

HUMBERSIDE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

DATE	29 March 2023
REPORT OF	Chief Executive Officer, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)
SUBJECT	OPCC update report
STATUS	Open

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 This report provides the Police and Crime Panel with a progress update for the work of the OPCC.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members of the Police and Crime Panel note the update and take the opportunity to request further information on any areas of particular interest.

3. Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs)

- 3.1 Community Safety Partnership agreements are in place with the four Local Authorities, i.e., Hull City Council, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, North Lincolnshire Council and North East Lincolnshire Council. The agreements provide significant grant funding streams to enable the CSPs to develop and deliver their delivery plans. The aim of the CSP is to work with partner agencies to reduce crime, substance misuse and reoffending. The length of the agreements in place are for three years giving the partnerships stability and guaranteed income until March 2025. Monitoring shows that the CSPs have carried out various activities including domestic homicide reviews, recruiting White Ribbon Champions and Male Ambassadors. Work has been carried out digitally to reduce domestic abuse and drink spiking. In addition, the 'Left Behind' campaign has been launched demonstrating the causes, choices and consequences around fatalities linked to organised criminal gangs.
- 3.2 As part of the agreements the partnerships can apply to an annual projects fund to support them to tackle emerging issues and work on collaborative projects. During the financial year 2022/2023 the PCC has approved various projects to be funded. The table overleaf shows some examples: -

Lead Local Authority	Name of project	Information
North Lincolnshire Council	ANPR Camera for multi storey car park – Scunthorpe	Reduce the number of reports to the police and Council regarding anti-social behaviour. Reports of exploitation and vulnerability in the area are reduced. Residents feel safe.
North Lincolnshire Council	SOS help points	As part of the CSP North Lincs priorities for VAWG, NTE, OCG, Harm Outside the Home, Sex work, Homeless and Begging and Substance Misuse, best practice research identified a new initiative, installing SOS help buttons with direct access to the CCTV centre with live camera links.
Hull City Council	Mentors in Violence	The program is a peer-led leadership and bystander program, offering opportunities to a range of social issues within an educational setting framework with a focus on positive relationships, health, and wellbeing.
Hull City Council	Domestic abuse event	Host broad sector conference, raising awareness of domestic abuse with the aim of reducing issues before they reach crisis.
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Rural Crime	Purchase of All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) to combat rural crime. tailored marketing campaign around the Project and Crime Prevention signage to deter opportunist thieves and support the feeling of safety within the wider rural community.

4. Youth Offending Services (YOS)

- 4.1 Direct three-year funding agreements and processes are in place with the four Local Authorities. The funding is a commitment from the PCC to invest in each local authority area to divert young people from entering the criminal justice system. Monitoring of the service informs us of various activities with young people taking place such as delivering the RESPECT programme to children that have committed an offence towards emergency workers. Services work with victim of crime and they can be involved in reparation schemes.

5. Safeguarding Adult Partnerships

- 5.1 The PCC has committed to three-year funding arrangements with the four Adult Safeguarding Partnerships within Humberside. The funding ensures that there is capacity for longer term planning, improving accountability and transparency.

To try and reduce abuse and neglect the partners have committed to ensuring there are independent safeguarding chairs, independent scrutiny, and direction.

6. Safeguarding Children Partnerships

- 6.1 There are agreements in place with the four Humberside Safeguarding Children Partnerships led by each of the local authorities. The agreements are for three years and provide accountability and transparency. The length of the agreements provides the partnerships to plan longer term. The aim of the partnerships is to prevent abuse and neglect. Monitoring informs us that funding from the PCC has contributed towards independent scrutiny of the service, raising awareness of issues, and ensuring that partnerships have independent Chairs in place.

7. Not in our community (NIOC)

- 7.1 This is our early intervention education programme to support young people access information to help keep them safe from grooming and exploitation. The grant agreement is due to expire this year, there is an intention to retender the service during 2023 and align it with crime education development partnership. Interim grant agreements in place to secure delivery during the procurement cycle. This project is being funded through monies received from the Drugs Confiscation Fund meaning criminal activity is now funding education and prevention activity for young people. Meetings are planned to develop and create a service specification for the new service.

