officers to be out there in the community, rather than sitting behind desks. And initiatives such as CheckPoint (see below) are cutting the demand on policing by making in-roads into the level of re-offending.

“Overall, Durham Constabulary remains outstanding in its effectiveness at reducing crime and keeping people safe.”

HMICFRS inspection of Durham Police Effectiveness, 2017

Putting victims first remains my key priority...

Since my re-election in 2016, I have focused a lot of attention on the needs of victims of crime and anti-social behaviour. I feel passionate about this. Victims of crime need support to help them cope and recover from the experience inflicted on them, through no fault of their own. In 2016 I launched and funded the Victim Care and Advice Service (VCAS), which routinely contacts victims and discusses their needs, and then refers them to a support service that can help. During 2017/18 VCAS supported 1,222 victims of various crimes and offered advice to a further 549 victims of fraud. VCAS also responded to 23 referrals involving families from our local communities who were affected by the Manchester terrorist attack in 2017.'

The range of support services is increasing too. Following a pilot last year, I have just contracted with Darlington Association on



Disability (DAD) to provide a Hate Crime Advocacy Service, in partnership with Show Racism the Red Card and Querkey – a specialist in the needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT+) people. The service employs trained advocates to help give victims from diverse communities a voice in the criminal justice system, making it much more likely that they will continue to press their case and ensure perpetrators are brought to justice. DAD also provide this kind of service for victims with mental ill-health issues.

I am also funding the Just for Women Centre in Stanley to provide peer support, counselling and advocacy for victims of domestic abuse. I am

conscious that victims of domestic abuse can find the whole civil court process to be complex and cumbersome, and this can lead many to withdraw from the process, meaning that offenders are not brought to justice as often as they should be. That's one reason why I have been funding an Independent Domestic Violence Advisor in the Remand Court. I have also developed a series of projects under a 'Whole Systems Approach to Domestic Abuse', working with my fellow-PCCs in Yorkshire and the North East. This year I introduced the Domestic Abuse Scrutiny Panel, where members of the public are able to scrutinise and decisions made by

Highlights of 2017/18

the Police in domestic abuse cases. The Panel complements the Rape Scrutiny Panel which has been running for two years now, and which published its second annual report in autumn 2017.

September saw the introduction of mental health nurses into the Force Control Room. In the first 6 month pilot phase, they have supported 2983 calls with a mental health qualifier - around 17 jobs a day. Using funding from the local NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups, the programme is now confirmed for the next few years. They provide valuable professional support to Officers dealing with incidents where mental health is an issue.

I am working hard to bring partners in the criminal justice system together...

In January 2018 Barry Coppinger, Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland, and I launched the Criminal Justice Partnership Plan, 2018-2021. The Cleveland and

Durham Local Criminal Justice Partnership brings together those agencies which have responsibility for delivering criminal justice services, and services for victims and people who have offended. The partners express a clear vision in the new plan: 'County Durham, Darlington and Cleveland are areas where people have confidence in a local criminal justice system which supports victims, rehabilitates offenders and reduces reoffending, and delivers value for money'. Our challenge now is to deliver over the next three years.

Too often victims are let down by the system because they are passed from one agency to

another and not properly supported. This has an impact both on their ability to cope and recover from crimes, and on the likelihood of justice being done. The plan will address this by creating seamless services for victims.

People who commit offences often have many problems in their lives, in particular with accommodation, substance misuse, relationships, self-esteem, finances and employment. Instead of endlessly putting them through the cycle of the criminal justice system, partners are going to work together to address the underlying issues of offending, which will help to prevent crime and result in fewer victims.



I continue to be inspired when I work with our Young People...

I have been inspired by working with young people over the past year. The Police Cadets continue to go from strength to strength, and I was pleased to attend the launch of the Cadet programme at Wolsingham School last year. I have also supported expansion of the Mini-Police, who now operate in 105 schools. There are 1,970 of them now! These programmes provide a real sense of purpose for young people, and are leading them towards rewarding, fulfilling lives and away from the temptations of crime and anti-social behaviour. I'm sure that it's only a matter of time before a member of the Mini Police becomes a career Police Officer.

