

**POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

<b>DATE</b>	10 December 2024
<b>REPORT OF</b>	Chief Executive Officer, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)
<b>SUBJECT</b>	OPCC Update
<b>STATUS</b>	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 champions tackling of Domestic Abuse and wider Violence Against Women and Girls. At the PHADA meeting in July it was agreed to form a Task and Finish working group to focus specifically on DA Perpetrator Interventions; the multi-agency group met online in September and agreed to work together to identify opportunities to enhance existing provision for adult, male perpetrators; supported by analytical products such as the DA Perpetrator Prevalence profile and recent work examining the impact of DA in rural communities.

Domestic Abuse prevention campaigns: A public awareness campaign went live over the school summer holiday period, aimed predominantly at those perpetrating domestic abuse and their friends/appealing to bystanders. The campaign is shared with the OPCC and marketed via Eski. Campaign adverts were featured in DA hotspot areas on digital billboards, bus shelters and the backs of buses across the Humber area, in addition to a radio and online social media campaign.

A Winter campaign went live from White Ribbon Day on 25th November 2024 and shall continue through the Christmas period to mid-January. This campaign will

aim to reinforce messages of support to DA victims whilst highlighting opportunities for change to perpetrators; local authority areas have been invited to include their logo for maximum impact at place.

Panel Members are asked to note the OPCC three-year action plan, attached as Appendix, that outlines our commitment to violence prevention and affirms our continued accreditation with the White Ribbon Charity, and to also consider making the promise to “Never use, excuse or remain silent about men’s violence against women”. To become an Ambassador or Champion please visit the White Ribbon Website <https://www.whiteribbon.org.uk/promise?rq=promise>

4.2 The PCC published the Annual Report for 2023-24 which is the key document for the public and partners to see the work completed by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. The report is available [HPCC AnnualReport 2024 V5 \(humberside-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.humberside-pcc.gov.uk/annual-report-2023-24)

4.3 Not in Our Community (NIOC), the brand established originally as a channel to support young people raise their awareness of criminal and sexual exploitation has been relaunched. The resources are now being used to target wider ranging topics that affect the safety of our young people in line with the objective within the police and crime plan. NIOC has its own website that has been upgraded to ensure materials are even more readily accessible. [www.notinourcommunity.org](http://www.notinourcommunity.org) Key sessions offered by NIOC include:

- Comprehensive education: Whole-class and school-wide educational programmes for years 6 to 11, covering general awareness and specific topics.
- Staff and governor training: Introductory sessions to equip educators with the knowledge and tools to address youth safety concerns effectively.
- Targeted workshops and focus groups: Tailored interventions for at-risk young people to provide support and guidance.

4.4 The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and Victim Support have launched a new service to support people affected by crime. Affected By Crime (ABC) is a new service dedicated to helping people in the Humber region. Support is available to all victims of crime and their families regardless of whether they have reported the crime to the police. The service seeks to support people to cope and recover after crime.

The service is provided by Victim Support, an independent charity with 50 years’ experience in supporting people affected by crime in Humberside, as well as across the country. Victim Support’s established history in the area means the specialist team have local knowledge and expertise.

The ABC service can:

- Help you navigate the criminal justice system and talk to other agencies
- Support you to cope with what you have experienced
- Talk to you about your safety
- Provide you with access to useful websites and online tools
- Answer your questions, or signpost you to someone who can

You can access support by telephone (0800 368 7586) or live chat, which can be found on the service's website [www.affectedbycrime.com](http://www.affectedbycrime.com)

