

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

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REPORT OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR DERBYSHIRE

Progress Against Delivery - Derbyshire Police & Crime Plan

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide a summary of work conducted by the Commissioner against the delivery of the Derbyshire Police & Crime Plan 2021-25.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Police and Crime Plans are a statutory requirement for all police force areas and were introduced as part of Section 11(1) and (2) of The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.
- 2.2 The Derbyshire Police and Crime Plan 2021-25 was launched and supported by the Police and Crime Panel on 15th November 2021.
- 2.3 This paper provides an overview of key work undertaken by the Police and Crime Commissioner in relation to her Police & Crime Plan from this date onwards.

3. SUMMARY OF DELIVERY AGAINST THE POLICE & CRIME PLAN

3.1 Launch of Anti-Social Behaviour Prevention (ASB) Grant

The Commissioner launched this new grant scheme in September 2021 to support projects aimed at preventing and tackling ASB in communities across Derbyshire.

Decisions were made in November 2021 to award 22 organisations, including Parish Councils, grants of up to £5,000 each to support local initiatives.

In total, £100,000 has been allocated with projects expected to conclude later this financial year. The Commissioner has personally visited a number of organisations to see first-hand how these projects are supporting residents across Derbyshire.

3.2 Launch of second Anti-Social Behaviour Prevention (ASB) Grant

Following both the demand for and success of the first round, the Commissioner decided to launch a second ASB grant round on 1st June 2022.

This second grant round will support a range of new projects and initiatives to address problems facing local communities during the peaks in ASB incidents occurring in the summer months.

3.3 Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Survey

The Commissioner launched an online specific VAWG survey in November 2021 to identify what makes women and girls feel unsafe in Derbyshire, where their fear of crime is greatest and what would make them feel safer.

The purpose of the survey is to gather vital information from the public, to assist

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partners across Derbyshire in the creation of a Derbyshire specific VAWG strategy which is a key priority within the Police and Crime Plan.

The survey invited women, girls, parents, and guardians to share their views, anonymously about sexual violence and sexual harassment.

In total, over 1,400 responses were received from residents across Derbyshire. Given the nature of the survey, this is deemed a positive response rate. The feedback gained has enabled the partners to better understand concerns in different communities, which will help target resources on initiatives aimed at improving women's safety and to better understand what action is needed to reduce their vulnerability and keep them safe.

3.4 **VAWG Focus Groups**

The Commissioner and her office facilitated several online focus groups specifically for women and organisations representing women (including women who had been victims of crime), to discuss their concerns regarding VAWG to complement the wider survey which was launched in November 2021.

These focus groups enabled detailed discussions to take place so that the Commissioner could hear first-hand concerns of women to help inform and shape future work including the VAWG Strategy, detailed below.

3.5 **Multi-Partner VAWG Strategy**

Following a commitment by the Commissioner to deliver a Derbyshire specific VAWG strategy within the Police and Crime Plan, the Constabulary and both the County and City Councils, along with the Commissioner and her team, have jointly contributed towards the creation of a Derby and Derbyshire specific VAWG strategy. (which will be underpinned by an action plan) and will allow all partners to mutually tackle all aspects of VAWG related offending to improve outcomes for women in Derbyshire. The strategy is due to be launched within the next few weeks at the time of writing this report.

A new VAWG Partnership Board has been established to drive this work forward.

3.6 **Governance role within the Derby & Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership (DDRSP)**

The Commissioner has taken on a new governance role to drive forward and oversee the work of the DDRSP. This role will involve working closely with other agencies within Derbyshire to focus efforts on addressing the fatal four causes of crashes, whilst aiming to deliver reductions in the number of people killed or seriously injured on our road network, which is a fundamental priority within the Commissioner's plan.

The Commissioner has supported funding initiatives to sustain BikeSafe, a new scheme in Derbyshire aimed at enhancing motorcyclists' road skills.

In addition, the Commissioner has also supported a funding request from the police to employ a civilian officer to manage and coordinate Operation Capture.

Operation Capture is a scheme which enables members of the public to submit video/photo footage of other road users driving dangerously or similar. Officers investigate these incidents based on the footage submitted by residents.

The new civilian officer will take over from a seconded Roads Policing Officer who will return to Roads Policing duties. This additional resource will ensure the Roads Policing Unit are better equipped at tackling criminality on the road network.