In September 2017, the second Young PCVC, Libby Wright, was elected by the Police Cadets. After Nathan Gaskill, who was elected in 2016, Libby had a very hard act to follow. Nathan gained a lot of



attention because his clear, confident attitude made him a hit with the media. Libby has also appeared on TV and Radio, and she has embraced some very good causes during her term of office. One feature of Libby's election manifesto was a commitment to raise the profile of male victims of domestic abuse. She is so right to raise this: one in four victims of domestic abuse is male, and yet their plight is rarely highlighted. I am keen to work with Libby, and our partners in

the public and voluntary sector, to encourage male victims to seek support when they need it.

Libby has a budget of £20,000 (£10,000 from me and a further £10,000 from the High Sheriff, Caroline Peacock for 2017-18) to invest in activities aimed at young people and designed to improved community safety.

I am also continuing to invest in the Youth Offending Services in County Durham and Darlington.

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Community engagement...

Over the past 12 months I have visited and spoken to communities from all parts of County Durham and Darlington. Every week I visit a different area. I also attend most of the summer fairs and agricultural shows, such as those in Wolsingham and Peterlee.

I was also delighted that 10,000 people attended my Celebration of Superheroes event in Shildon in October 2017. This is the third year that I have hosted the event. It's great to see so many people enjoying themselves, taking part in competitions and learning about the work of the Police, Fire and Rescue Service, North East Ambulance Service, and other organisations delivering services to improve community safety. The event also gives me the opportunity to talk to local people and hear about the issues affecting them. It's by having conversations like these, that I pick up vital information that I can then use to set objectives for the Force.



Tug of War competition at my Superheroes event



Wellbeing for Life were also at my event



A young Wolsingham School Cadet teaches another child CPR

My commitment to rural policing is as strong as ever...

I have been keen to take an interest in the needs of rural communities since I was first elected six years ago. In 2016 and 2017 the Chief Constable and I published our Rural Policing Statement, setting out commitments and priorities for the most rural parts of the Force area. We have sought to address concerns such as theft of livestock and equipment from farms, worrying animals, fly-tipping, speeding and unsafe driving, poaching, trading in endangered species and damage of protected sites and habitats. Despite significant reductions to my budget recently, the number of officers working in our rural areas has remained stable over the past year, and there are more officers based at Barnard Castle than a year ago. There is also the Special Constabulary, doing a fantastic job working with our rural communities. The police have also enhanced how they are tackling local issues, including the

introduction of Community Safety Responders, cross-border working, Community Speedwatch initiatives, an additional police vehicle, additional staff training, use of mobile tablet technology and greater partnership working.

In February 2018 I was pleased to be amongst those welcoming Prince Charles to County Durham, and was delighted that he gave time to conduct the formal opening of the Emergency Services Hub at Barnard Castle. The new Hub is a significant facility - the only one of its kind in the country. As

well as our neighbourhood policing team, it houses the fire and rescue service, the North East Ambulance Service, and Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team. It's a much more modern, efficient building than its predecessors in which all officers work together and get to know each other. That's important: when they are dealing with an emergency, it's great to have real understanding with colleagues. The benefits to local people are clear: the new Hub represents a firm, visible commitment to neighbourhood policing for many years ahead.



HRH Prince Charles visiting Barnard Castle

Highlights of 2017/18

My work with the local people in Horden is influencing a national debate...

Over the past couple of years I have really got to know the community in the numbered streets in Horden, and developed an understanding of the issues they face. Following the auctioning-off of hundreds of properties by a social landlord, houses in those streets are now owned by a myriad of private landlords. Whilst some of them are diligent in looking after their properties and the interests of their tenants, far too many are absentee, seeming only to be interested in making money out of the buildings they have purchased. One

consequence of this has been an increase in crime, anti-social behaviour and damage to the local environment. The Police have been helpful in response, initiating a multi-agency plan in 2017 which led to a large increase in Community Protection Notices and Community Protection Orders. More recently, Police Officers worked with an enhanced team of Wardens, Environment Protection Officers from Durham County Council and others to carry out a series of important environmental improvements: caps to open drains, faster boarding-up of empty properties, and other improvements to the local environment. I was pleased to contribute some funding

for this. Nonetheless, Horden continues to have its problems and I will continue to press the Police, Council and others to deliver important services there.