- 4.5 The Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside, Jonathan Evison, has published his Police and Crime Plan, the strategic document which sets out the objectives for his term of office over the next four years and how he will work with the police and other partners to achieve them. This is the key document that will be used to inform spend priorities for the Community Safety Fund and other granting arrangements for example with Community Safety Partnerships. The plan can be found via <https://www.humberside-pcc.gov.uk/Our-Work/Police-and-Crime-Plan.aspx>
- 4.6 A toolkit for practitioners to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour has been launched as a result of work across the last year deriving from the work started at the ASB Summit we held in March this year. ASB continues to be a priority for the PCC and requires a multi agency approach to solve. There is a survey available and being promoted to capture the public view on ASB in form further work. The survey is still open and can be accessed here. [Antisocial Behaviour Survey \(eastriding.gov.uk\)](https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/antisocial-behaviour-survey)
- 4.7 The PCC has announced plans to establish a new scrutiny panel dedicated to addressing domestic abuse (DA) and violence against women and girls (VAWG). This panel is set to commence in March 2025, with the recruitment window for applications now open until December 20th, 2024. We are looking for volunteers from diverse backgrounds, including those with lived experiences, to ensure a broad and inclusive perspective. By examining police reports and practices, the panel will provide essential recommendations for improvement, fostering transparency, accountability, and innovation within the police force. This initiative underscores the OPCC's commitment to improving public trust and ensuring better outcomes for victims. For more information on how to apply to join the panel, please visit <https://www.humberside-pcc.gov.uk/Our-Work/Scrutiny-Volunteers/DA-and-VAWG-Scrutiny-Panel.aspx>
- 4.8 Negotiations are taking place with T/CC Judi Heaton to extend her tenure as T/CC post December 2024. It is likely that recruitment for the next Chief Constable will be launched over coming weeks and the PCC will be seeking confirmation to extend the T/CC terms to cover this interim period. When confirmed a decision record will be published to confirm expected timeframes.
- 4.9 On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November the PCC published a full account of the timeline of events leading up to the retirement of previous Chief Constable, Paul Anderson. The full details are available via the link below and made clear that it was not until June 19<sup>th</sup> that the PCC received sufficient detail to make a referral to the IOPC for misconduct. The referral was made on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Two working days were used to process the referral. The referral was originally assessed by the IOPC as misconduct. Having received further statements through the course of the investigation this has now been re-assessed as potential for gross misconduct. The investigation continues. <https://www.humberside-pcc.gov.uk/News/News-Archive/2024/Timeline-for-Chief-Constable-misconduct-allegation.aspx>

## **5. DEPUTY PCC UPDATE**

- 5.1 Deputy PCC, Leo Hammond has been with the OPCC since August 2024 and has embraced the opportunity of his new role, focussing on key partnerships associated with his portfolio areas and visibility.

DPCC Hammond has been proactively engaged with the Community Safety Partnerships, supporting their media engagement, and building capacity in sharing their work more widely.

Road safety continues to be an area of engagement and various meetings have taken place with groups across the north and south bank of the Humber. The DPCC has also supported Humberside Police in bringing together the Community Speed Watch volunteers for a re-launch of the programme.

Other areas of work include attending;

- Opening of Humberside Police Memorial Garden for Service Dogs
- Various Town and Parish Council meetings across the area
- Yorkshire and Humber Human Trafficking and Exploitation Conference
- Brigg Pubwatch
- Violence Prevention Partnership - Trauma Informed Conference
- Criminal Justice Board and Reducing Reoffending Partnership
- Ward councillor appointments

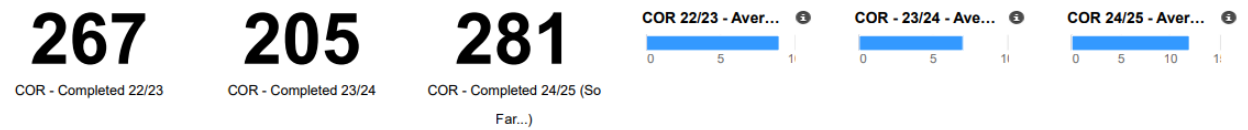
## **6. ASSURANCE AND STATUTORY DUTIES**

- 6.1 The Assurance & Statutory duties team supports the PCC to carry out his statutory responsibilities of holding the Chief Constable to account. Business as Usual for this team also includes a broad portfolio of activity. For the statutory elements of the teams work which carry legislated deadlines, or for case management purposes, we record several key performance indicators to ensure legitimacy, efficiency and effectiveness.

