

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

DATE	07 February 2024
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. **PCC UPDATE**

- 4.1 The PCC has been engaged with the Department for Transport to negotiate a grant of £65,000 to assist in the roll out of Operation Journey, an initiative to provide members of the public with dash cams and encourage the use of reporting dangerous driving behaviour to the police to take action. Applications are now live via My Community Alert for applications and approximately 350 road users will be selected to receive a dash cam. Reports of poor driver behaviours can be made to, <https://opsnaphumberside.egressforms.com/>
- 4.2 The PCC has engaged with the North East Business Resilience Centre (NEBRC) to work with them to provide small grants to assist with enhancing the cyber security of the areas schools. Research from NEBRC showed weaknesses across this sector in particular and the grants will cover up to 50% of costs to improve their security.

- 4.3 The PCC has been visiting many of the projects that have been in receipt of Community Safety funds across the region. The range of projects has been vast with some no concluding. Impact of the grants has been evident in new security measures, youth provision and wider community safety initiatives.
- 4.4 Following work via the Criminal Justice Board the PCC opened a Humber wide Whole System Approach to tackle Women in the Criminal Justice System round table event in January 2024. The event brought together various stakeholders from across the system to look at how we could better collaborate to support women avoid becoming more vulnerable and avoid custody through enhanced partnership working and wrap around care. An action plan will now be developed identifying routes forward as a partnership.
- 4.5 Drawing on workstreams being developed by the Criminal Justice Board, on March 5th 2024 at Melton 2 the PCC will host the regions first ASB Summit bringing together stakeholders from across a variety of organisations to debate the future of ASB for Humberside. Save the dates have been sent to key partners before fully promoting the free places available. Please feel free to share the information about the event with anyone interested.

5. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIPS (CSPs)

- 5.1 CSPs are currently into their second year of three-year funding agreements to meet objectives as set out in their original submitted business cases. Planning will take place during 2024 to set out the financial arrangements for 2025.
- 5.2 Hull – Community in Motion training sessions are now complete. 33 partners became trainers and can deliver sessions in within their own organisation and to external partners. As part of crime prevention, 1344 students at Hull University engaged with partners as part of the welcome week, which an increase on last year. 1004 students received crime prevention and personal safety packs. Feedback shows that there is a need for an annual campaign rather than just welcome week.
- 5.3 East Riding of Yorkshire – Plans to expand the positive lifestyles offer including the expansion of ‘Girl I want to be’ programme in Bridlington. Positive lifestyle programme continues to be delivered in core areas such as Beverley, Goole and Haltemprice. A survey with young people suggested that 92% said their fitness had improved whilst attending a positive lifestyles programme whilst 49% highlighted they have increased confidence.
- 5.4 North Lincolnshire – Crosby Partnership has been launched with 6 weekly meetings set up with relevant partners. An escalation process has been set up including partnership working, and a reduction in fly tipping, deliberate fires as well as target hardening.

- 5.5 North East Lincolnshire – The CSP has been chosen by the Domestic Abuse Commissioner to be part of a pilot into Domestic Homicide Review (DHRs). To better understand what is needed in practice as well as future oversight models. Work with the CSP area has shown a reduction in ASB incidents recorded against all age groups. The CSP also records a reduction in domestic abuse crimes and incidents.
- 5.6 CSPs have continued to access project pot funding that is available to them to tackle emerging issues and work on collaborative projects. The second round closed on the 13 October 2023 with several applications. After funding was committed there remains £70,000 for CSPs to bid into as part of a final round of funding this financial year. The table below shows some examples of funding recently provided from the second round:

Lead CSP	Name of project	Information
North Lincolnshire	Bleed kits	A Humber wide initiative to support the night time economy by providing bleed kits to venue's to be able to use them while waiting for help from Emergency Services. The kits will stop injuries from being life threatening and reduce risk of homicides. Support the serious violence duty to reduce non-domestic homicides.
North Lincolnshire	ANPR spike cameras	Purchase of 4 cameras that can be moved around the area into crime hot spot locations to identify crime types and emerging issues.
North East Lincolnshire	Country Watch	Create a country watch tactical operational group which will ultimately cover all rural areas across Northern Lincolnshire.
North East Lincolnshire	Communication and engagement event	The event will highlight smarter ways for residents to engage so that they feel informed and empowered to take ownership for problem solving within their own neighbourhoods.
Hull	Welfare and Vulnerability Engagement (WAVE)	Humber wide training package that incorporates the Ask for Angela scheme, supports evening and night time economy. The package aims to increase the skills knowledge and confidence of those working in the public sector.
Hull	Cycle theft security	Hold citywide free cycle marking and education events to build upon the events that we have already held to increase the number of cycles that are marked and registered on the national bike register.

6. **NOT IN OUR COMMUNITY (NIOC)**

- 6.1 The service contract ended January 2024 and work is in place to consider future proposition moving away from a grant-based relationship to a commissioned service. It is likely the work will not be retendered like for like with the education partnership taking on the management of NIOC resources. However, there will be a tender developed for a provider to deliver drama type resources, focusing on crime along with lesson plans, into schools.

7. **HUMBER VIOLENCE PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP**

- 7.1 The Humber Response Strategy for preventing serious violence was launched on 16 November, following a period of consultation and engagement. The strategy is comprised of five pillars:
- 7.1.1 Earlier prevention and intervention - To improve awareness and understanding of serious violence and how it can be prevented. To intervene at the earliest opportunity to address the risk of future violence.
 - 7.1.2 Diversion and support - To divert and support people away from serious violence and to prevent it reoccurring.
 - 7.1.3 Community capacity and leadership - To encourage meaningful co-production and strengthen community capacity to respond to serious violence.
 - 7.1.4 System leadership - For organisations to collaborate effectively to prevent serious violence.
 - 7.1.5 Improved use of data and evidence - To improve the use of data and evidence to inform the response to serious violence across the system.
- 7.2 The strategy is accompanied by an annual delivery plan for the Humber VPP, covering Humber-wide actions, and local delivery plans led by the four Community Safety Partnerships (CSP), which have been agreed by each CSP Board.
- 7.3 The strategy, delivery plans and Strategic Needs Assessment will be submitted to the Home Office by the OPCC by 31 January in accordance with the Serious Violence Duty.
- 7.4 The PCC opened “Hope Hack” events in Bridlington and Grimsby in November, which engaged around 170 young people in discussions about issues affecting their lives and communities. The next event will be held in Scunthorpe on 21 February. Any members wishing to attend and observe should inform the secretariat.
- 7.5 Following recent commissioning, development of a relationship violence prevention lesson toolkit is currently under way in collaboration with four local schools. Once complete, this will be rolled out widely through the Education Partnership.
- 7.6 The pilot phase of the A&E Navigator service is also now in place in the three A&E departments in Humberside, aiming to intercept young people and adults affected by violence and direct them to support. The full service will be launched later this year.
- 7.7 A range of other interventions continue to be delivered across the area. Details can be found on the Humber VPP website at <https://humbervpp.org/current-projects>.

8. HOTSPOT FUNDING

- 8.1 The Home Office has confirmed that the PCC will receive approximately £1.3m hotspot funding for 2024/25. New hotspot funding for ASB has been merged with the existing hotspot funding Humberside is allocated for serious violence. The funding will support additional visible uniformed patrols (whether by police officers or partner agency staff) in hotspot areas, to deter ASB and violence. Guidance on how the funding can be used is expected later this month.

9. CONTRACTS AND COMMISSIONED SERVICES

- 9.1 We ran an open tender throughout December 2023 and have a preferred bidder for our new Victims Hub which will be a refreshed approach to how we offer victim services. We are currently at clarification stage and about to enter standstill period. Should award be approved then mobilisation will commence in mid-February 2024. We will also see the launch of a new website to support victims through their journey with links to support available which will be launched soon.
- 9.2 We ran an open tender throughout December 2023 and January 2024 for the new Independent Sexual Violence Advisor contract. We have a preferred bidder. We are currently at clarification stage and about to enter standstill period. Should award be approved then mobilisation will commence in March 2024.
- 9.3 Safer Streets 5- Addressing Neighbourhood crime, Serious Acquisitive Crime (SAC), Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG). Projects have commenced and steering groups / governance in place.
- 9.3.1 North East Lincolnshire Youth Haven has made significant early progress, is officially open and interventions to address ASB in progress. VAWG ambassadors recruited and were out in the town over Christmas, supporting women's safety out in the NTE.
- 9.3.2 North Lincolnshire (Crosby Park and Town): The Memorial Gardens have an additional 3 X CCTV purchased and dates have been agreed for installation. This will act as a deterrent for the high rates of fly-tipping, arson and graffiti as well as safeguarding known sex workers who use this area. Costs include 4G wifi and installation.
- 9.3.3 Also in North Lincolnshire, Henderson Avenue circle barrier fencing has been purchased and agreed dates for installation. This will help reduce incidents linked to vehicle nuisance and drug dealing and increase public safety. Home Zone Areas have seen removal of brick pillars and installation of 20 x planters. The idea is to make the environment in this area of Scunthorpe a safer place for residents and the community at large by making areas more welcoming and cleaner. Work has commenced purchasing Home Security Packs with the purchase of door and window alarms which form part of the gold, silver and bronze packs.