One other thing came out of this work: I have been working with Phil Wilson MP, who managed to bring draft legislation before the House of Commons which would put in a place a mandatory requirement for private landlords to belong to a national register. This would be hugely beneficial: it would mean that the police and other service providers would be able to identify the owners of privately rented properties, and ensure that they were carrying out their responsibilities effectively.



Children in Horden taking part in the Big Spring Clean

A number of other campaigns are important to me too...

As well as working with Phil Wilson to campaign for a mandatory register of private landlords, I supported other important campaigns last year.

I feel passionately that the Government should reconsider its failed policies relating to the use of illicit drugs. I continue to call for drugs to be decriminalised, so that users will not fear the risk of being treated as criminals when considering whether to take medical advice to help them with addiction. As a former Police Officer I have seen the despair, the deaths and the damage that drugs do to families and society. Even the Government's evaluation of its own strategy suggests that the policy doesn't work, and yet radical reform is not being adopted.

The evidence for change is clear. In Portugal, where drug possession was decriminalised a few years ago, the number of deaths fell by 80%. Politicians from



Madame Dreifuss speaking at the drug conference last July

all sides are now calling for change: the longer this Government fails to take responsibility, the longer we can expect deaths from drug misuse to continue. In July 2017 I held an international symposium in Durham addressed by speakers from around the world. The event made a compelling case for reform.

I have also supported campaigns to reduce the drink-drive limit, so that fewer people will die on the roads, and I have also shown support for minimum unit pricing for alcohol.

One more issue which I feel strongly about is fair funding for policing. Last year the Chief Constable and I went to London to meet the

then Policing Minister, Brandon Lewis, to make the case that relatively rural, post-industrial areas such as County Durham and Darlington should receive sufficient funding for policing. We have lost 400 hundred police officers since 2010 as a consequence of funding cuts, at a time when crime has been rising. The Home Secretary's recent statement that more police officers are not the answer to an increase in serious violence flies in the face of logic. I will continue to press the case, strongly, as there will probably be a review of the funding formula for policing before the end of this Parliament.

Resources

Resources will be tight, and we will always need to be efficient...

Finance and Efficiency

I need to ensure that taxpayers' money is used as effectively and efficiently as possible. I am required to:

- Maintain an efficient and effective policing service for the area;
- Set the police precept (police element of Council Tax); and
- Commission services to support victims and improve community safety.
- Set the annual budget for the Constabulary.

Durham Constabulary has been, for the last three years, the most efficient police force in the country. Effective and efficient use of resources coupled with a good understanding of the demand on services allows the Force to coordinate and align resources so that we can invest in preventative services to address issues before they worsen and cause us greater harm.

I am a firm believer in innovation. Durham has introduced innovative initiatives such as:

- Checkpoint, a diversion scheme for low level offending.
- The region's first Community Safety Responders who work for Durham Constabulary as PCSOs, for County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service as retained firefighters and as first responders for the North East Ambulance Service (NEAS).
- The use of body worn video technology which encourages early guilty pleas, which in turn saves resources and achieves better outcomes for victims.
- Emergency Services Hub at Barnard Castle, which is home to the Police, Fire and Rescue Service, North East Ambulance Service, and the Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team.
- Harm Assessment Risk Tool (HART), an artificial intelligence aide which helps officers decide whether a suspect

should be kept in custody.

The two main sources of funding for Durham Constabulary are Government grant and the police precept (police element of Council Tax).

Whilst continuing to reduce the amount of grant I receive every financial year the Government also only allow me to increase the precept by a certain level. This means if our area's precept did not increase in any particular year, the baseline (and therefore the budget) would be lower for every subsequent year. This would make the Constabulary less resilient to future budget reductions. Indeed, as Government funding has reduced, our dependence on the precept has increased.

In collaboration with the Constabulary I have updated the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP), which projects our financial position over the next four years. The projections in the plan will require some difficult decisions.