- 6.2 We have seen a significant rise of incoming correspondence for the 2024/25 period, a rise of 35% so far, with an anticipated 88% increase by year end on current projections. Even with an increased demand in recent months, our average time for completing correspondence has remained well within the 28-day guidelines. There have been no increases to staff numbers or changes to our working practices, which indicates the effectiveness of the team and processes in place. From January to November 2024, we have also signposted 260 cases to the appropriate agencies - we don't count this within our demand totals. These

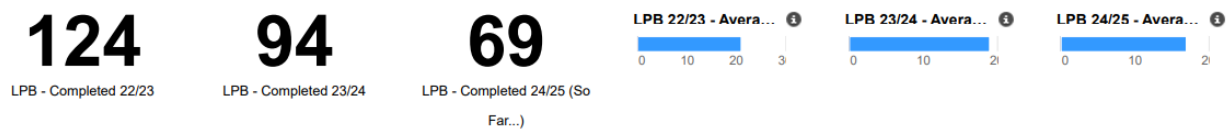
cases do not cover FOI, SAR, reviews or complaints - these are measured separately below.

### GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE



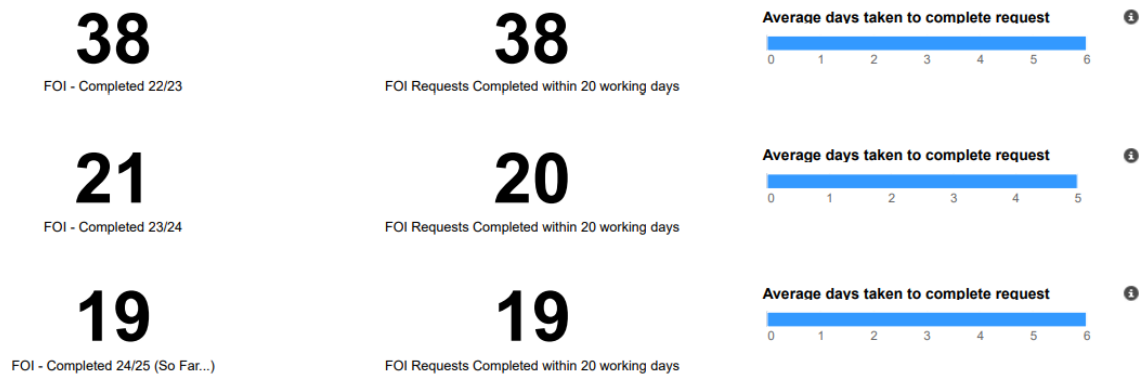
6.3 The PCC remains the Review Body for the majority (98%) of complaints about the Force in addition to holding the role of mutual oversight body, which is shared with the Independent Office for Police Complaints (IOPC). National statistics published by the IOPC show that Humberside Police holds a favourable position in terms of demand levels, outcomes and timeliness. Our average handling time for these cases has decreased by 2 working days over the past year.

### COMPLAINT REVIEWS



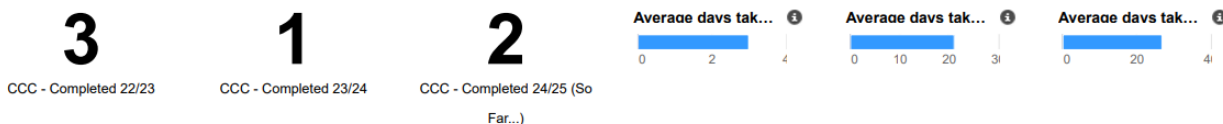
6.4 So far in 24/25 we have met all timing guidelines for responses to FOI requests. We have also maintained time taken to complete requests at just 6 days. This again shows how well this area of business is being operated, as we have seen a projected increase in demand for this area of almost 50%.

### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS



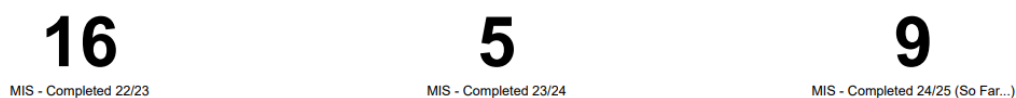
6.5 Complaints are recorded internally based upon the perception of the complainant and the wording of their allegation - which is why our KPIs show these cases. In fact, on assessment it should be noted that these cases did not meet the criteria for recording under Schedule 3 of the Police Reform Act 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.

## COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE CHIEF CONSTABLE



- 6.6 We have a statutory obligation to appoint a Legally Qualified Person (LQP) 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.

## APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PANEL MEMBERS AND LEGALLY QUALIFIED CHAIRS TO MISCONDUCT HEARINGS



## 7. COMMUNITY SAFETY FUND

- 7.1 The PCC announced a round of Community Safety Fund (CSF) capital grants programme of £350,000 back in August to be made available to eligible organisations for monies to be spent by end March 2025. The application deadline was October 7<sup>th</sup> and applications are currently being appraised with awards expected in coming weeks.

## 8. COMMISSIONING AND PARTNERSHIPS ACTIVITY

- 8.1 Force Control Room Independent Domestic Violence Advisor

We ran an open Request for Information (RFI) throughout May and June 2024, to explore the views and opportunities to develop the service, the project was then paused due to emerging national policy within this area and suggestions of interest from the Home Office in a pilot and additional funding. Humberside have expressed interest and will be part of a national pilot and working group, that includes only 6 PCC areas.

- 8.2 CARA (Cautioning and Relationship Abuse) Model for Humberside

The team have been working with key stakeholder to on board and build a partnership to support a CARA model for Humberside. CARA is an early 'awareness raising diversionary' intervention targeting domestic abuse offenders who have received a Diversionary Caution. Offenders attend two workshops which are designed to help offenders understand what domestic abuse is, the impact it has, and its consequences. CARA also signposts offenders to other specialist services.

The team have issued a Request for Information (RFI) for the purpose of establishing how many organisations may be interested in delivering CARA services in the Humber Region in the future, and to provide early market input into

the options or service delivery models/inform a service specification. There were 6 organisation's that provided responses, the commissioning team will now use the feedback to inform a specification and secure a service that delivers targeted intervention for male perpetrators within the local authority areas of Humber Region for 2025/26.

### 8.3 Legacy Funeral Investigation (Family Welfare Service)

The team continue to support all stakeholders in the response to the Legacy Funeral investigation. Most recently this has involved direct trauma informed support for those affected by funeral fraud. The service has been supporting the community into a recovery phase, supported vigils and religious groups.

### 8.5 Commissioning of Child Sexual Assault Assessment and Referral service (CSAAS)

The team are leading on a workshop with key stakeholders, planned for 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024. From October 2025, there is an expectation that all Sexual Assault and Referral Centre services will achieve forensic accreditation in relation to general requirements for competence and quality that are particular to medical laboratories. This accreditation has implications for the structural clinical environment. To this end the team are working with NHS England (NHSE) and South Yorkshire OPCC to scope a Hub and spoke model for the Humberside Children's Sexual Assault and Assessment Service (CSAAS) across Humberside and South Yorkshire.

### 8.6 Combatting Drugs Partnership

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. Most recently a deep dive has been undertaken into the continuity of care from prison into community services for those termed as experiencing substance use disorders.

### 8.7 Independent Victims Voice Panel.

The OPCC collaborated with Humberside Police and Forum to facilitate a co-production event that concerns the development of an Independent Victims Voice panel for system change - advocacy for system changes through the relevant quality assurance processes and stakeholder partnerships, whilst maintaining independence within the violence against women and girls agenda. The event was well attended and displayed significant buy in. It is anticipated that the panel will commence activities in April 2025.

### 8.8 Public Health Collaboration

Members of the OPCC met with members of the south bank authorities Public Health team to conduct a networking and ideas exchange day in November. The event was well received with important connections made across the functions resulting in numerous project ideas emerging that will be explored further.