3.7 **Road Safety Grant Round**

During April 2022 the Commissioner launched a new Road Safety grant round worth up to £150,000 available to community groups and Parish and Town Councils to specifically fund road safety initiatives aimed at making our road network safer.

This grant will also support the rollout of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) following the new policy adopted by Derbyshire County Council, which the Commissioner helped to bring forward. Parish and Town Councils will be able to access the Commissioner's grant to assist with the purchase of SIDs within their locality.

3.8 **Neighbourhood Watch Support Fund**

During November 2021, the Commissioner launched a funding scheme aimed specifically at supporting Neighbourhood Watch schemes throughout Derbyshire.

In total, 21 local Watch schemes have now received funding to improve community safety and promote/increase the volunteer base.

Since May 2021 to June 2022, NHW membership has grown by 2,482 in Derbyshire. Supporting the expansion of NHW is a key priority within the Commissioner's Plan.

3.9 **Illegal Encampment Taskforce**

In response to local concerns, the Commissioner has created a rapid reaction taskforce to ensure a swift and joint approach to tackling illegal encampments across Derby and Derbyshire.

Earlier this year, a joint protocol was agreed which sets out how and when the new taskforce will be mobilised within a community once an illegal encampment has been reported. There has been success in the pilot area of North East Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire Dales District Council is currently beginning conversations with the Commissioner to become the second area to become involved. Furthermore, both Bolsover District Council and Derby City Council have expressed interest in the creation of a taskforce in their area.

The taskforce will enable partners to work collaboratively to solve problems and provide a clear way forward where resources will be shared, ensuring residents are kept informed in a timely manner and coordinated action will be implemented.

3.10 **Performance Scrutiny Meetings (PSM)**

The Commissioner has devised a new approach to holding the Chief Constable to account for delivery against her Police and Crime Plan.

Performance Scrutiny Meetings have been created to drill-down into the force's delivery against each of the six Police and Crime Plan priorities listed within the plan.

Meetings will be held every two months focusing on a specific priority within the plan. The first PSM was held in November 2021 and focused on Violence Against Women and Girls.

A full comprehensive report is provided by the Chief Constable and her senior team on performance against the relevant Police and Crime Plan priority. Public questions related to the priority are also put forward to the force for a response during the meetings.

Copies of all meeting papers, agendas, transcripts of the questions and responses from the Chief Constable are made available on the Commissioner's website.

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In addition, recordings of the meetings are uploaded to the Commissioner's website to enable residents to watch the respective PSM.

Details of all upcoming PSM's are available to view on the Commissioner's website here: <https://www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk/public-information/public-information-secondary/performance-scrutiny-meeting/>

3.11 **Sponsorship of 'Bleed Control' Kits**

The Commissioner has sponsored the purchase of 20 bleed control kits in Derby City.

As part of a local campaigner's efforts to secure 100 bleed control kits to be held in licensed premises in the City, the 20 kits funded by the Commissioner can be applied to wounds to help stem the flow of blood in the event of a serious injury.

The specialist kits contain chest seals, blast bandages and wound dressings.

Officers from Derbyshire Constabulary have reported that a bleed control kit has been used during a recent incident within Derby City. This emphasises the importance and positive impact these life saving kits have on public safety.

3.12 **Listening to You 2021-22**

The Commissioner launched a consultation entitled, 'Listening to You', late in 2021 as part of an ongoing consultative process to hear the views from residents on crime and community safety related issues.

The Listening to You survey provides an opportunity for the Commissioner to engage directly with the public about the policing issues that are of concern.

The survey closed in March 2022 and the results are currently being analysed. Over 2,500 responses were received from members of the public who reside in each of the nine Local Authority areas within Derbyshire.

The Commissioner has now launched a new consultation for the 2022-23 period.

3.13 **Stalking Co-ordinator Post**

The budget announced by the Commissioner earlier this year included provision for a new role to be created within Derbyshire Constabulary. The addition of a Stalking Co-ordinator post was included by the Chief Constable and the Commissioner in response to an increase in reported incidents within the county. The post has been developed to ensure the quality of investigations across the force, whilst providing increased support for victims of stalking or harassment. This new role will also work with police and partners to increase powers to deal with offenders.

Additionally, as a separate project, proposals have been put forward to fund an independent Stalking Advocate who will be recruited for the county using funding from the Home Office, and the Commissioner will be funding an additional Stalking Advocate to cover the City area.

3.14 **Enhanced services for Domestic Abuse Victims in Derby**

The Commissioner has awarded a new contract worth over £583k for Refuge, to deliver Domestic Abuse services over the next three years following a competitive tender process.

The newly funded outreach service will deliver tailor-made support packages to help victims of low or medium risk domestic abuse to cope and recover from their experiences.

It also aims to protect them and their families from further harm and prevent the

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escalation of abuse as well as reduce the risk of domestic-related homicide.

3.15 **Neighbourhood Policing Charter**

One of the Commissioner's key priorities is to see strong local policing in every area of Derby and Derbyshire. This includes visible and identifiable Neighbourhood Policing Teams who effectively tackle the issues that matter most to the public including drug crime, burglaries, speeding and anti-social behaviour.

The Constabulary have acted on this priority set by the Commissioner by developing a Neighbourhood Policing Charter which is a pledge by Derbyshire Constabulary that officers and staff will engage and communicate with the public and councillors to deliver strong local policing in the areas they serve. The Charter will aid in driving up the standards, frequency, and effectiveness of communications with residents in the future.

3.16 **Police Recruitment**

The Commissioner has pledged to recruit more police officers as part of her Strong Local Policing priority featured within her Police and Crime Plan. As part of the government's national Police Uplift Programme, which is aiming and on course to recruit an additional 20,000 police officers across England and Wales by the end of March 2023, Derbyshire Constabulary have recruited 158 officers since the beginning of the programme, with a further 125 officers scheduled to be recruited this financial year. This will ensure residents across Derbyshire will benefit from more police on the streets fighting crime and tackling criminality.

The Commissioner will continue to support the force on their drive to recruit more officers over the coming year and has pushed and supported recruitment for non-degree holders. The Commissioner has also been lobbying for the entry route for non-degree holders to remain open. This is to ensure better representation of the community following feedback from the public.

3.17 **Children and Young People's Strategy**

A specific Children and Young People's Strategy has been developed to assist in delivery against the Commissioner's key priorities within her Plan. The strategy outlines the Commissioner's commitment and contribution to improving the lives of children and young people, in particular those that feel the impacts of crime: as individual victims, those that become involved in offending behaviour and also as members of the wider community.

It contributes to the wider Police and Crime Plan, the Commissioner's Commissioning Strategy and Engagement and Communication Strategy and the overall role the Commissioner has in making communities safer. It is also intended to compliment the strategies and plans of partner agencies in improving outcomes for children and young people and safeguarding them from harm, in particular those that are most vulnerable in our communities.

There are many different ways that the Commissioner already supports children and young people through services commissioned through contracts, grant funded projects and programmes, co-ordination of partnership working, building collaborations and oversight of Derbyshire Constabulary. The work is diverse, and the overall financial contribution made by the Commissioner is significant. The Commissioner's overarching commissioning framework recognises key risks and threats in communities and aims to develop, enable, and mobilise services to support the most vulnerable people in our communities. Children and young people are a priority within this.

The Commissioner has recently hosted a conference whereby representatives from each secondary school in Derbyshire were invited to listen to the work Derbyshire Constabulary are doing to tackle all forms of exploitation including County Lines

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along with inputs from the Commissioner's victim service providers which feature as part of the Children and Young People's Strategy.

3.18 **Summary of Engagement – (November 2021 to June 2022)**

The Commissioner regularly attends a variety of public meetings, in addition to meeting organisations and local residents situated across Derbyshire on a regular basis.

The below summary highlights all public engagements undertaken by the Commissioner between the period November 2021 to June 2022.

Multiple visits have taken place by the Commissioner personally to each of the nine local authority areas within Derbyshire since November 2021.

Additionally, the Commissioner has undertaken a number of other engagements which primarily have been to visit police stations and meet local Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) across the county along with attending numerous attestations to support new officers/staff/volunteers who have commenced employment within Derbyshire Constabulary.

A visit to Bolsover for engagement surrounding I-Vengers - The Commissioner Visited Scarcliffe Primary School in Bolsover where she met the young safety Tsars who are helping to keep their friends safe online. The I-Venger Digital Leaders Online Safer Programme, which is co-funded by the Commissioner and Derbyshire County Council, recruits pupils to become 'I-Vengers' who then deliver online safety messages to their fellow students, teachers and parents.

Visits to both Allestree and Oakwood regarding 'Listening to You' - The Commissioner made visits in Derby City to listen to residents concerning crime and policing matters.