It is anticipated that the Government's public sector funding reduction programme will continue beyond 2020. This will require the ongoing need to find efficiencies across both the force and my office.

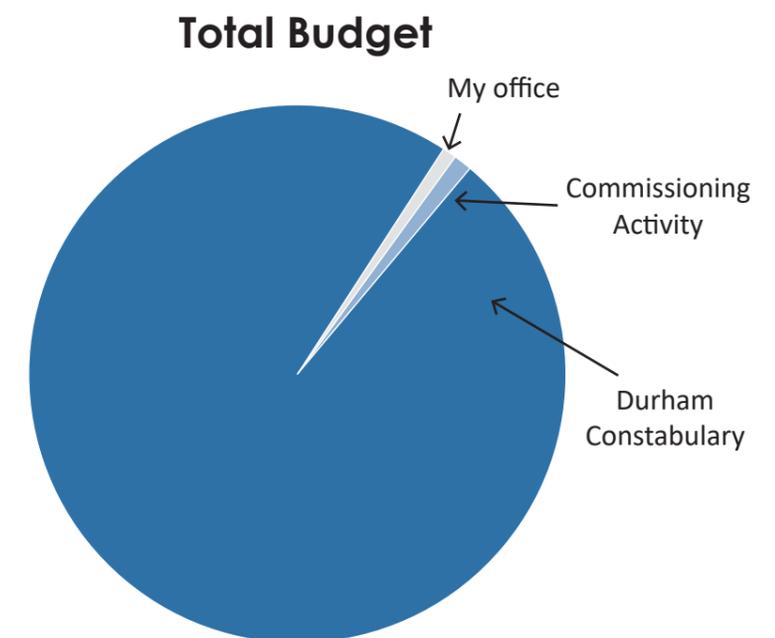
Of the total budget of £116 million for 2018/19, I have allocated the Constabulary a budget of £113.7m. I have split the remaining £2.3m into:

- £1.129 million for commissioning activity. This includes my Community Safety Fund, and Community Safety Grants for victim and specialist support services;
- £1.071 million to my office, as I have a small team to assist me in effectively fulfilling my role. I am determined to keep this as lean and as efficient as possible, at the same time as ensuring I have sufficient support to work with partners to deliver the reforms and improvements that are necessary.

Every year I receive

	2017/18 £000	2018/19 £000	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000	2021/22 £000
	Estimate				
Income	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Grant	84.7	84.7	84.7	84.7	84.7
Council Tax ²	28.6	31.5	33.7	35.0	36.5
Total	113.3	116.2	118.4	119.7	121.2
Expenditure	113.3	116.2	118.4	119.7	121.2
Difference	0	0	0	0	0

separately but in addition to the local precept and police grant funding over £700,000 from the Ministry of Justice to commission services for victims.



² Assumes a £12 Band D increase in 2019-20 and 2% per annum thereafter

Resources



People

The Chief Constable and I recognise that our people are our organisations' greatest assets. Their knowledge, passion and attitude are the driving force which makes Durham unique and different – the Durham Difference.

This means ensuring that officers and staff are recruited, trained and developed as effectively as possible. It is also expected that officers and staff numbers will be stable over the next four years. In addition, the Constabulary will also continue to recruit Special Constables and volunteers in addition to the regular recruitment of PCSOs, Police Officers and police staff.

I am a strong advocate of diversity across County Durham and Darlington. I aim to achieve a culture that values difference, and I expect the Chief Constable to attract and retain a workforce which reflects the local community. Consultation with the public and key stakeholders will be carried out in respect of diversity where necessary.

Commissioning Services

Every year I receive over £700,000 in funding from the Ministry of Justice to commission services for victims. I also have discretion to use some of the funding which I receive from the Home Office to commission additional services.

As far as possible, I am keen to collaborate with my other partners when commissioning. This means that we have a shared understanding of the issues that we are seeking to address, and that we make the best use of the public money that is available to us.