- 9.4 Perpetrator Projects which target men acting violently towards their partner or family has commenced on the north bank following a successful £1m bid to the Home Office.
- 9.4.1 The funding was available for programmes providing an enhanced perpetrator programme, for the north bank this therefore supports men perpetrating domestic abuse where drugs or alcohol is also a factor. Both projects for Hull and East Riding are now fully recruited and are delivering interventions (8 direct interventions in place in Hull). Identification for 'pod' roll out is underway in the East Riding, with so far 12 potential men identified.
- 9.4.2 The focus is now focussed on supporting smooth delivery of services into 24/25 and includes an increase in bespoke training, plans for a conference/event to raise the projects profile and a locally focused, academic, independent evaluation (including RESPECT accreditation) spanning both projects to develop our understanding of the interventions and support further improvements to be made. Work continues to influence key partners on the south bank to mobilise perpetrator services.
- 9.5 The OPCC continues 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 CJ and health partners on Whole System Approach for women offender pathways and Out of Court Disposals.
- 9.6 To embed Operation Soteria (national working model for handling of rape and serious sexual offences) within Humberside Police, the OPCC have been working closely with the force to improve victim engagement and overall response to victims (In line with the HMIC requirements). To this end several workshops have been delivered and as part of this Humberside's Rape Scrutiny Panel has now commenced and lessons learned disseminated.
- 9.7 In regard to our Duty to Collaborate for the Victim and Prisoner Bill, work has commenced to interpret the national policy framework and apply to local infrastructure, connecting domestic abuse and sexual violence commissioning across ICB, OPCC and Local Authorities. In line with this policy the OPCC will be undertaking consultation with service users in terms of their experience and a with this a workforce engagement within domestic abuse and sexual violence services.
- 9.8 The OPCC through our victims grant has invested in Hollie Guard Extra and continues to roll out its use. Continued promotion and roll out of the app to various partners extended to include A and E settings, youth justice, safeguarding and education partners. Over 500 codes have now been issued. We are still aiming to reach 1000 by April. We continue to promote and connect.

10. PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH TO DOMESTIC ABUSE (PHADA)

- 10.1 The Board met in January to consider a range of planned interventions for the forthcoming financial year, these have been presented to partners using a public health approach with the aim of mapping existing provision alongside planning and scoping what works in preventing domestic abuse.
- 10.2 The DA Perpetrator signposting pilot is currently live in Hull, with evaluation on effectiveness due in March 2024. This has included providing materials into the police custody suite to signpost potential perpetrators to local opt in provision.
- 10.3 Publishing of the Trauma-Informed education pilot report has been unavoidably delayed due to logistical issues with the schools involved, however a report is due imminently and shall be shared with partners and public (including the Police and Crime Panel). An additional element of the pilot involving Family Hubs and trauma-informed approaches is currently ongoing, led by Time to Listen with a case model due in April. Other work on trauma-informed practice is due to commence shortly, funded through the VPP, to create a shared understanding of terminology and sector specific trauma-based approaches, this work is being led by Dr Craig Barlow at the University of Hull.

11. COMMUNITY SAFETY FUND & COMMUNITY RESPONSE FUND

- 11.1 Round 4 of the Community Safety Fund has now closed and Grant Agreements are being put in place for successful projects. This round saw 46 applications to a total value of £587k submitted, with 32 successful projects selected to a value of circa £284k. Round 4 has focused on projects that will be complete by the end of March 2024 which involve the purchase of and / or installation of equipment and /or assets which will support the reduction in crime and improvement in community safety.
- 11.2 Round 3 of the Community Response Fund was launched in November 2023 and closed for applications on 22 January 2024. Round 3 of the fund has focused on eight specific local areas, providing funding for projects that seek to address a key issue identified by residents that is impacting on their neighbourhoods. For Bridlington South, this investment is also linked to the Clear, Hold, Build initiative. The Fund is making up to £10,000 of funding available in each area to fund a project to address Antisocial Behaviour in the following locations:

Barton Upon Humber	North Lincolnshire
Crowle	North Lincolnshire
Kirton in Lindsey	North Lincolnshire
Beverley	East Riding of Yorkshire
Goole	East Riding of Yorkshire
Hornsea	East Riding of Yorkshire
Pocklington	East Riding of Yorkshire

- 11.2.1 The PCC, HEY Smile Foundation, East Riding Community Safety Partnership and East Riding of Yorkshire Council have made additional funding available to enable additional, higher value projects that support the delivery of the Clear, Hold, Build Initiative in Bridlington South. This supplementary investment means that the CRF will also aid the reduction in Antisocial Behaviour through two projects with an investment of up to £17,500 each.
- 11.2.2 A total of eighteen applications have been received across the eight areas. These are currently being appraised and those that are shortlisted will be subject to a public vote, in areas where there are multiple applications.
- 11.3 Two celebration events are planned for February to celebrate the success of projects that have benefitted from investment from the Community Safety Fund and Community Response Fund. The events will take place in Hull and Grimsby and will give people the opportunity to hear from Jonathan Evison, Police & Crime Commissioner, and project partners about the impact of the funding. Any panel members wanting to attend should get in touch with the secretariat who will ensure your details are passed to the OPCC.