8. Crimestoppers

- 8.1 Crime stoppers Yorkshire and the Humber Regional Manager ensure continued engagement with hard-to-reach communities who cannot, or will not, talk to the police; as well as deliver successful campaigns in line with local Police and Crime Plan priorities. The PCC has approved partial funding of the Regional Manager post to March 2026.

9. Violence Prevention Partnership (VPP)

- 9.1 The Humber Violence Prevention Partnership (VPP) was launched in July 2022 to lead the local response to serious violence in the Humber area. The Humber VPP is one of 20 Violence Reduction Units across England and Wales and will benefit from a total of £3.5m of Home Office funding over the next three years to identify the causes of violent crime and lead the local response to preventing and reducing violence through targeted interventions.
- 9.2 The partnership includes the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Humberside Police, the four local Councils, the local NHS Integrated Care Board, the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities and Youth Offending Teams working closely with young people, community groups and education providers.

The partnership will commission a range of programmes in the first year including sports programmes and other positive activities to prevent young people from being drawn into crime, proactive engagement with young people to signpost them to support and positive activities and targeted campaigns to raise public awareness of issues linked to serious violence. The partnership is supported by a core team hosted by the HOPCC.

9.3 To date, the VPP has contracted 29 projects throughout the Humber area, with £724,500 invested and over 2000 young people supported.

9.4 We are coming to the end of the first financial year of the Violence Prevention Partnership and on track for spend. The Serious Violence definition has been agreed and will now go to CSP Boards for agreement – we're seeking to have a common definition across the VPP and Serious Violence Duty to support a consistent approach. First Response Strategy is being developed and will be the subject of consultation over the next few months. First Hope Hack took place in Hull more Hope Hacks planned for this year in Grimsby, Scunthorpe, and Bridlington. The 2023/24 Delivery Plan is submitted, awaiting approval by Home Office. More information on the work of the VPP can be found Home | Humber Violence Prevention Partnership (humbervpp.org)

10. Serious Violence Duty

10.1 The PCC is using his power to assist the specified authorities in distributing grants for staffing costs and commissioning interventions via the VPP. A joint readiness assessment is currently being conducted by Crest, the Home Office's appointed support provider. Anecdotally our planning appears to be well progressed compared with some areas, in large part due to having a VRU.

11. Adult Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) Mobilisation

11.1 New service commissioned, the incumbent provider have won the tender (MHL) Some slight changes to the delivery model to provide more flexibility and offers increased choice / service to the patient in a child house trauma informed model. Mobilisation period now nearly complete and ready for go live' date in April 1st A workshop is planned for end of march to consult on the child version of this service to inform future commissioning, led by NHSE, supported by OPCC.

12. Victims Hub

12.1 Consolidated review of the offer taking market and Service User feedback. Market engagement is now completed to warm up for the procurement exercise. A 1st draft service specification has been produced. We are currently scoping out options for procurement support with Blue Light Commercial due to resourcing issues within regional procurement. It is our intent to go out to market as soon as possible to procure a new service.

13. Independent Sexual Violence Adviser (ISVA) service

- 13.1 We have commenced the commissioning process for the ISVA service. This will be out to tender in year 23/24. We will be holding an event on May 19th at Melton which will be workshops for ISVA service commissioning, Operation Soteria Bluestone (national good practice operation) and exploring pillar 3 – victims and engagement/hidden victims. It is important that we connect into lived experience and work alongside peer recovery group to co-produce a service that genuinely meets user need.

14. Stalking and Harassment

- 14.1 We have just funded a Stalking Victim Care Advocate to deliver care, support and advocacy for Victims of Domestic Abuse (DA) and non DA related stalking and harassment. This will support the Police and stakeholders through the Stalking Protection Order process which is a relatively new police power able to be used to support victims. The service provides a single point of contact for victims and enables improved communication and engagement.

15. Bidding opportunities

- 15.1 BID 1: Safe Places - Addressing Substance Use Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Hull and East Riding

(TOTAL = £988,259)

Substance use is a known risk factor for intimate partner violence (IPV), yet most perpetrator interventions do not address substance use. This approach brings key stakeholders together from both the domestic violence and substance use sectors to develop an evidence-based intervention to address both substance use and IPV.

- 15.2 BID 2: Delivery of Who's in Charge CAPV North and North East Lincolnshire - Neurodiverse and Early Intervention

(TOTAL = £600,000)

An enhancement on previous children and adolescent on parent violence (CAPV) provision across North and North East Lincolnshire recognising significant gaps in provision for children, young people and families, addressing identified gaps in tackling CAPV for those termed as neurodiverse and a gap for earlier intervention with expansion of pathways to include Youth Justice and substance misuse.

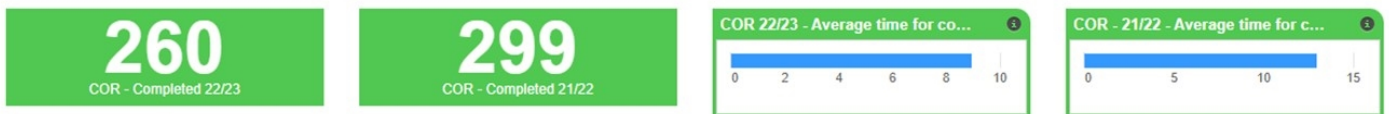
- 15.3 BID 3: STAR Funding – Automated Community Speed Watch (Total £90,000)

We sent in an expression of interest for STAR (Science, Technology, Analysis and Research) funding and have now completed an application in relation to a technological solution for the next phase of Community Speed Watch. We hope to hear whether we have been successful in early April 2023.

The goal would be to create an innovative automated Community Speed Watch (CSW) approach to take to villages and parishes where volunteer approaches are not feasible, shaping technology in a bid to help protect our local communities and encourage drivers to slow down, particularly in 20mph and 30mph zones where there are persistent problems. This would involve developing Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology combined with Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) placed in areas where local communities feel there are enduring issues. These would be a mixture of post-mounted and tripod-mounted approaches, to evaluate what works best in our various locations.

16 General Correspondence

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2022/23 has seen a modest reduction in overall correspondence, with improvements to our triage and case management resulting in what we feel is a more accurate picture of demand. From December 2022 to date, we have also signposted 135 cases to the appropriate agencies - we don't count this within our demand totals. These cases do not cover FOI, SAR, reviews, or complaints - these are measured separately below.

17 Complaint Reviews

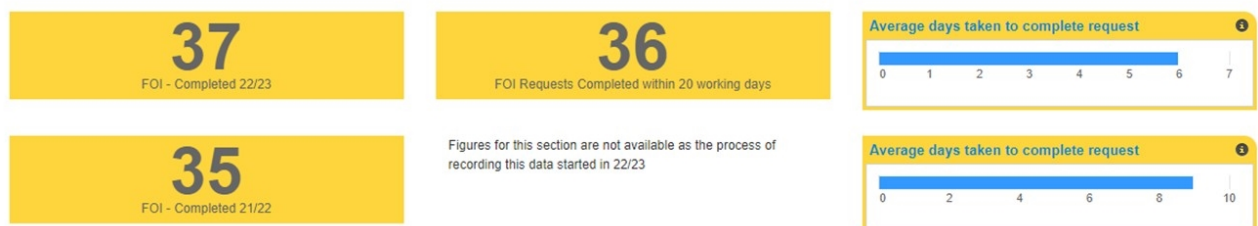
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Reforms to police complaints legislation in 2020 sought to introduce a more customer focused system that aims to resolve issues and provide learning rather than looking for an officer to blame, with more transparency and independent local oversight. Accordingly, the PCC is now the Review Body for the majority (98%) of complaints about the Force in addition to holding the role of mutual oversight body, which is shared with the IOPC. National statistics published by the IOPC show that Humberside holds a favourable position in terms of demand levels, outcomes, and timeliness.

18 Freedom of Information Requests

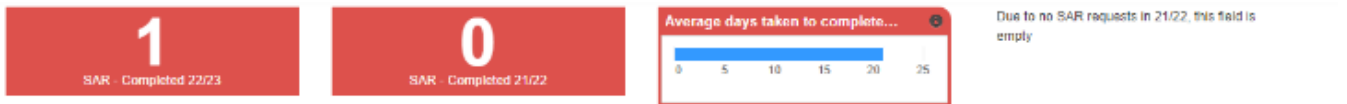
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36 out of 37 requests show completed within 20 working days - it should be noted that the 1 exception showing as an outlier was due to a process issue. This identified an improved way of recording and the case itself was processed within the permitted statutory time-period.

