



# POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETING

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<b>REPORT OF</b>	<b>POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR DERBYSHIRE</b>
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## 1. PUPOSE OF REPORT

For members of the Panel to review a summary of work conducted by the Commissioner in support of delivery against all six priorities within the Derbyshire Police & Crime Plan 2021-25 since May 2021. This report should be read in conjunction with the attached document, (Appendix A) Strategic Summary of Delivery Against the Police & Crime Plan, which gives a more detailed overview of key performance in the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan, showing progress made during the Commissioner's term of office and and the relevant Performance Scrutiny Meeting reports mentioned throughout.

Appended to this report is a copy of the meeting papers from the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025: End of Term Report Performance Scrutiny Meeting (PSM) (Appendix B) which was held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024. This provides a detailed summary of work undertaken by Derbyshire Constabulary in respect of delivery against the Commissioner's Plan since May 2021.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

Police and Crime Plans are set and published by Police and Crime Commissioners. They 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.

The Commissioner's Derbyshire Police and Crime Plan 2021-25 was launched and supported by the Police and Crime Panel on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

This paper provides a summary of the key items of work delivered by the Commissioner, and Constabulary, since May 2021.

## **3. SUMMARY OF WORK DELIVERED BY THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER SINCE MAY 2021**

### **Strong Local Policing**

- Recruiting 351 additional officers as part of the Government's target to recruit 20,000 new officers, above and beyond our Derbyshire target of 283.
- Launching the Neighbourhood Policing Charter to ensure there is greater communication and partnership working between communities and their local policing team.

- Investing almost £40k in two new e-bikes for each Local Policing Unit across Derbyshire to improve officers and PCSOs response to crime and increasing their visibility.
- Successfully campaigning to retain the Initial Police Learning and Development Programme (IPLDP) route into policing for non-degree holders.
- £4 million upfront investment into the Contact Centre, with annual £1.1 million investment over the next ten years.
- Over 120 additional officers receiving taser training since May 2021. Introduction of initial phase pursuit training, with 125 officers now trained across the force.
- Creating Illegal Encampment Taskforce groups that work with local authorities, councillors, and the police to provide a rapid response to tackling illegal encampments.
- Significant reduction in call waiting times for 101, with average wait time down 7 minutes over 12-month period – now under 3 minutes.
- Significant reduction in call waiting times for 999, with average wait time down by almost half – now average time 6 seconds.
- £2m of additional funding provided to increase and maintain PCSO establishment numbers.
- The expansion of the Mini Police programme to all local policing units in Derbyshire

### **Neighbourhood Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)**

- Reducing ASB by 50% from the year ending May 2021 compared with the most recent 12 months ending January 2024.
- Secured £4.4m to deliver additional policing patrols in hotspot areas and rolling out an immediate justice scheme for perpetrators as part of the Commissioner's Derbyshire Action Against Anti-Social Behaviour Plan.

- Over 3,000 additional patrol hours have been conducted in hotspot areas to tackle ASB across every district, borough and the city since July last year.
- During ASB patrols, 47 extra arrests have been made, 69 stop and searches carried out and 106 intel items have been submitted.
- ASB has reduced by 44 % in hotspot areas which have benefited from additional patrols since the Commissioner's Plan was launched.
- 225 Immediate Justice referrals have been made since July last year seeing perpetrators of ASB carry out reparative work such as litter picking in communities throughout Derbyshire.
- Additional evidence based ASB hotspot training has been undertaken by officers.
- Providing £440k of funding to 56 councils and community groups through the Commissioner's Anti-Social Behaviour Prevention Grant. A range of preventative and diversionary activities have been funded such as CCTV provision, security fencing, youth diversionary programmes and workshops aimed at reducing ASB.
- Pushed for the creation and provided the funding of two internal anti-social behaviour coordinator posts to provide specialist advice and guidance to those dealing with nuisance behaviour and disorder.
- Secured almost £3.5m in funding through the Government's Safer Streets programme to help communities tackle neighbourhood crime and anti-social behaviour. Initiatives funded include CCTV and ANPR cameras, improved streetlighting, target hardening interventions, bystander training, property marking schemes and increased advertisement of Neighbourhood Watch.
- Introduction of new 'Acquisitive Crime' teams in early 2023 to help reduce burglaries, robberies and thefts. A dedicated team of intelligence officers allocated to acquisitive crime research support the teams by identifying trends, hotspots areas and key suspects to enable them to take proactive action. For the year ending March 2020 (pre-covid) to March 2023 burglary has decreased by 31%. Serious Acquisitive Crime has decreased by 21% when comparing March 2020 (pre-covid) up until January 2024.