12. ASSURANCE AND STATUTORY DUTIES

- 12.1 The Assurance and Statutory Duties team supports the PCC to carry out his responsibilities of holding the Chief Constable to account. Business as Usual for this team also includes a broad portfolio of activity, including public correspondence, police complaint reviews, Freedom of Information requests, Subject Access Requests, complaints about the Chief Constable, appointments to misconduct hearing panels, Decision Record management, transparency, and communications with the public. Full breakdown of performance will be available at the next meeting.

13. COMMUNICATIONS

- 13.1 Each year we run a series of targeted campaigns to raise awareness of services supporting people affected by domestic abuse and fraud.
- 13.2 Our most recent fraud campaign ran from November until January, "Say No To Fraud". The impact on a victim of fraud can be considerable and have a huge impact on their confidence and wellbeing as well as their financial situation. Say No To Fraud features the real stories of local victims of fraud and aims to reduce the number of victims by committing to increase knowledge of the types of fraud, the methods used by the criminals and advice on how to protect yourself and those you love from becoming a victim of these crimes.

13.2.1 The ultimate mission is that nobody becomes the victim of fraud due to lack of awareness. Statistics from this campaign included: Almost 300,000 people reached in the Humber area, 1.4m impressions of adverts seen, 1,000 click-throughs to our Say No To Fraud web pages.

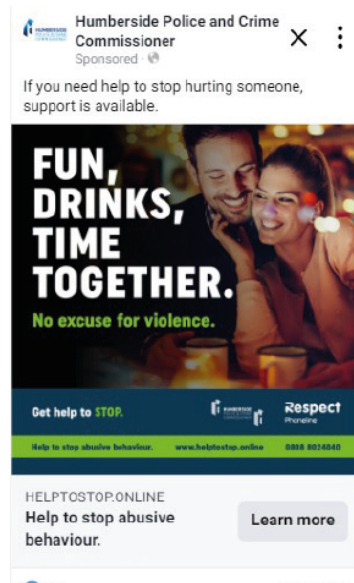
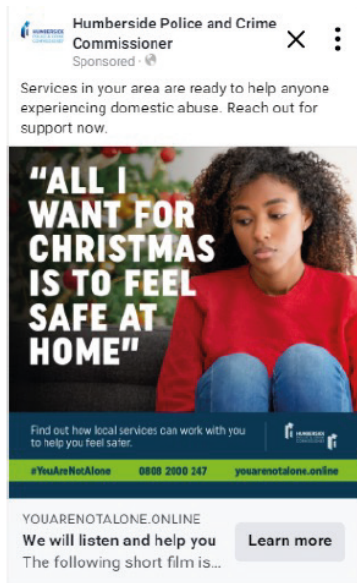


13.3 From November until January, the OPCC ran our annual winter Domestic Abuse awareness campaign. Since 2020 we have run campaigns across each year at times when incidents of Domestic Abuse are at their highest; Christmas/New Year, Summer and around the Valentines Day period.

13.3.1 Our campaign aims to reach out to those people affected by abuse and highlight the support services available to help them break free of the abuse. We also heavily weight messages aimed to the perpetrators of abuse to recognise their behaviour is wrong and to seek help. The campaign uses a variety of channels; social media, outdoor media, and radio commercials to deliver our messages and includes the words and experiences of a survivor of abuse.

13.3.2 Campaign messages direct people to click through to our two webpages for victims and perpetrators which carry information on services available to help them. Statistics from this campaign included:

Almost 500,000 people reached in the Humber area. 1.7m impressions of video adverts seen. Almost 1,500 click-throughs to our web pages, two thirds were to the Perpetrator page.



14. END OF TERM REPORT

- 14.1 The OPCC have reviewed the Police and Crime Plan in light of the upcoming close of term for PCC Jonathan Evison and produced an End of Term video to highlight the positive impact of the work completed against the plan.
- 14.2 The video takes the form of an animation and shows the journey of the office, highlights the achievement of key milestones as per the Police and Crime Plan and headlines of the successful work achieved during the time. Post May 2024 the OPCC will begin work on the next Police and Crime Plan which is due to be published within a year of the election scheduled for May 2nd, 2024. There will be opportunity to engage on consultation via the annual Police and Crime Survey which will be shared via My Community Alert.

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