19 Subject Access Requests

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20. Complaints against the Chief Constable

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Complaints are recorded internally based upon the perception of the complainant and the wording of their allegation - which is why our KPIs show these cases. In fact, on assessment it should be noted that these cases did not meet the criteria for recording under Schedule 3 of the Police Reform Act 2002 - they did not relate to the Chief Constable's own personal actions or conduct, and the Local Policing Body was not the appropriate authority. After careful consideration, appropriate explanations were provided along with helpful FAQs to further inform individuals of our remit in the police complaints process.

21. Appointment of Independent Panel Members and Legally Qualified chairs to misconduct hearings

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We have a statutory obligation to appoint a Legally Qualified Chair and Independent Panel Member for every misconduct hearing brought by the Force - that is for misconduct investigations which meet a threshold of Gross Misconduct. Both nationally and locally we have seen a considerable rise of cases.

22. Decision Records

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The process on how Decision Records are managed is currently under review to ensure better efficiency and transparency. All decisions authorised by the PCC are published on our website.

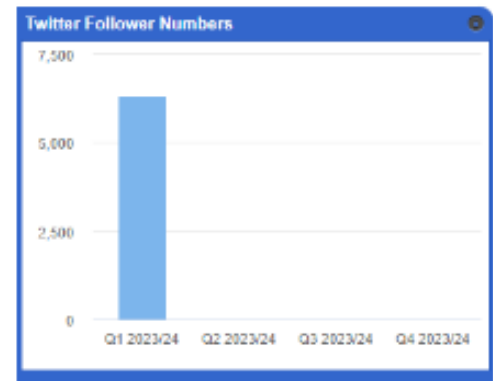
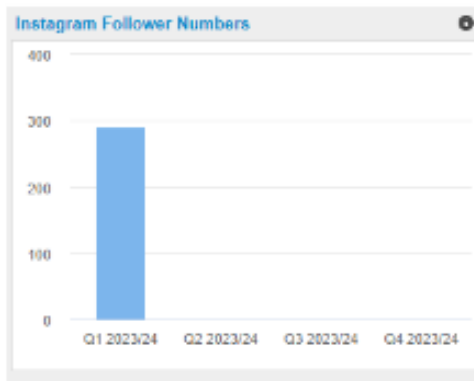
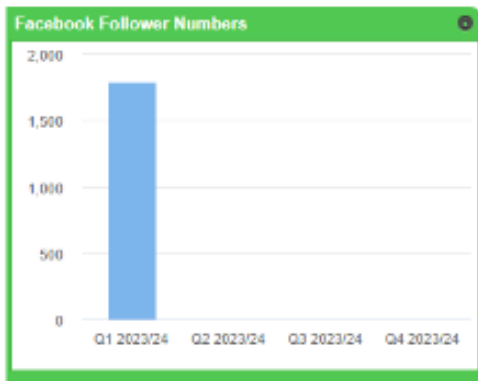
23. Communications

The OPCC Communications Team works to raise public awareness of the PCC and OPCC. Our main objectives are to inform the public on our roles and responsibilities, promote campaigns to further the aims of the Police and Crime Plan and inform and report on community initiatives such as the PCC's Crime Reduction Fund.