- Increased support, through the Commissioner's Neighbourhood Policing Charter and funding to support the roll out of more Neighbourhood Watch groups with over 23,000 members, an increase of 1,300 since May 2021.
- Increase in intelligence-led activity to tackle crime through proactive policing and partnership working with key partners.
- Funding a pilot scheme to securely mark tools owned by small businesses and traders across Derby and Derbyshire.

### **Road Safety**

- Working with Derbyshire County Council to create an accessible scheme for communities affected by speeding, introducing a new policy enabling Town and Parishes to purchase and install their own Speed Indicator Devices and providing £226k to help fund the devices through the Commissioner's Road Safety Grant. In total, 92 signs have been funded in communities across the county. An average percentage reduction of 15% in vehicle speeds has been seen since the introduction of SIDs.
- Funding an additional 1,000 hours of road safety enforcement to tackle speeding and dangerous driving through Operation Sparta.
- Investing £10k to support existing and new Community Speedwatch groups.
- Increased Community Speed Watch (CSW) membership by 58.5% since May 2021 with a total of 653 members participating across 90 groups. The number of groups increased during this term by 36.3%, 66 in May 2021 increasing to 90 in January 2024.
- Organising and hosting an annual Community Speedwatch event to share best practice and to better shape how volunteer groups can work.
- 104 new police vehicles including response, off-road and patrol vehicles have been purchased since August 2022.
- Increasing the capabilities of the Roads Policing Unit with an additional 4 extra off-road motorbikes.

- Funding for a further 38 more BikeSafe workshops to be carried out by the Roads Policing Unit in 2024. Over 570 attendees have participated in BikeSafe workshops since 2022.
- Supporting the roll out of Operation Capture to allow residents to submit dashcam footage of dangerous driving incidents. Op Capture received 1370 submissions in 2022, an increase of 50% on the previous year, with a positive outcome rate of over 60%. 2023 saw 1753 submissions, a 27.6% increase on 2022 and 2024 currently sees 287 submissions, which is a 43% increase on the same period last year.
- Increased partnership working within the Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership Board.
- Providing funding for specific road safety campaigns including Operation Sparta, Operation Close Pass and the December 'Don't Get Wrecked' drink-driving campaign.

### **Rural Crime**

- Launched Derbyshire Partnership Against Rural Crime including a specific Derbyshire Action Plan and online platform for rural residents.
- Funding the first ever Rural Crime Team PCSO. Since their introduction, engagement has been improved which has resulted in Farm Watch sign-ups to increase from 500 in 2022 to over 2,900 in 2024.
- Increasing the rural training for all officers in local policing teams and control room staff across Derbyshire as well as additional training for Rural Crime Team officers.
- The launch of a new online reporting form specifically for rural crime offences.
- Chairing the Peak Park Summit, increasing the partnership working with neighbouring forces and launching the first Memorandum of Understanding to help tackle rural issues in the Peak District.

- 17 more officers now acting as Single Points of Contact for rural issues which is increasing visibility across the county.
- 22 officers have now been trained as Wildlife Crime Officers.
- Funding of the Willow Project, set up to raise awareness around the different challenges faced by victims of domestic abuse in rural areas.
- Publishing a Derbyshire Rural Safety & Crime Prevention Guide booklet with key partners.
- Increased capacity within the Rural Crime Team
- A £15k investment in a property marking scheme by the Commissioner allows farmers and rural business owners to protect their vehicles, machinery, and equipment. So far, £2 million of property has been protected, providing a deterrent against theft and enables the property to be returned to their owner should it be stolen and recovered.
- Funding provided to enable specific operations to tackle Rural Crime throughout Derbyshire. Op Logrey (Agricultural Crime), Op Tilly (Equine Crime), Op Whistler (Wildlife Crime), Op Chronos (Heritage Crime).
- Crime improvements in rural areas have seen residential burglary reduce by 27.7%, business/community burglary by 52.5% and vehicle crime by 7.1%.

