

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

DATE	19 September 2023
REPORT OF	Chief Executive Officer, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)
SUBJECT	OPCC Update
STATUS	Open

1. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provides the Police and Crime Panel with a general progress report for the OPCC across all areas of work.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

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

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) has provided general updates to the Police and Crime Panel in the past that have been regarded as useful for keeping panel members up to date with developments of the office. The CEO has made the offer to provide the panel with any update as requested.

4. **FORCE CHANGES**

- 4.1 The Panel confirmed DCC Paul Anderson as the new Chief Constable for Humberside Police. The Force has worked at pace to then seek a new Deputy. There were two candidates for the post and Humberside ACC, David Marshall was selected as the DCC. Due to the successful progression of ACC Marshall the Force had a further vacancy to fill. The Assistant Chief Constable vacancy attracted much interest and there were five candidates shortlisted for interview, four that progressed to full interview and the successful candidate was Lisa Hogan who will be joining Humberside in October from Cumbria Police.

5. **PCC UPDATE**

- 5.1 The PCC recently joined the Chief Constable to attend Downing Street for a celebratory event for the successful achievement of the officer uplift with the Home Secretary and Policing Minister. Humberside Police now have 2252 officers. The Chief and PCC were thanked for overachieving in Humberside the officer uplift targets.

- 5.2 The PCC had the opportunity to meet with the Home Secretary to discuss key concerns for Humberside. The Home Secretary thanked the PCC and wider team for the excellent performance of Humberside Police and for sharing some examples of the good practice we have here.
- 5.3 The PCC attended the Excellence in Blue Light conference and presented on the Right Care Person model which has been pioneered in Humberside, commended in the HMICFRS PEEL inspection report and since has become national practice. The model which ensures the right agency is deployed to assist people has led to more people getting the right care earlier and has demand reduction potential for the Forces that adopt the practice. The model is being considered internationally now within policing with interest from as far as New Zealand.

6. CORRESPONDANCE



- 6.1 So far in 2023-24, we have seen a continued reduction in overall correspondence, indicating the improvements to our triage approach and case management, which is impacting on our demand. This is also reflected in our average time for completing correspondence, halving from a 10-day to 5-day average. We are now seeing a more accurate picture of demand, with improvements in recording on our internal systems. From January-August 2023, we also signposted 321 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.

7. COMPLAINT REVIEWS



- 7.1 Reforms to police complaints legislation in 2020 sought to introduce a more customer focused system that aims to resolve issues and provide learning, with greater 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 Independent Office for Police Complaints (IOPC). National statistics published by the IOPC show that Humberside Police holds a favourable position in terms of demand levels, outcomes and timeliness.

8. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS



8.1 So far in 2023-24, we have met all timing guidelines for responses to FOI requests. We have also seen a reduction in time taken to complete such requests.

9. **COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE CHIEF CONSTABLE**



9.1 Complaints are recorded internally based upon the perception of the complainant and the wording of their allegation - which is why our measures show these cases. However, 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 (which is the PCC) 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.

10. **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PANEL MEMBERS AND LEGALLY QUALIFIED CHAIRS TO MISCONDUCT HEARINGS**



10.1 We have a statutory obligation to appoint a Legally Qualified Chair (LQC) and Independent Panel Member (IPM) 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. The government recently announced changes to the current approach and we will be working through the implications along with the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC) in the coming months.

11. **DECISION RECORDS**



11.1 The process on how Decision Records are managed was recently reviewed to ensure even greater efficiency and transparency. The new process is working well and enabling better transparency for the public. All decisions authorised by the PCC are published on our website.

12. **FORCE ASSURANCE**

12.1 Our office is committed to ensuring that local people receive an efficient and effective police service. We have a routine process of assurance which all links into the formal accountability board which is held every approx. 6 weeks. Each Accountability Board action schedule is published on our website so that the public can see what areas of work the PCC is covering with the Force. A copy of our latest action schedule is available as Appendix 1 to this paper.