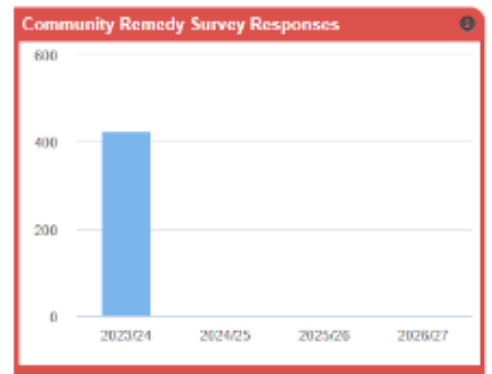
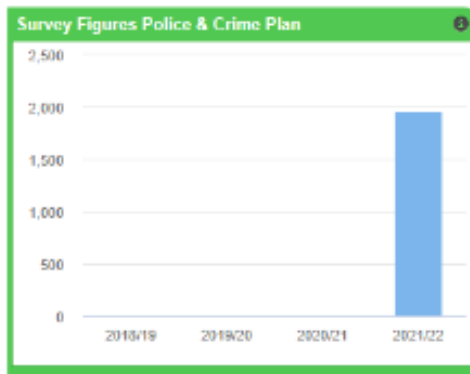
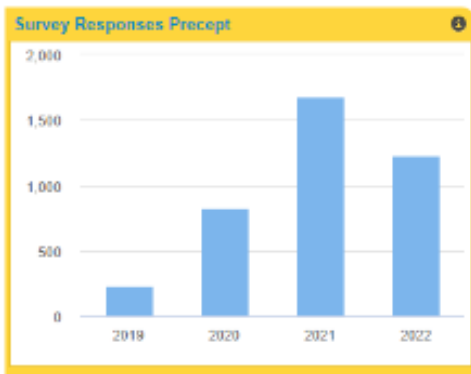
We manage all media enquiries with TV, Radio, printed and online media, publish press releases and other public communications such as magazine articles and leaflets. There are several communication strands we manage: OPCC Website, Social Media Channels, Community Alerts, and reports such as the Police and Crime Plan, OPCC Annual Report and Delivery Plan.

Our statutory responsibility to consult with the public includes the annual Policing Precept survey, Police and Crime Plan progress and other ad-hoc consultations such as Community Remedy.

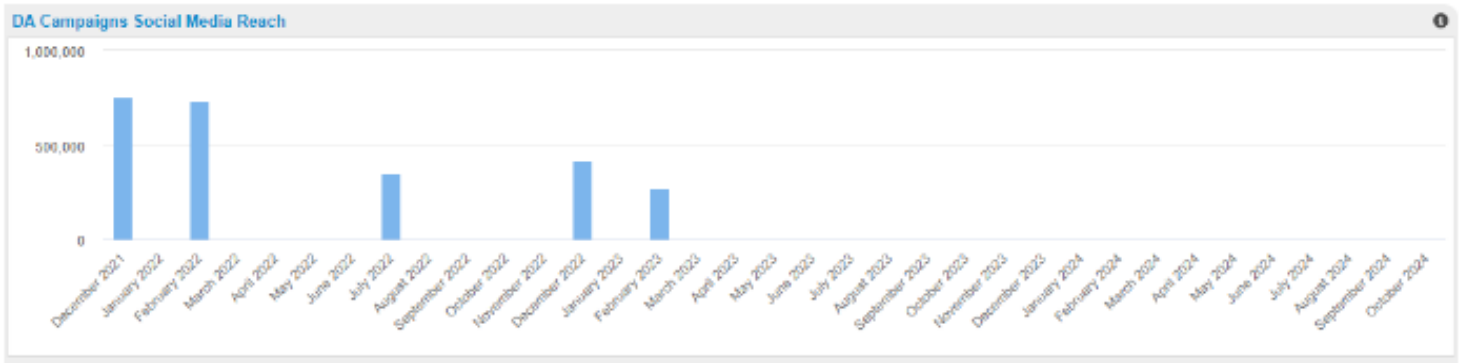
23.1 Social Media Followers



23.2 Survey Results



23.3 Campaigns



The OPCC run several campaigns throughout the year with a focus on tackling Domestic Abuse. These have been successful in focussing much closer on the actions of perpetrators and bystanders tackling the issue rather than an emphasis on victims to take action.

24. Public Health Approach to Domestic Abuse (PHADA)

24.1 This partnership now operates within the Violence Reduction Unit framework and engages with multi-agency partners at a strategic and operational level, further background information can be found here: [Public Health Approach \(humberside-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://publichealth.humberside-pcc.gov.uk)

A selection of current interventions include:

- HU9 Trauma-Informed Education pilot – working with two schools and two children’s centres and a therapeutic provider in the HU9 Marfleet ward of Hull, evaluation is underway and a report due August 2023.
- Therapeutic support – match funding for child psychotherapy provision for families affected by DA in the East Riding, due to commence April 2023.
- Public Awareness Campaigns – targeted campaign materials predominantly aimed at perpetrators and bystanders, with support for victim-survivors. Campaigns delivered at Valentines, School summer holiday period and Christmas – focussed on DA hotspot locations and supported by CSPs to reach high footfall locations. Due to be double branded as OPCC and VPP for wider partnership use with an increased focus on teenage relationships for the School Summer holiday period 2023.
- DA prevalence profile is produced annually – next iteration is due May 2023 and will be followed by an analysis of serial offending and consideration of DA related suicide.

25. Ending Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG) Partnership

25.1 The joint-led partnership between OPCC and Humberside Police now operates at a strategic and operational level. Initial priorities for the working group to cover Q1 of 2023 include:

Education and Awareness Raising – women’s safety

- Collate and promote local good practice in tackling violence against women and girls including a section for women to report safety issues: <https://www.humberside-pcc.gov.uk/Our-Work/Ending-Violence-Against-Women-and-Girls.aspx>

Ensure that as a partnership we strive to be trauma-informed in our collective and individual approaches

- Create a shared definition of what we mean to be ‘trauma-informed’ in working with women and girls and VAWG, across a range of settings.

Encourage violence prevention measures across a range of key external providers

including the night-time economy, business sector, education providers and others

- Engage across the sector with ‘Mentors in Violence Prevention’ model

In addition, the partnership continues to promote the White Ribbon campaign and encourages organisational commitment: [White Ribbon Organisations — White Ribbon UK](#)

26. Trauma-Informed Training

- 26.1 An ambition of the Violence Prevention Partnership (VPP) and wider partners, is to better understand how we identify and work with those who have experienced trauma, particularly in childhood. With support from Integrated Care Board health partners we intend to roll-out bespoke training and awareness sessions within the VPP, OPCC, service providers and via our governance arrangements – more background information is in the attached toolkit (Appendix 1) and planned sessions shall shortly be made available.

27. Education Partnership

- 27.1 The Police and Crime Plan Roadmap for 2021/22 included the introduction of a new partnership to improve crime education for young people.

Meetings are now held on a regular basis and bring together partners from the OPCC, Humberside Police, Humberside Fire and Rescue, Safeguarding and Children’s Services leads from the 4 local authorities, Safer Roads Humber and wider partners involved in safeguarding, education and early intervention.

A website is in development through the Partnership that will bring together all offers of crime education for schools and youth engagement providers across the Humber area.

28. Community Response Fund

- 28.1 The PCC’s Community Response Fund (CRF) is a pilot project which responds directly to the issues that the public have identified via Humber Talking. The CRF Pilot will focus on two specific areas within the Humber, providing funding for projects that seek to address a key issue identified by residents that is impacting on their local area.

- 28.2 This pilot round will provide up to £10,000 to fund a project to address issues identified in both Winterton and Bridlington South. Our focus in Winterton will be on anti-social behaviour, particularly in the park areas within the town where young people gather. We recognise there is the opportunity to provide positive outreach and diversionary activities to engage young people in order to reduce antisocial behaviour and increase feelings of safety within the community. Our focus in Bridlington South is reducing instances of anti-social behaviour which are primarily linked to the impact of drug taking.
- 28.3 The following organisations are eligible to apply for funding from the Community Response Fund:
- Non-profit organisations e.g. charities, social enterprises, community groups
Town and parish councils
- 28.4 The PCC's Office will undertake an initial appraisal on applications received to ensure that they meet the eligibility criteria of the programme. A shortlist of up to three projects per area will then be subject to a public vote with the project receiving the highest number of votes in each location being awarded the funding (i.e. one project will be selected per area). The CRF pilot went live on 09 March with a closing date for applications of 24 April. The public vote will follow in May. Further information can be found at <https://www.humberside-pcc.gov.uk/Community/Community-Response-Fund.aspx>

29. Criminal Justice System

- 29.1 Local performance has improved significantly over recent months, as we have focused on improving the speed of justice. Efforts have been made to keep the number of cases per hearing down by ensuring that all agencies are properly prepared for trials, and also on the number of guilty pleas at first hearing. The police have worked hard to improve the quality of their case files to support these improvements.
- 29.2 The CJB is currently investigating two areas: Antisocial Behaviour and Rural Crime. For ASB, we are looking to improve the effectiveness of the Community Trigger process. For Rural Crime we will look at rural communities' access the criminal justice system – e.g. the distances they need to travel to courts; the availability of unpaid work opportunities in rural locations; and their confidence in the criminal justice system.

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