### **Victim Support & Safeguarding**

- Almost doubling the investment made in victim support services since 2021. From £4.3 million to £8.3 million.
- Improvements in attendance by officers to residential burglaries. 97% attendance rate.
- Launched a new accessible victims hub website in 2022 which provides signposting information, bespoke to victims who reside in Derbyshire.
- Co-founded the development of a new mobile app 'Derbyshire Voice' which enables victims of crime, including those of domestic abuse and sexual violence

to provide personal testimonies of the support they received in the aftermath of an incident and how these services could be improved in the future.

- Created a Derbyshire-specific Violence Against Women and Girls strategy which was signed by all key partners across Derby City and Derbyshire.
- The Commissioner has Lead on a Violence Against Women and Girls Conference bringing partners and organisations together to develop our action plan.
- Secured over £1m in funding over the next three years to tackle serious violence and knife crime. Over £627,000 has been invested to fund a range of serious violence preventative services, including intensive mentoring, education and awareness programmes for young people, active bystander training, across Derby and Derbyshire. This funding has enabled the creation of the first ever Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) in Derbyshire which will seek to drive down offending further.
- Funded the recruitment of a dedicated Internal Police Stalking Coordinator to help enhance the quality of investigations and providing support to victims of stalking and harassment. Since inception, the number of Stalking Prevention Orders granted has increased from 1.9 per 1,000 cases to 6.45 per 1,000 cases.
- Organised a Victims Services Summit event to share best practice on what more we can do to support all victims of crime.
- Funded the recruitment of two independent Stalking Advocates for Derby and Derbyshire to support victims of stalking and harassment. The Independent Stalking Advocates service has seen 41 referrals to the City service since April 2023 and 17 high-risk cases in the County service, totalling 58 referrals.
- Supported the creation of the Domestic Abuse Review, Missing Person and Criminal Exploitation teams to increase and improve protection and support for vulnerable people. Since these teams have been established, over 47,000 Domestic Abuse Stalking and Harassment (DASH) Public Protection Notices (PPNs) have been reviewed, and the number of repeat missing children has reduced by 8%.



- Formation of Rape and Serious Sexual Offences teams to increase the number of rape cases that receive justice. Since their inception in January 2023, an overall increase of over 2% has already been seen in the positive outcomes of RASSO related offences.
- Bringing Derbyshire school leaders and police together at the Commissioner's Schools Conferences to help improve engagement, data sharing and share best practice to improve safeguarding across key issues including knife crime and county lines. Over 100 designated safeguarding leads and representatives from primary and secondary schools throughout the county attended these events.
- The Commissioner has chaired the Local Criminal Justice Board since 2021. Through her leadership and collaborative work with partners, improvements have seen a new multiagency Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel formed to drive up standards. Police file quality submissions to the Crown Prosecution Service have improved from 30% to consistently over 60%, and funding has been provided by the Commissioner and partners to second a 'Whole System Approach' Manager for Female Offenders to tackle reoffending.

### **Driving Efficiencies**

- In-year savings and underspends of £14m since 2021 which has helped in funding new initiatives and projects.
- Introduced Performance Scrutiny Meetings to monitor and assess the Police's performance against my Police and Crime Plan priorities.
- Improved the Police Estate with new and improved police bases in Derby, Chesterfield, Alfreton, Clay Cross and Killamarsh.
- Provided funding to the mental health 'Street Triage' phone line service which is ensuring residents and victims of crime are getting the most appropriate agency attending calls, lead to saving over 17,000 officers hours since August 2022.

- An increase in drone capacity with 28 drone pilots now trained to support investigations and saving the force £1m per year by utilising drones rather than the National Police Air Service.
- Circa £300k worth of efficiency savings made in Derbyshire by using national procurement with Blue Light Commercial.
- Approximately 2,000 laptops distributed to all frontline officers to ensure they can remain visible and out in communities by reducing their need to return to stations to complete paperwork.
- New technology has been funded by the Commissioner to enable faster processing of forensic evidence to speed up the charging of offenders.

#### 4. **RECOMMENDATION**

- i. That the Panel receives the end of term update in relation to progress against the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025

#### 5. **ATTACHEMENTS**

APPENDIX A - Strategic Summary of Delivery Against the Police & Crime Plan 2021-2024

APPENDIX B – The Commissioner’s Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025 – End of Term Report, Performance Scrutiny Meeting (PSM)

A copy of all the Commissioner’s Performance Scrutiny Meetings which have been held since 2021 can be found online here: <https://www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk/public-information/performance-scrutiny-meeting/>

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