## 8.9 Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs)

CSPs are into their final year of three-year funding agreements to meet objectives as set out in their original submitted business cases.

The Police and Crime Commissioner has committed to a further four years of funding from April 2025. New business cases have been issued to the CSP leads for them to complete setting out the objectives and outcomes they will meet over the next four years, linked into the new Police and Crime Plan.

CSP progress updates from the last quarter include:

- Hull – Launch of Hull Orchard Park Estate (HOPE). In partnership with the neighbourhood policing teams, fire service and Hull City Council engagement has taken place with residents on the estate. Shaw play park has been refurbished and a relaunch event was attended by approximately 500 young people.
- East Riding of Yorkshire - A summer youth event had 200 young people attending and taking part in activities with various partners involved. Neighbourhood watch groups continue to receive support on a regular basis with additional work in Bridlington, linked to the Clear Hold Build project. Overall, three new neighbourhood watch groups were established in the last quarter.
- North Lincolnshire – The CSP partnered with the brain injury charity PAUL to talk with 200 young people and launch of a book regarding the impact of ‘One Punch’. The CSP has also delivered active bystander training that will potentially reach 600 scouts in the local area.
- North East Lincolnshire – The CSP carried out several engagement events and consultations including safety on public transport and violence against women and girls. The CSP has also focused on improving communications and engagement.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner ensures there is representation from the office at the quarterly CSP Board meetings across the Humber. In addition, contract management meetings are taking place at least twice per annum with the CSP leads, PCC, Chief Executive Officer, and Commissioning Manager to update on progress. This will be increased to at least three times per annum in 2025.

## 8.10 Crimestoppers

Crimestoppers 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.

The PCC received quarterly updates from Crimestoppers that we can share with the panel for their information and assurance. The data set below is taken from the Quarter 2 update report from April – September 2024.





**943** Crimestoppers reports disseminated to Humberside Police.



**1.7%** Increase in reports compared to the previous year.



**5** Fearless reports submitted.



**5** Arrests.



**1,672** Actionable pieces of information.



**299** Positive outcomes.

NB – Please note information regarding arrests, actionable information, and positive outcomes provided by Humberside Police April- Sept 24.

## **9. VIOLENCE PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP**

- 9.1 Delivery of the Humber VPP's programme of interventions continues. The Navigator service, which will be present in all three local Emergency Departments to intervene with young people when they have been involved with violence, will launch publicly w/c 9 December.

The Humber VPP recently launched:

- Breaking the Cycle: Addressing Knife Crime Together – a training package for professionals, along with an educational offer for young people that addresses misconceptions about knife crime. <https://humbervpp.org/our-work/campaigns/breaking-the-cycle-addressing-knife-crime-together>
- Our co-produced Trusted Adult campaign featuring 'Listen to Us' – supporting trusted adults to talk to young people without judgement, agenda or expectation. The campaign also features a youth facing element, 'Talk to Us' – encouraging young people who are struggling to speak to a trusted adult. <https://humbervpp.org/our-work/campaigns/talk-to-us-trusted-adults>

And will soon be launching:

- Anyone. Anywhere. Understanding Healthy Relationships – developed in collaboration with secondary school pupils and staff across the Humber region, these educational resources explore healthy and unhealthy relationships. The modules aim to help young people recognise the signs of relationship abuse and understand how to respond and support others.

The VPP continues to develop and promote Youth Connect as a resource for signposting young people to positive activities.

<https://youth-connect.co.uk>

- 9.2 The VPP brought together around 130 partner agency staff at an event in October to support the implementation and development of trauma-informed practice within systems and organisations.
- 9.3 The VPP continues to progress improved data-sharing arrangements amongst partner organisations, including the development of a shared data platform. Work on this year's Strategic Needs Assessment is under way.
- 9.4 The VPP is engaging with the Home Office on the development of future policy and decisions on funding beyond March 2025.

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