A visit to Bakewell for a rural crime event - The Commissioner joined the Rural Crime Team and representatives from her commissioned victim service providers in Bakewell to engage local residents, farmers and agricultural suppliers to hear what people in rural communities feel about policing, anti-social behaviour and crime.

Attending the Remembrance Service in Chesterfield – The Commissioner laid a wreath at the Chesterfield War Memorial following a service at Chesterfield Parish Church.

A visit to Belper with the Member of Parliament – The Commissioner undertook a walk around the town centre with the local police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) and Member of Parliament to discuss issues raised by the Member of Parliament's constituents. The Commissioner and the Member of Parliament also met with young people at the local skatepark to listen to their views on the provision of local activities and what they think could be done to improve the community.

A meeting with the Rotary Club in Chesterfield - The Commissioner presented to members of the Chesterfield Scarsdale Rotary Club to discuss her role and provide an overview of the Police and Crime Plan.

A visit to Derby City Centre to meet the Cathedral Quarter Rangers - The Commissioner met with business owners, a representative from Derby City Business Improvement District (BID) and some of the Rangers in Derby's shopping area in the Cathedral Quarter to discuss crime affecting local businesses, but also knife crime and anti-social behaviour in the city centre.

A meeting with the local councillor for Clowne – The Commissioner met with the local councillor for Clowne to discuss crime and anti-social behaviour in the area.

A church vigil in Chesterfield for domestic abuse - The Commissioner attended the annual vigil to remember all those affected by Domestic Abuse.

A meeting with the Member of Parliament in Harpur Hill – The Commissioner met with the Member of Parliament and the local SNT to discuss local crime issues and Rural Policing.

Visiting Whitwell Parish Council - The Commissioner attended a Parish Council meeting in Whitwell and presented her Police and Crime Plan. Discussions concerning road safety and the need for a continued police presence across the area followed.

Visiting ‘Safe Space’ in Derby City - The Commissioner visited the Safe Space facility within Normanton to see how Derby City Mission are tackling anti-social behaviour and homelessness in the city.

Visiting Mackworth with local Councillors - The Commissioner visited Mackworth and was joined by local councillors and representatives from the SNT to discuss partnership working the increased patrols that have been put in place after councillors raised concerns over off-road biking and anti-social behaviour.

Anti-social Behaviour Grant recipient meeting in Little Eaton - The Commissioner joined local parish councillors at Little Eaton Village Hall to discuss anti-social behaviour and vandalism that has been taking place. Following a successful bid from the Commissioner’s Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) Prevention Fund, the Village Hall will benefit from upgraded CCTV cameras being installed as a preventative measure against anti-social behaviour and crime.

Anti-social Behaviour Grant recipient meetings in Derby City – The Commissioner met with Inspire Fitness Academy to observe what her ASB Grant funding had helped to achieve. The Commissioner then also met with Derby Youth Provision to see what work had been undertaken with the money from the ASB Grant.

Visit to Clowne with local councillor - The Commissioner met the local councillor to discuss plans to help make the communities in the division, which include Clowne, Barlborough and Stanfree, safer. Discussions focused on local issues affecting the residents including anti-social behaviour, speeding and drug related crime.

Attended a conference in Derby City – The Commissioner attended to see how the Your Choice programme engages with young people to reduce knife crime and impress upon young people the dangers of knife crime and gangs. This group receives funding from the Commissioner.

Anti-social Behaviour Grant recipient meeting in Crich - The Commissioner met with Crich Youth Club to witness what work had been undertaken and the effect the funding received from the Commissioner’s ASB Grant has achieved.

Anti-social Behaviour Grant recipient meeting in Ironville and Codnor - The Commissioner met with Ironville and Codnor Community Association to witness what work had been undertaken and the effect the funding received from the Commissioner’s ASB Grant has achieved.

A meeting with the local councillor in Ridgeway – The Commissioner met with the Councillor in their role as the new lead for Community Safety at North East Derbyshire District Council to discuss partnership working and priorities moving forward.

A meeting with Parish Councillors in Killamarsh – The Commissioner met with local Parish Councillors to discuss the need for greater engagement between local SNT and Parish Councils to help tackle crime and anti-social behaviour.

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A meeting with residents and the local councillor in Buxton - The Commissioner presented to the local councillor and residents on her Police and Crime Plan and the policing budget for Derbyshire.

Attended the International Women's Day event in Derby City – The Commissioner, alongside Remedi, attended the international Women's Day event held at the derby Museum & art Gallery, engaging with residents as part of the Commissioner's 'Listening to You' consultation.