- 12.2 We rely heavily on volunteers to help the PCC hold the police to account and ensure they are using their powers appropriately. Our Police Powers Scrutiny Panel scrutinises, recognises, and promotes good practice, and robustly challenges how the Force use of some of their legal powers. Members also attended Humberside Police training of officers in areas such as stop and search, use of force, and use of Taser. Our Hate Crime Panel also scrutinises, recognises and promote good practice, and robustly challenges how Humberside Police deal with and raise awareness of hate crime. These scrutiny panels and our Independent Custody Visiting scheme (ICV scheme) have undergone positive changes in recent months, with a newly elected chairperson for the Hate Crime Scrutiny Panel, as well as for the Ethics and Scrutiny Board. Our current volunteer numbers have never been higher, with over 50 active volunteers and a waiting list of people eager to join.
- 12.3 Our ICV scheme completed 107 visits over the last 12 months, and our scrutiny panels scrutinised hundreds of police reports and viewed many hours of body worn video to assist in ensuring public confidence.
- 12.4 The Independent Custody Scrutiny Panel (ICSP) will commence for a first meeting in October 2023 run alongside our custody visiting scheme, addressing wider custody-related issues such as strip searches and uses of force, providing further in depth scrutiny in this important area of work.

13. CAMPAIGNS

- 13.1 Each year we run a series of targeted campaigns to raise awareness of services which support people affected by domestic abuse and fraud. During this financial year we have run a Domestic Abuse Campaign covering Valentine's Day, reaching almost 275,000 people. We are currently running both DA and Fraud Summer Campaigns, which we will report back on in future to Panel Members.

14. VIOLENCE PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP

- 14.1 The Humber Violence Prevention Partnership (VPP) is a multi-agency partnership created in 2022 and funded by the Home Office to prevent serious violence. The OPCC hosts the VPP's core team on behalf of partners and the PCC chairs the VPP Board.
- 14.2 A governance review was completed by the VPP Board in July. The Board now includes representation from Humberside Fire and Rescue Service and Prisons. A Response Strategy is being developed in collaboration with partners. The Humberside area remains on track to comply with all requirements of the new Serious Violence Duty by 31 January and the PCC is continuing to assist with and monitor progress through the VPP.
- 14.3 The VPP continues to fund several sports-based projects for young people, as well as Social Skills Training from Barnardo's, one-to-one therapy services from HEY Mind and trauma-informed training in partnership with the Integrated Care Board.
- 14.4 The VPP now has an Information Sharing Agreement with Humberside Police and is receiving crime data to support its work. A Data Sharing Conference on 7th September brought together Information Governance Professionals from key partners and we are now looking at a technical solution with Humberside Police and setting up a Data Ethics Group to give senior leaders the confidence to share data to support the work of the VPP and the Serious Violence Duty.

14.5 The VPP's first annual report has been published and shows that in the first year, 16,000 young people were engaged in interventions it commissioned. The report can be viewed at <https://humbervpp.org/our-work/annual-reports>

15. CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PARTNERSHIPS

15.1 The procurement of the Victims' Hub is progressing well, and we aim to go to tender within the next few weeks. We are also almost ready to launch our "Affected by Crime" website which helps to demystify the criminal justice system and will be used by the Hub, partners and victims of crime to find out what to expect from the criminal justice system.

15.2 The Education Partnership website has been launched and we are now beginning to add information to it. The PCC met with the four local Youth Justice Teams to ensure they receive the support they need from the OPCC. We are now commencing the procurement process for the next phase of our Not In Our Community initiative which will develop new tools for schools and parents on emerging crime types affecting our young people.

15.3 Business Crime forums have been held on the North and South Bank and we are working with local business representatives to help the PCC better understand their needs.

15.4 The PCC has funded two reducing reoffending initiatives: the Gyroscope Project in Hull which employs and provides accommodation for prison leavers; and the Lincolnshire Action Trust who are delivering a navigator programme for females in custody on the South Bank. We are now working with colleagues in Probation and the wider Criminal Justice Board to find a sustainable funding route for these initiatives should they prove successful.

16. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIPS

16.1 Funding for Community Safety Partnership continues to be in place (committed until 31 March 25) with the four CSPs who are meeting their objectives. Outcomes completed to date include: -

- Hull – Events across the city to tackle issues of crime and disorder and to instil confidence to report incidents related to community safety. In relation to antisocial behaviour victim support, funding has ensured that 78% of cases referred have gone on to accept and receive support.
- East Riding of Yorkshire – Launch of rural crime project at Driffield show. A Positive Lifestyles Programme has provided diversionary activities in areas of high deprivation across the East Riding of Yorkshire with 3783 young people attending twilight sessions
- North Lincolnshire - An intensive engagement programme has been commissioned to identify address key issues within the Crosby, Park and Town Wards.
- North East Lincolnshire – Work with the CSP area has shown a 41% reduction in domestic abuse incidents and a 23% reduction in domestic abuse related crimes.

16.2 CSPs have continued to access project pot funding that is available to them to tackle emerging issues and work on collaborative projects. The table below shows some examples of funding recently provided: -

Lead CSP	Name of project	Information
North Lincolnshire	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	Bleed Kits	Night time economy to be supported by providing bleed kits to venues across the Humberside area.
North East Lincolnshire	Domestic homicide timeline training	Access for professionals to Dr Monckton Smith online training to be provided to professionals involved in domestic abuse services and homicide, including timeline for deaths by suicide.
Hull	Student safety project and night time economy pub watch project	Reduce violence against women and girls and serious violence through targeted pieces of work. Develop and implement long term prevention programmes to educate against and deter violence.
Hull	Modern Slavery	To make the Humberside area a hostile environment for Perpetrators of Modern Slavery. Ensure that there is a victim focused approach that sees improved identification and support for victims of modern-day slavery.
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Graffiti Hotspot Project	Work with children and young people to design murals that will be painted at areas of high graffiti at Melton, Humber Bridge Country Park, and Beverley Beck.

17. INDEPENDENT SEXUAL VIOLENCE ADVISOR (ISVA) SERVICE

17.1 We ran a stakeholder and Market engagement event on May 19th at Melton 2. Over 60 delegates attended from across Public Sector, VCSE and lived experience. Workshops were for the purpose of our ISVA service commissioning, Operation Soteria Bluestone (national good practice operation). The event has provided a visual specification for the new service. The specification is now complete and we will be publishing the invitation to tender for new future service before the end of the calendar year.

Vision created:



18. COMBATTING DRUGS PARTNERSHIP

18.1 We continue to provide investment and strategic support within all 4 local authority areas Combating Drugs Partnerships (CDP's), assisting in the delivery of the 10-year drugs strategy. The OPCC are currently working with Criminal Justice and health partners on continuity of care from prison into community, this includes an audit and service development, implementing diversion from custody projects and specific services for women.

19. COMMUNITY SAFETY FUND

19.1 Round 3 of the Community Safety Fund has now closed, and Grant Agreements are being put in place for successful projects. This round saw 74 applications to a total value of £1.48m submitted, with 33 successful projects selected to a value of circa £505k. A further round of the CSF is planned to launch in September for capital projects that can complete by the end of March 2024.

20. COMMUNITY RESPONSE FUND

20.1 Following a public vote, Round 2 of the Community Response Fund has selected four projects to tackle antisocial behaviour and benefit from £10k of funding from the OPCC, as follows:

- Immingham – GT4@Grimsby – Grimsby Town Football Club and Outreach Pilot - One Voice (two projects selected due to close vote and difference in proposed delivery)
- Longhill and Bilton Grange – Creative Workshops – Friends of Alderman Kneeshaw Park
- Withernsea – It's your game – Hull FC Foundation

Round 3 of the Community Response Fund is planned for launch in Autumn 2023.

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