Later this year I will publish my Commissioning Strategy, which will set out my approach to commissioning in more detail, under the three broad categories from my Plan on a Page:

- community safety and prevention
- reducing reoffending
- victims' services

Community Safety Fund

Last year, as in previous years, I put in place a

Community Safety Fund (CSF). I contributed £100,000 to the fund, and was pleased that County Durham Community Foundation (CDCF) were able to contribute a further £50,000 to operate the fund on my behalf. The CSF makes available small grants, typically between £5,000 and £10,000, to community-led projects designed to improve safety and reduce crime in local areas.

Case study: Horden Young Citizens Project

The project engages young people aged 7-13 years around the themes of social integration, community involvement and cohesion, and the environment. It provides personal development and citizenship training for young people, aiming to increase their self-confidence and to help them work towards a positive, successful future.



Commissioning Services

I have funded a number of initiatives designed to improve community cohesion and make hate crime less likely. I am funding Show Racism the Red Card to run awareness-raising sessions for children, so that they can identify racism and help to address it. I also help to fund the annual Durham Pride event.

Victims' Services

In 2016, with my Cleveland counterpart Barry Coppinger, I launched the Victim Care and Advice Service (VCAS). Delivered by Safe in Tees Valley, VCAS provides an assessment and referral service for all victims, helping to ensure that they receive the support they need from a range of providers of specialist services. During 2017/18 the Victim Care and Advice Service (VCAS) supported 1,222 victims of various crimes and offered advice to a further 549 victims of fraud. Since then I have also funded the Hate Crime Advocacy Service and Mental Health Advocacy Service, and I have also contracted with HALO for the delivery of

support for victims of honour-based violence, female genital mutilation, and forced marriage. I am also helping to fund the Just for Women Centre in Stanley, and I support the Sexual Abuse Referral Centre and rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Centre.

I am also funding the Restorative Hub, which enables victims who wish to meet their offenders to do so in a supportive environment and helps them to bring closure to the ordeal they have been through. The Hub also hosts a community mediation service which helps to resolve community disputes before they escalate to a position where an enforcement action is needed. In parallel, I am funding the Community Peer Mentor scheme, which provides support to people who have found it difficult to resolve persistent incidents of anti-social behaviour to the Police. The scheme helps individuals to address the root-causes of their experience, and has enabled many people to have significantly

improved quality of life. In 2017-18 171 people received a service from the programme, and there are currently 96 people offering the service on a voluntary basis, across County Durham and Darlington.

I have also established a budget for reducing reoffending, which will be allocated in consultation with the Reducing Reoffending Board, in line with the priorities in its plan on a page.



Looking forward

May 2018 marked the mid-point of my current term of office. I have been considering the aims and objectives which I included in my 2016 Police, Crime and Victims' Plan, and I will publish a refreshed version this year. I don't expect to make huge changes, but I will bring it up-to-date in the context of a changing environment for crime, policing and community safety.

Accountability

Alongside the refreshed Plan will be a series of mechanisms which I will use to demonstrate accountability. I want local people to be able to hold me to account, and I will update the content, and format, of the performance report which I publish every three months so that performance against my Plan is transparent and widely available.

I will use the opportunity provided by the new plan to develop some new Key Performance Questions. I will use these to ask the Constabulary, and the other partners who deliver services for all us, how

well they are meeting the outcomes I am seeking, and I will publish the answers to those questions in my performance report.

I will also be publishing a Policing Plan, setting out what I expect the Constabulary to achieve.

Engagement

I have always wanted to be visible and available to local people, so that they can come and talk to me when they need to. This will continue to be an important priority for me, and I will continue to visit local communities, summer shows and other meetings and events where I can speak to local people. And people can follow me on Facebook: [@PCC.Durham](#) and Twitter: [@Durhampcc](#).

Local Criminal Justice Partnership

Now that we have a Local Criminal Justice Plan in place, we need to deliver on the aims of the Plan. Barry Coppinger and I are co-chairs of the Local Criminal Justice Board, and we will be working with our partners to ensure that the Plan is delivered. Key

amongst deliverables are the services for victims as they work their way through the criminal justice system, and we want this journey to be as smooth and easy for them as possible. At the same time, we want to improve services, reduce reoffending, and to help to rehabilitate offenders.

Offenders

I will be working with local authorities, probation services, and prison, so that people who have offended have access to services which will help them to change their behaviour and stop offending.