Visit to join the 'Street Pastors' in Derby City – The Commissioner met representatives from the Street Pastors to walk around Derby City within the night-time economy to see the vital work they do to help and support people.

Visit to meet 'Deaf-initely' Women in Belper – The Commissioner met with representatives from Deaf-initely Women who work with deaf, deaf/blind and hard of hearing women in Derbyshire, and amongst other services, offer a dedicated Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) for deaf, deaf/blind and hard of hearing women suffering domestic abuse.

Meeting with Tintwhistle Parish Councillors – The Commissioner met with members of Tintwhistle Parish Council to discuss anti-social behaviour, road safety and the benefits that the Police and Crime Plan will bring to communities such as Tintwhistle.

Anti-social Behaviour Grant recipient meeting in New Mills – The Commissioner met with Youth Matters Volunteers in New Mills who offer youth and community provisions in the High Peak. Their successful bid to the Commissioner's fund will support the delivery of a youth club and community activities to local residents.

Anti-social Behaviour Grant recipient meeting in Chapel-en-le-Frith – The Commissioner met with members of 'Shift' to discuss what had been achieved with the money received from the Commissioners' ASB Grant.

Met with members of the Derbyshire Youth Commission in Derby City – The Commissioner attended the inaugural meeting of the Derbyshire Youth Commission, which is funded by both the Commissioner and Derbyshire Constabulary. The Commissioner met with the new members and discussed their priorities for the next year.

A meeting with Councillors from Bolsover Parishes – The Commissioner hosted a meeting which was attended by Councillors from across the Bolsover District, including Barlborough and Clowne, Tibshelf, Pinxton and Shirebrook, to discuss her Police and Crime Plan. Further discussions focused on police visibility, anti-social behaviour and the 101 service.

A meeting with Councillors from South Derbyshire Parishes – The Commissioner hosted a meeting which was attended by Councillors from across the South Derbyshire District to discuss her Police and Crime Plan. Discussions focused on local priorities including speeding, officer recruitment, burglaries, and anti-social behaviour.

Visit to Chesterfield to see interventions funded from the Safer Streets Fund – The Commissioner was joined by representatives from Chesterfield Borough Council to see how additional Home Office funding has been used to reduce Neighbourhood Crime and anti-social behaviour within the town centre.

Anti-social Behaviour Grant recipient meeting in Clay Cross – The Commissioner met representatives from Derby County Community Trust who are helping young people through weekly football sessions. Their successful bid to the Commissioner's fund has helped support a 'safer through sport' project aimed at preventing anti-social behaviour in the local area.

Visit to Derby City to see interventions funded from the Safer Streets Fund – The Commissioner was joined by representatives from Derby City Council to see how additional Home Office funding, following a bid endorsed by the Commissioner, has been used to prevent Violence Against Women and Girls related offending within the City Centre, with a particular focus on CCTV provision.

A meeting with the Rotary Club in Matlock – The Commissioner attended a Matlock Rotary Club meeting to discuss her role and present the Police and Crime Plan. Further discussions focused on road safety and neighbourhood policing.

A meeting with Councillors from High Peak Parishes – The Commissioner hosted a meeting which was attended by Councillors from across the High Peak District to discuss her Police and Crime Plan. Discussions focused on youth provision, 101 response times and crime and anti-social behaviour in the area.

A meeting with commissioned service in Chesterfield – The Commissioner met with 'Pathways of Chesterfield' to see the vital work that is being done to tackle homelessness in Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire and Bolsover.

A meeting with local councillors in Swadlincote – The Commissioner met with county councillors for Swadlincote and SNT Officers to discuss crime and anti-social behaviour in the town centre.

Held a street stall in support of 'Listening to You' in Swadlincote – The Commissioner held a market stall in Swadlincote Town Centre where members of the public were able to speak to local SNT Officers and share their views on how safe they feel in their local area and what their policing priorities are.

Visit to Holmesfield with local Safer Neighbourhood Team – The Commissioner met the local SNT to discuss road safety issues including speeding, dangerous driving, and problem parking.

A conference held in South Normanton attended by Secondary Schools - The Commissioner hosted a conference whereby representatives from each secondary school in Derbyshire were invited to listen to the work Derbyshire Constabulary are doing to tackle all forms of exploitation including County Lines along with inputs from the Commissioner's victim service providers

4. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- i That the panel receives the update in relation to progress against the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025 which was published in November 2021.

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