Hate Crime

I will also launch a new Hate Crime Action Plan this year, working closely in partnership with partners across the public and voluntary sector. The Action Plan will set out key areas of work to improve community cohesion and to tackle the impact of hate crime.

Looking forward

Complaints

I will also put in place a new series of measures to make it easier for people with a complaint about the Police, or the Chief Constable, to know who to approach to resolve the matter.

Campaigning

And finally, I will continue to campaign for the issues I believe will make Durham and Darlington a safer place. An important element of this will be fairer funding for policing.



PCVC Ron Hogg and Chief Constable Mike Barton, at the Home Office, campaigning for fairer funding

Useful information

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Appendices

List of projects I funded from the Community Safety Fund 2017/18:

Projects	Grant awarded
700 Club	£7,500
Cornforth Partnership	£7,500
Dawdon Youth & Community Centre	£7,500
Deaf Hill Ward Regeneration Partnership	£2,500
Digital Voice for Communities	£7,500
DJ Evans Youth Club (AKA Bowburn Youth Project)	£6,449
Durham City Centre Youth Project	£7,452
Durham Community Boxing Club	£2,045
Eastlea Community Centre	£1,960
Evenwood Cricket Club	£5,500
Fencehouses Community Association	£5,000
Get Hooked on Fishing (GHoF)	£7,294
Groundwork North East & Cumbria	£7,500
Horden Youth & Community Centre	£7,380
If U Care Share	£7,492
Investing in Children	£3,000
Just for Women Centre	£7,000
MFC Foundation	£7,060
Open Gate	£6,787
PACT House Stanley	£7,500
Pelton Community Association	£7,500
Pelton Fell Community Partnership	£7,081
SHAID (Single Homeless: Action Initiative Derwentside)	£7,500
Wheatley Hill Community Association	£6,000

List of Key Decisions:

Full details of the key decisions I made during 2017/18 are available on my [website](#). Here is a summary in the table below:

Details of Decision	Date
Funding for Show Racism the Red Card to provide anti-racism education in schools	03.04.2017
Funding to Durham Community Action to help increase volunteer capability and capacity to the communities of County Durham	09.05.2017
County Durham Youth Offending Service Nurse	11.05.2017
Contribution of £81,626 to Local Safeguarding Boards	14.06.2017
Funding to HALO for a service to support victims of honour based violence, forced marriage and female genital mutilation	14.06.2017
To grant fund an advocacy service for victims of Hate Crime	30.06.2017
Additional Independent Sexual Violence Advisor support	30.04.2017
To continue to contribute towards the National Rural Crime Network (NRCN)	20.07.2017
Confirmation of the decision (June 2015) to use £7m of Durham PCC reserves to repay part of the deficit within the police staff pension fund	10.08.2017
Application of OPCVC Community Safety Fund (2017/18)	30.04.2017
Collaboration Agreement for staff to support the delivery of criminal justice system objectives in Cleveland and Durham	08.08.2017
To contribute towards the Mini Police Project facilitated by Durham Agency against Crime (DAAC)	10.08.2017
To contribute £4,425 towards practical support for victims of crime	16.08.2017
To contribute £15,000 towards the Darlington Partnership	17.08.2017
Licence to occupy Chester le Street Magistrates Court by Durham Agency Against Crime (DAAC)	21.09.2017
Agree terms for surrender of the ground lease of Trimdon Radio Mast	15.11.2017
Recommendation to the PCCs for Cleveland, Durham and Northumbria to purchase a building to act as new premises for the North East Regional Special Operations Unit (NERSOU) and the National Crime Agency, with the potential to co-locate other related officers in the future	17.11.2017
VCAS Contract Extension April 2018 – March 2020	18.11.2017
Contribution to the High Sheriff Award 2018/19	18.11.2017
Police Precept and Budget Proposal 2018/19	19.02.2018
Collaboration Agreement in relation to the Firearms Classification and Examination Laboratory (FCEL)	21.02.2018

Appendices

Engagement Map:

Throughout the past year I have attended many events across the whole county. Below are some of the key examples of the events I have attended in 2017/18:

