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Annual Report 2022-23

West Yorkshire Combined Authority

Policing and Crime Team

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Headline Achievements

1. The Safety of Women and Girls has continued to be at the centre of the Police and Crime plan with the publication of the Safety of Women and Girls strategy along with other initiatives.
2. The launch of the Stalking Advocacy Service alongside the police unit transforms the service to victims of this heinous crime.
3. The Mayor's Pledge for over 750 more officers and staff by March 2024 is above target with 392 more officers and 148 more police staff in this year alone.
4. Work with the Local Criminal Justice Board brings a victim focus to agencies along with improving engagement between partners, victims and support services.
5. The CARA (Cautioning and Relationship Abuse) project, a criminal justice response to victims of domestic abuse by enhanced risk management and holding standard risk offenders to account for their actions continues to be rolled out reducing re-offending by over 35%
6. A Domestic Servitude video, created in partnership won the Best Animation at the Royal Television Society Yorkshire Programme Awards in October 2022.
7. The work of Vision Zero, the Road Safety aim to eradicate fatalities and serious injuries on our roads by 2040, is being driven by new members of the team and the baseline assessment completed.
8. The VRU (Violence Reduction Unit) was given a guarantee of funding for three years to continue its vital work and now also works to embed the Serious Violence Duty in the 5 local authority areas.
9. Safer Streets 4 began its enforcement activity with action across all areas to combat misuse of motorcycles and tackle anti-social behaviour.
10. Work on care for Children in police custody has taken a step forward with agreements on overnight accommodation for children which is not a police cell.
11. Our engagement with the public continues to be a priority and the discussions with the Youth Advisory Group continues to inform our work and priorities.
12. The Mayor's Safer Communities Fund goes from strength to strength and is impacting our communities with much needed support and services.
13. The Commissioning Strategy 2022-24 was launched in Autumn 2022 and has been well received and speaks to the amazing provision for community-based services.
14. Our equality impact assessment toolkit has also been well received and has helped providers with their responsibilities without causing undue work,

Introduction from the Mayor of West Yorkshire, Tracy Brabin

As Mayor I hold lots of responsibilities across our region, for culture, transport, the economy, and for policing and crime, supported by my wonderful Deputy Mayor, Alison Lowe.

You all will be aware that the safety of women and girls is a topic that is extremely close to our hearts, professionally, and personally as women with lived experience of violence. As the country's only female-metro mayor, I want to keep each and every one of our region's 1.2 million women and girls safe.

This aim remains at the heart of the work we all do. It is one of my key pledges when I was elected and is embedded throughout my Police and Crime Plan. Continuing this work, in November we launched our innovative Safety of Women and Girls Strategy, our plan to bring together long-term, sustainable change for our region.

This year has also seen the connection across with my other responsibilities with the launch of the Bus Safety Tool which helps us to understand where people do not feel safe on the bus network, and this will link into an enhanced safer travel team. Our safer parks work continues to grow and is now being taken up across the country. Another intervention I am particularly passionate about is the launch of the first county-wide service to support victims of domestic abuse related stalking. The launch of the West Yorkshire Independent Stalking Advocate service will see a step change for victims of this heinous crime.

We have also seen great strides forward elsewhere by appointing staff to work with our partners on the Vision Zero project and, through our work with the Local Criminal Justice Board, to ensure that victims of crime are kept at the forefront of work going forward.

My Safer Communities Fund goes from strength to strength, and I was proud to award over 1million to 173 grass roots projects which will support all areas of our wonderful region. The testimonies of the impact of these monies is evidence of the difference this fund is making, and I look forward to continuing this in the future.

We have worked hard to bring as much money into the area as possible and this is reflected in the work of the commissioning team with the new strategy that pledges to commission safe, just and inclusive community-based schemes.

One of the funding streams 'Safer Streets' and we have been able to use to help keep people safe in the nighttime economy and also support victims of anti-social behaviour – especially from those who have terrorised neighbourhoods with their use of motorcycles and quad bikes.

I would also like to highlight here the work of the Violence Reduction Unit. The Violence Reduction Unit has since been renamed the Violence Reduction Partnership in July 2023. More of the detail of their work can be found on our policing and crime website, <https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/policing-and-crime/west-yorkshire-violence-reduction-partnership/> , but this year has seen the introduction of the Serious Violence Duty for all of our partners and the VRU have been key to driving this forward for the benefit of all in West Yorkshire.

As ever, we want to inspire partners in public, health, community, and academic sectors, all of whom have a role to play in building a safe, just, and inclusive West Yorkshire, and I hope you can see from this annual report that we are leading the way for them.

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Police and Crime Plan Priority 1 - Supporting Victims and Witnesses and Improving Criminal Justice Outcomes

Our Objective is to:	Anticipated Outcomes
Deliver services that meet the victim's needs, we will also work with partners including the Local Criminal Justice Board to advance the response to victims and improve criminal justice outcomes for all	Victims are made aware of their rights and are supported by a range of well used, high quality services and perpetrators are supported to reduce reoffending. Working alongside partners this will improve prosecution rates for all with a victim centred approach.
The following are the highlights from this year to achieve these outcomes	

Our work with criminal justice partners to ensure the continuation of the drive to deliver high quality services for victims and witnesses continues with the support of dedicated policy management resourcing.

An independent scrutiny panel for **serious sexual offences** has been launched by West Yorkshire Police in partnership with the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU). The membership are partners from the statutory, voluntary & charity sectors and independent members. They provide an oversight of a number of anonymised police investigations, presented at random to the panel to ensure that policing has taken every possible investigative step to achieve a positive outcome, that victims have had full support from specialist victim's services, and specific requirements in relation to the recovery of electronic evidence are met by policing.

Domestic Abuse Perpetrators Funding - In August, the Mayor successfully secured a total of £550,225.25 to be granted to local councils, West Yorkshire Police and charitable organisations working to reduce domestic abuse through focused perpetrators work. Domestic Abuse Perpetrator programmes protect victims and survivors by engaging those who commit domestic abuse and working with them to reduce the chance of reoffending. First time domestic abuse offenders who agree to be admitted onto the program are given conditional cautions. Indicative figures show that this pathway has significantly reduced reoffending in West Yorkshire (42.2% without vs 6,8% with).

The money supported seven projects in the region, including the funding of an additional domestic abuse perpetrator worker in Leeds, 32 GPS location tags for offenders, and a perpetrator intervention programme for fathers in Kirklees.

Local Criminal Justice Board (LCJB) Planning Day:

The LCJB executive met on the 23rd of March 2023 to decide on strategic priorities drawn from both the Police and Crime Plan and issues that require tackling within the criminal justice mechanism, to improve the engagement and experience of both the victims of, and witnesses to, crime.

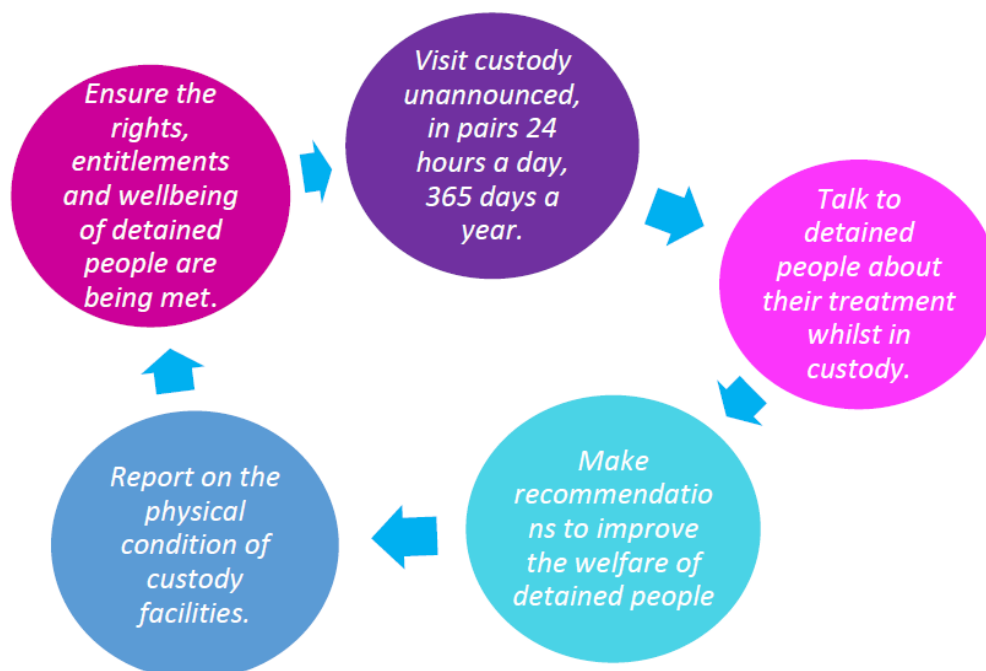
Going forward the executive will have a number of subordinate groups; the Victims and Witnesses group; the Efficiency and Effectiveness Group; and a Reducing Reoffending Board. In addition, four task and finish groups will work on LCJB governance, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Performance, and Transforming Summary Justice

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime was voted to chair the board going forward with the Vice-chair as the CPS lead.

Independent Custody Visitors

During this year, 20 remarkable and dedicated ICV volunteers offered face to face visits to people held in custody suites, across our region. These visits were offered at all times of the day and night including at weekends and over 365 days of the year. In 2022/23 there were 279 visits (up from 267) to 1333 detainees (1098). This equates to 5 visits every week.

What does an ICV do?



If you would like more information on becoming an Independent Custody Visitor in West Yorkshire then please email: policingandcrime@westyorks-ca.gov.uk

If you would like more information on the role of the national Independent Custody Visiting Association (ICVA) please visit: <https://icva.org.uk/>

Police and Crime Plan Priority 2 – Keeping People Safe and Building Resilience

Our Objective is to:	Anticipated Outcomes
Work in partnership to protect the most vulnerable in our society including understanding exploitation. Raise awareness of hate crime and modern-day slavery Prioritise the safety of women and girls,	Partners work across boundaries to support vulnerable people with innovative approaches that give access to support service. Improve workforce awareness of exploitation particularly of young people.
The following are the highlights from this year to achieve these outcomes	

A Domestic Servitude video won the Regional TV award – A film created through partnership work from the team from the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime’s office, Hope for Justice, West Yorkshire Police and the Modern Slavery Organised Immigration Crime Programme together with the locally based Fettle Animation to develop the content, and which follows the journey of a young woman moving from her home country to the UK has won Best Animation at the Royal Television Society Yorkshire Programme Awards in October. Watch and share the animation here: [Domestic Servitude Animation - YouTube](#)

Positive Futures Youth Intervention Evaluation and Community Safety Fund Uplift - The four Positive Futures youth intervention projects that are run in three Districts across West Yorkshire (Leeds, Calderdale and Bradford x 2) were independently evaluated in Summer 2022. The evaluation highlighted the positive difference that the projects made to lives of young people in those Districts. The Mayor has therefore decided to uplift the annual Community Safety Fund in FY23/24 across all Districts, ringfenced to provide a bespoke youth intervention offer for those children and young people at risk of entrenched ASB or criminal behaviour.

Safety of Men and Boys scoping work

The Mayor commissioned LimeCulture to support the scoping of the Safety of Men and Boys for West Yorkshire. Working closely with partners and service providers LimeCulture have consulted with local key stakeholders to inform the development plans and strategic direction for West Yorkshire in relation to the safety of men and boys. This included.

- Undertaken up to date research to provide national and local context.
- Provided initial key themes of focus and key recommendations to progress development of a strategy for West Yorkshire.

The final report is due to be submitted and reviewed by the Mayor Spring 2023 and we aim to publish/share the report in early Summer.

The **West Yorkshire Anti-Slavery Partnership** is chaired by the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (DMPC). The group has continued to grow in strength over the past year, and attracts representatives from WYP, local and national anti-slavery and trafficking charities, and local health and housing services.

Recent meetings have included input from the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority, The Children's Society (looking at financial exploitation), and the Palm Cove Society, whose presentation featured insight into the practice of abuse which exploits victim's faith or belief systems. The principal modes of exploitation in West Yorkshire remain sexual exploitation and labour abuses (e.g., cannabis farms, car washes, and an emerging pattern of exploitation seen through domestic servitude and in employment in the care system).

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Cross Cutting Theme - The Safety of Women and Girls

In order to write the Safety of Women and Girls Strategy, there were a number of Co-Design events which took place to shape the priorities and principles the first event took place in May 2022

- Around 75 attendees from across West Yorkshire, including Community Safety and Third Sector partners, came together to shape how the strategy will set out the priorities and principles to tackle these issues locally, regionally, and beyond. The Mayor said: “My Police and Crime Plan was launched in March with an overall vision of a safe, just, and inclusive West Yorkshire. As I pledged, the safety of women and girls sits at the heart of it.

The Second Co-Design Event took place shortly after

- This event took place in Wakefield with 60 attendees from charities, community safety organisations, local authorities, and the police joining West Yorkshire Mayor, Tracy Brabin, and her Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Alison Lowe OBE.
- To help shape the region’s response and co-produce with partners, attendees were asked to contribute what were the key strategic delivery actions they wanted to see delivered across West Yorkshire, with their support.
- The Safety of Women and Girls Strategy will add to ongoing work by the Mayor to ensure the safety of women and girls remains high on the agenda regionally and nationally.

This was then followed by the **launch of the Mayoral Women and Girls Strategy**

The Mayor of West Yorkshire unveiled the plan to bring about societal change and end generations of injustice. The strategy reveals the shocking experiences and challenges facing women and girls, including a recent survey that found 97% believe ‘being a woman’ affects their personal safety, and outlines a plan to tackle this. This will be resolved through four key areas of work to bring about change:

1. Education and Prevention: through events to raise awareness of the issue in schools, colleges, and universities across the region.
2. Behaviour Change: including delivering a behaviour change programme to empower men to be allies.
3. Safe Spaces: working to improve safety in the public, private and digital space.
4. And Supporting the Sector: securing funding for vital services in the region through working together with partners, including the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector and private businesses.

The strategy, with the voices of women and girls at its heart, will be delivered in partnership with West Yorkshire Police, local councils, community organisations, businesses, and the public. A further £1 million of funding has been made available by the Mayor to support the delivery of this. Tracy Brabin, Mayor of West Yorkshire, said: “We owe it to every little girl growing up in our brilliant and diverse region to provide them with a future where they are safe from harm. Male violence against

women and girls is a scourge that must be addressed, and as someone who has experienced this first-hand, I have made that my top priority. This plan, which has been co-designed with women, male allies, and organisations across the region, sets out how together, we can make West Yorkshire a safe, just and inclusive place for women and girls. Our time is now - we must do this together to overcome generations of injustice and harm and drive this important change.”

Alison Lowe OBE, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, said: “As a survivor of sexual and domestic abuse, I feel a strong personal responsibility towards making West Yorkshire safer for women and girls. “When it happened to me many years ago, I did not believe that I had a voice. But I am here now as the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime in West Yorkshire to tell you that you will be heard, you will be believed, and you will be supported.

Launch of **West Yorkshire Independent Stalking Advocate Service** (Dec 2022)

During the 16 Days of Action Against Domestic Abuse, organisations from across West Yorkshire have rallied together to improve the support available for victims of stalking.

An event with over 70 participants from 18 agency partners, Victim Support, a victim’s charity, showcased their new service, Funded by the Mayor to support the victims of stalking, and outlined how organisations can utilise the service to improve their journeys through the criminal justice system if they choose to report to the Police.

The service is fully funded by the Mayor through her commitment to £450,000 over 3 years. It is delivered by Victim Support and the Independent Stalking Advocacy Caseworkers (ISACs) support victims of domestic stalking aged 16 and over who have been subjected to fixated, obsessive, unwanted and repeated behaviour from an ex-partner or family member. This can be recent or have happened in the past.

ISACs help stalking victims cope with their situation, take control and move forward and develop coping strategies. They risk assess and help with safety planning, offer support with accessing other appropriate services and navigating the Criminal Justice Service.

Safer Parks (October 2022)

In line with the strategic theme of ‘Safe Spaces’ West Yorkshire Combined Authority facilitated a workshop with the University of Leeds and partners. This workshop is an important and timely opportunity to discuss the findings of new research and to help shape recommendations to support women and girls’ safety and feelings of safety in parks and green spaces across West Yorkshire.

The workshop was attended by Alison Lowe OBE, Deputy Mayor for Policing & Crime and Lee Berry, Detective Superintendent, VAWG Strategic Lead, West Yorkshire Police, alongside parks managers, police officers, design out crime officers, built and natural environment practitioners, women’s groups and campaigners.

The workshop offered an important opportunity to pool inter-professional expertise and experience across a range of partners and stakeholders to jointly examine the research findings and co-produce recommendations that support women and girls' safety and feelings of safety in parks and green spaces across West Yorkshire. The ideas and ways forward generated during the workshop discussions will feed into the development of regional guidance, commissioned by the Mayor, and the recommendations that form part of the final report of the research, which launched later in the year.

Policy Knowledge Share Session with Mass Transit Companies (April 2022)

We hosted a knowledge share session with West Yorkshire Combined Authority, and Mass-Transit Colleagues and Consultants to raise awareness of gender-bias in design and how to best integrate safety into design.

During the session, partners provided update on how safety in design is crucial to ensure sustainable solutions for safety across the infrastructure industry. We want to cultivate our relationships with businesses as a route to influence employers to understand what they can do to support women's safety and support industries to be more gender inclusive.

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Police and Crime Plan Priority 3 – Safer Places and Thriving Communities

Our Objective is to:	Anticipated Outcomes
<p>Work to reduce serious violence particularly amongst young people. Tackle the causes of ASB through a targeted approach.</p> <p>Eliminated traffic fatalities through the new Vision Zero board and increase safe transport for all.</p> <p>Ensure communities are safe by targeting organised criminals</p>	<p>Lessening of Serious Violence especially in young people through the Violence Reduction Unit taking a public health approach to this arena.</p> <p>Focus on Neighbourhood Policing to drive out organised criminals from areas</p> <p>Through the vision Zero Board provide scrutiny and oversight of safer roads</p> <p>Reduction in ASB calls to the police and communities feeling safer.</p>
<p>The following are the highlights from this year to achieve these outcomes</p>	

Vision Zero

The Policy Manager (Vision Zero) and Policy Assistant (Vision Zero) joined the team in February 2023.

Initial work established the governance structures surrounding Vision Zero and the Safe Roads Partnership. This work ensured the right scrutiny and oversight of the Safe Roads Executive was present by the Vision Zero Board with the correct levels of partner representation and reporting mechanisms.

The two new members of the team engaged with partners to ensure positive relationships enabling stronger collaboration with partners involved. This engagement involved setting the foundations for further work and encouraging partners to adopt Vision Zero principles further within their own organisations.

The team have created a baseline assessment of partner capacity which has been signed off at executive level.

Work with the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) to reduce serious violence in West Yorkshire

In April 2022, the Government confirmed that Violence Reduction Units across England & Wales will have a guarantee of funding for the next three years, allowing our own VRU to further develop the vital work which has been carried out over the past three years. Having a stable funding position in the near-term will help to support West Yorkshire partners as they meet the requirements of the Government's Serious Violence Duty, which calls for police, local government, justice and health bodies, to collaborate to develop holistic strategies to protect people from harm.

The Serious Violence Duty commenced in January 2023 and is a statutory duty for all named partners to work together to reduce serious violence in their area. For more information on this please see www.gov.uk/government/publications/serious-violence-duty the VRU is working with all 5 districts to ensure they meet the requirements of the duty.

For more information on the Violence Reduction Unit (now renamed Violence Reduction Partnership) please see their dedicated website www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/policing-and-crime/west-yorkshire-violence-reduction-partnership

Safer Streets 4 work

In conjunction with partners, we were able to bid for over £1.2m under the Safer Streets 4 banner which supported two key projects which will both increase the safety for women and girls and tackle anti-social behaviour.

It saw £717,953.61 directed into a number of projects to support the safety of women and girls across the night-time economy in West Yorkshire, including 'safe space hubs', the creation of more street marshals to assist those in need of help and the extension of the West Yorkshire 'Ask for Angela' initiative, which enables those who feel vulnerable or unsafe to seek assistance in bars, clubs and businesses.

A further £518,137.60 went towards tackling anti-social behaviour and misuse of motorised quad bikes and motorcycles in West Yorkshire's residential areas, as well as parks and open spaces. This included enforcement activity focused on the misuse of vehicles, a youth outreach and diversion programme working with charities in specific areas.

Highlights from SS4 work with anti-social use of motorised quad and motorcycles.

Bradford	From October 2022 to January 2023, 19 operations have taken place under Operation Scribestoke covering five key areas for anti-social motorbike nuisance in Eccleshill, Keighley West, Royds, Tong and Windhill & Wrose Ward areas.
Calderdale	October to December 2022 17 days of action under Operation Heelfield took place in identified Ward areas using Safer Street Funding. The results included 29 arrests, 40 vehicle seizures, 115 Traffic Offence Reports, 74 intelligence reports, 6 Section 59 Warnings and 1 Community Resolution for drugs possession
Kirklees	Operation Teakshot SSF4 Police Days of Action overtime is scheduled to be used throughout 2023 particularly during the school holidays and warmer months when demand is higher. There were two days of action in October 2022 targeting nuisance motorcycles and quads in Birstall, Batley, Liversedge and Dewsbury East and West. This resulted in a bike seizure and a male arrested. Several calls for service involving off road bikes were also attended.
Leeds	Since October 2022 there have been 11 operations (Operation Ashfield) conducted to target the anti-social use of bikes and theft of motorcycle. These have involved Police Off Road Bikers and Roads Policing Officers. Results include 16 vehicles seized, 7 arrests, 13 motorists reported for Summons, 5 Stop Searches (2 positive for Drugs) and 52 live time incidents attended. The funding has also paid for 6 reserve riders to be trained and provided with the relevant protective clothing / equipment.
Wakefield	Since September 2022 the District has used the funding to conduct 6 days of action in relation to Off Road Bikes. This has included delivering awareness and crime prevention inputs at Whitwood and Wakefield College and patrols around Kinsley and Eastmoor. A stolen bike was recovered in South Elmsall and a high value electric scooter seized at Eastmoor. Footage provided by a member of the community resulted in an offender being identified and issued with a £100 fine and 3 points on their licence for driving offences.

Public Consultation on Community Safety – the Your Views Survey

Listening to communities' perspective on community safety is an essential part of the work of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, and our longstanding 'Your Views' survey remains an important link to public opinion. The survey collects data on residents' views about neighbourhood issues of concern, experience of crime, and satisfaction with the work of the police and community safety partners.

2022's survey took place in June and attracted 2,757 responses from across our districts. This wave of research attracted a greater proportion of residents living in areas most affected by crime. Overall, 68.5% of residents said they felt safe in their neighbourhood; other headline results included:

- 32.7% felt burglary was an issue in their local area, compared to 57.8% in 2021's survey.
- There were also notable falls in the proportion of respondents identifying issues with litter/vandalism (61.4%), drugs (54.6%), and dangerous driving (76.0%); although issues with ASB (60.7%) and hate crime (9.0%) remained at a similar level to the previous year.
- 19.7% of respondents were concerned for the safety of women and girls in their local area – this was new data collected for the first time.

When we asked respondents to single out the main community safety issue which concerned them, the top responses were dangerous driving (the main issue for 29.8% of respondents), the lack of visible police presence (14.9%), and ASB (11.7%).

Police and Crime Plan Priority 4 - Responding to Multiple and Complex Needs

Our Objective is to:	Anticipated Outcomes
Protect vulnerable young people to ensure they are not drawn into a life of criminality. Embed a trauma informed approach across all services. Ensure that services are available for all vulnerable people and criminal justice works for all. Work to reduce the effects of drugs and alcohol in our communities	Delivering innovative approaches to help those who are vulnerable in our communities, due to addiction or mental health challenges. Greater engagement with lesser heard communities Ensuring services for all, especially young people are trauma informed and provide access to services and opportunities.
The following are the highlights from this year to achieve these outcomes	

Police and Crime Evidence (PACE) Beds - Section 38(6) Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Act 1984 places a Legal duty on the police to transfer children who have been refused bail to local authority accommodation rather than keeping them in the police station overnight. There is a legal duty placed on Local Authorities to facilitate this. Arrangements between policing and the Local Authority Children's Services across the county were in need of significant improvement. We facilitated new arrangements through a West Yorkshire Protocol and information sharing agreement. This binds all local authorities through a shared responsibility framework to provide foster care to criminally charged children and young people for a short term 8 to 72 hours max, prior to a court appearance. This has resulted in a step change in performance and recognition for the county in a recent HMIP inspection.

The West Yorkshire Criminal Justice and Mental Health Forum was reinstated in March 2022. The forum has representation from place based and strategic NHS Integrated Care Board, the three NHS Mental Health Trusts, Local Authorities, West Yorkshire Police at District Senior Leadership level. The forum will be primarily engaged with providing the West Yorkshire strategic partnership for Right Care, Right Person, the police and partnership demand and resourcing model, agreed nationally in February 2023.

West Yorkshire Combating Drugs Partnership Strategic Board

The WY Strategic Board's objective is to address those issues which call for a co-ordinated response from key partners working in the criminal justice and substance misuse space. The Board held its first meeting in February 2023, bringing together partners from the police, prisons and probation service, and district public health services, to help co-ordinate West Yorkshire's response to the Government's 'From Harm to Hope' 10-year drugs strategy.

The Board's ambition is to shape the work taking place under the strategy's three workstreams: to break supply chains; reduce demand; and enhance treatment

pathways; and is closely aligned to the objectives of the Police and Crime Plan's 'Responding to Multiple and Complex Needs' priority.

A key example of the Board's work is to promote the use of the anti-overdose treatment 'Naloxone' in West Yorkshire. It is hoped in the year ahead that this forum will also develop work on a West Yorkshire approach to Nitrous Oxide use, and sign-posting support for those receiving alcohol and drug-treatment orders at local courts.

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Cross Cutting work - The Engagement & Consultation Team

Working with Young People

The Consultation and Engagement team have continued to work closely with young people in West Yorkshire through their Youth Advisory Group, maintaining great relationships and also making new connections with inspirational and passionate young people across the region.

The group has met throughout the year to discuss the Police and Crime Plan, the Police Budget and to consult on language to help develop trauma informed approaches; many of these consultations have helped to inform practice, strategy, and delivery on a wider scale. In addition to this, the team have introduced young people to Partners across West Yorkshire and supported them into decision making arenas, where they have been able to provide valuable insight on policing and crime matters, such as the safety of women and girls. We have also facilitated experience days for young people to learn more about the Police, namely the visit to Police headquarters in Wakefield to visit the firearms department, CCTV and emergency 999 and 101 call centre.

The group has undergone development this year and is currently being adapted and recruited to, to continue to fulfil its important function. With this in mind, there will be the first ever Policing and Crime Youth Conference taking place next year which will aim to consolidate the youth voice on Policing and Crime from all across West Yorkshire and galvanise Partners to not only act on young people's priorities, but to do it through a youth lens.

Place based Consultation and Engagement

Every year the Consultation and Engagement team undertakes a face-to-face survey at large scale public events. The aim of the 2022 survey was to focus on Safer Places and Thriving Communities to provide some key information to inform the Mayor's strategy as outlined in the 2021-24 West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan. The team attended events from May – September 2022 which included Bradford, Calderdale and Leeds Pride, Beeston Festival, Armed Forces day and a series of district-based partnership events. The survey creates an opportunity for engagement and consultation, enabling the team to also share information and capture complaints and concerns which are shared with the Mayor's Casework Team.

Face to Face surveys and the type of events attended often favour younger respondents - shifting away from the office's usual demographic that we see in our public consultations and expanding the diversity of those engaged with. 49% of our respondents to the summer survey were under the age of 40, with a further 16% under the age of 24.

- In total 427 individuals completed the survey and key findings from the analysis showed that the majority of those we spoke to felt safe or very safe in their local area and felt that people in their communities got on well.
- When it came to confidence in policing, the views were mostly positive. However, over half of those who stated they had been a victim provided more negative responses around the confidence in policing questions.

- Police visibility remained one of the biggest areas that communities (including younger people) stated would have the biggest positive impact and unsurprisingly the elderly and young people in our communities were thought to be the most vulnerable.

Mayors Safer Communities Fund

Totals

Grant rounds in this period: GR1, GR2, GR3

Projects: 173

Spend: £1,040,385.59

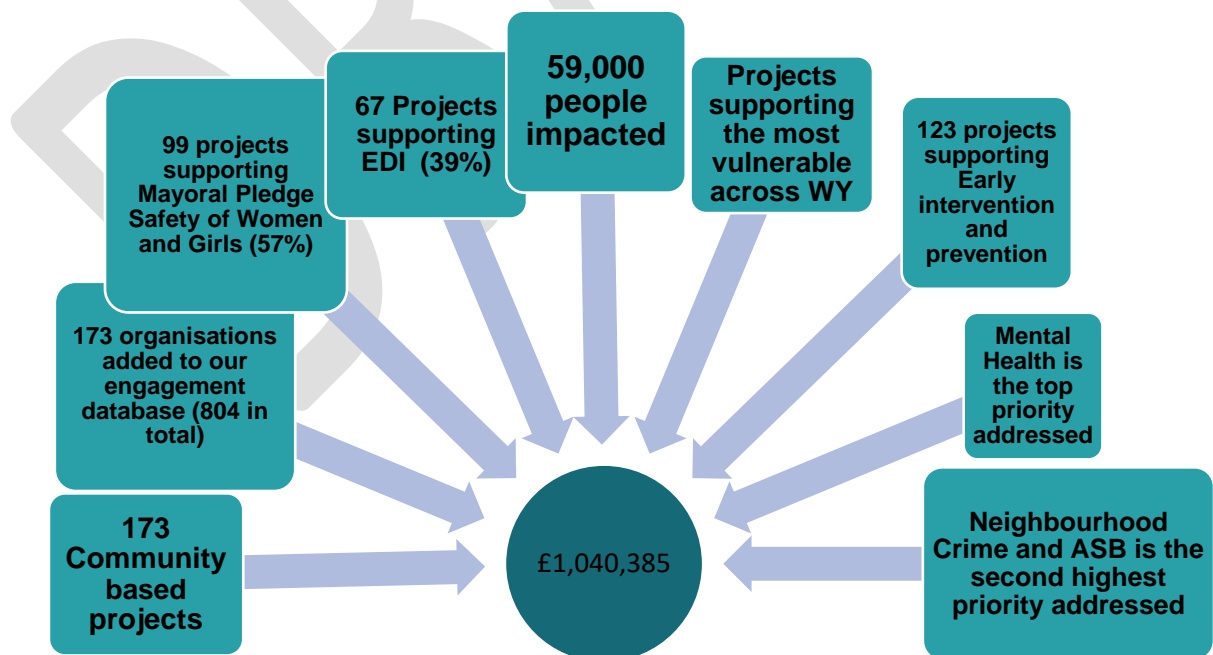
reach: 59,368

The Mayors Safer Communities Fund uses Proceeds of Crime Money seized by West Yorkshire Police and puts it back in to communities to improve community safety and combat the harms of crime.

The fund is open to voluntary/community/not for profit and statutory groups and promotes partnership working across the VCSE sector in West Yorkshire. All prospective projects must align to the priorities, areas of focus and cross-cutting themes within the Police and Crime Plan 21-24.

Over the period of April 22 – March 23, the fund allocated £1,040,385.59 to 173 projects, impacting a minimum of 59,000 people.

Projects across the district addressed many areas and focuses on the Police and Crime Plan, ranging from road safety, support to housing, skills and employment to child sexual exploitation and serious violence.



Case Study 1: Empath Action CIC

Empath Action CIC used the fund to deliver the play '97%' about sexual harassment. The play gave audiences the chance to see the devastating impact on young women, and the ways in which friends, peers, and the legal system need to help victims. They

created resources to signpost women to services where they could get help, and after their two performances of the play they held an open floor talk to discuss the reasons behind creating the play and what they believe needs to change, including how men can support other men in being the solution.

As a result of the play, Empath Action CIC reported that the play gave many women a chance to speak about their experiences as survivors of abuse. They also noted the unanticipated support the project provided to the Ask For Angela campaign. It provided an understanding for many businesses as to why the campaign was vital. There had also been interest for the play to form parts of Police training as well as positive feedback from local councillors in supporting work within female safety. They were invited to be involved in the 16 Days of Action and wrote and debuted 4 short plays (titled Boys Won't be Boys) focusing on the role men can take in helping to tackle misogyny and abuse of women.

Case Study 2 **Family Fit**

Family Fit used the fund to improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of individuals, children, young people, adults and families across the Wakefield district. Their project delivered fitness courses of Women & Girls Boxercise Strength, Fitness & Confidence sessions to females aged 12+ in Eastmoor Wakefield East Ward. They aimed to break the cycle of 'accepted' levels of verbal, mental and physical abuse by equipping women and girls with skills.

As a result of the sessions participants disclosed concerns for themselves and others around Domestic Abuse (DA). Family Fit were able to signpost them to Wakefield DA services and the participants also experienced increased confidence to do so as a result of their sessions. Feedback from their sessions included "it cheered me up", and it gave them "a reason to leave the house", helped them to "make new friends" and "get fitter by having fun". The project engaged with 22 women and girls on a regular basis over 48 weeks, between them there was a combined total of 864 attendances. They found that the women who attended felt more connected with their local community as a result of the sessions, many having made new friends and support networks. One woman had grown in confidence so much that she had since been trained by Wakefield Council as a volunteer Walk Leader and started regular Health Walks from the venue as soon as our sessions ceased, evidencing the sustainable nature of the work.

Cross Cutting Work – The Commissioning Team

Policing and Crime Commissioning Strategy 2022-2024

- Published our first Policing and Crime Commissioning Strategy 2022-2024 - Commissioning safe, just and inclusive community-based services and activities for West Yorkshire
- “One of my responsibilities as the Mayor is to commission quality, inclusive services that meet the needs of our diverse communities. This commissioning strategy sets out my intentions in this regard and, I hope, makes clear my commitment to a strong, sustainable West Yorkshire Third Sector, value for money and the highest quality service for the people of our region. I have been amazed by the outstanding provision we commission here in West Yorkshire, and I want to thank all our providers for their passion and commitment to the citizens of our region, without which the outcomes we achieve together would not be possible. I am confident that this strategy will harness the best of what is currently being delivered in West Yorkshire whilst also encouraging innovation and greater co-production than ever before. I wish to thank all our partners who work alongside us every day to deliver our policing and crime ambitions and I am certain this commissioning strategy takes my vision of a safe, just and inclusive West Yorkshire one step closer to fruition.” Tracy Brabin, Mayor of West Yorkshire
- In the summer and autumn of 2022, we hosted a number of meetings and events where partners, current providers, and other interested groups came together to co-design the new commissioning strategy. We held five events in community-based venues, one in each district, a West Yorkshire wide online meeting, an internal staff event and an online survey. Over 100 people from 60 different organisations have had their say on the co-design of our strategy.
- Themes of the key findings
 - Fair and equal commissioning
 - Better engagement with partners and attracting funding into West Yorkshire
 - Future opportunities to co-commission
 - Understanding needs and priorities
- [insert attached front cover of A5 Strategy leaflet image with QR code]
- <https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/media/9802/policing-and-crime-commissioning-strategy-2022-2024.pdf>

Service focus on Hospital Based IDVA

- The Mayor funded Mid Yorkshire Health Trust (MYHT) through her Ministry of Justice (MoJ) Grant for Local Commissioning of Victims' Support Services for West Yorkshire. The funding secured a hospital based Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA).
- This role is based in the MYHT Domestic Abuse service that is available to the patients and staff of any department, team, clinical area, community, or hospital site at MYHT, where people are experiencing, or affected by Domestic Abuse. The team have supported 494 victims of abuse during the first year of operations, with a total of 1806 contacts made by the team to patients and staff.

- A portion of the funding was utilised to provide dignity clothing and toiletry packs for victims attending MYHT, who are unsafe to return home, require emergency accommodation, refuge placement or immediate hospital admission.
- The Hospital Based IDVA role and MYHT Domestic Abuse Team meet the recommendations within this statutory guidance for a co-located specialist service within the hospital setting. The performance indicators demonstrated the fundamental need for the service to provide a targeted and immediate response to both staff and patients, as victims of domestic abuse.
- The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime visited the Safeguarding Team and service.

Equality Impact Assessments Toolkit launched.

Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion is at the heart of the Mayor's Police and Crime Plan for a safe, just and inclusive West Yorkshire. Celebrating the diversity of West Yorkshire and ensuring that the principles of equality and inclusion underpin all the work we do and ensure the services and support we commission protects those who are most vulnerable. The Mayor's commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion is central to our commissioning approach and processes. All our funded services and activity require an Equality Impact Assessment and performance monitoring of actions and progress is monitored as part of our contracting and granting arrangements.

Our first specific Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) Toolkit for providers has been designed to provide information that supports the completion of the EqIA for the services commissioned and funded by West Yorkshire Combined Authority on behalf of the Mayor. The toolkit has been developed to help providers consider the actual or potential effects of activities, services and decisions on people and communities and analyse and make more considered decisions about changes to service delivery, policy, and practice. The Toolkit aims to help providers identify how specific communities of interest may be affected by decisions and to consider any potential discriminatory impact on people with protected characteristics. To help improve or promote equality, diversity, and inclusion by encouraging providers to identify ways to remove barriers and improve participation for people with a protected characteristic(s).

Providers EqIAs will support our commissioning to

- take an evidenced based approach – using facts, data, information, and feedback to inform our thinking and decisions.
- explore ways to improve the services we commission.
- remove or reduce negative impacts by flagging up issues.
- consider options, outcomes and risks alongside costs and value for money.
- increase transparency of our commissioning and funding

[insert link <https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/policing-and-crime/commissioning/tools-for-providers/>]

Police Service Funding and Officer Recruitment (Mayor's Pledge)

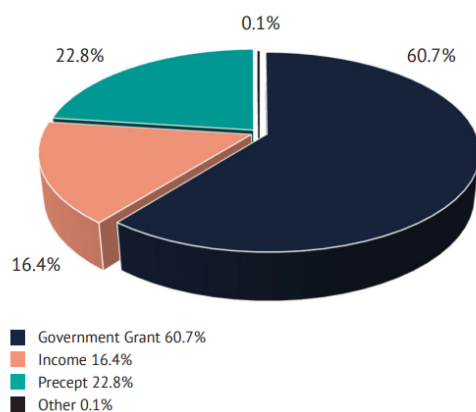
The Mayor's precept proposal resulted in a budget of £531.611m. with the largest share (55%) originating from the Government's core grant for police services.

Following a public consultation held in January 2022. the majority of respondents supported the Mayor's proposals for an uplift in the level of the policing element of local Council Tax (the precept) for 22/23. 23% of West Yorkshire Police's funding is derived from local residents' Council Tax contributions although it will remain the 4th lowest Police precept in England and Wales

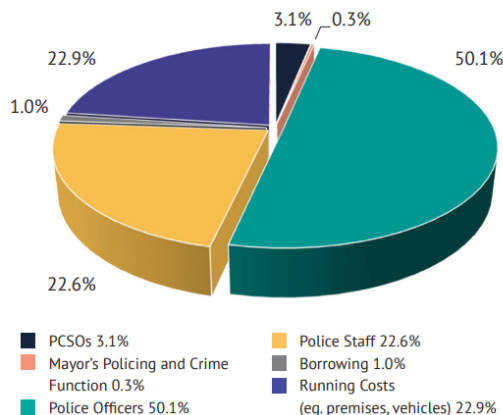
A full record of the budget and accounts for 2022 - 2023 is available online.

The savings made through the West Yorkshire Police Strategic Delivery and Consultation Group, a group that hold oversight of business cases and proposals on behalf of the Command Team, will allow non partner-funded PCSO numbers to be maintained at over 500 as a **key commitment to the Neighbourhood Policing footprint**, and ongoing recruitment of an additional 345 police officers and 84 police

Where the money came from 2022/2023



What the money is spent on 2022/2023



West Yorkshire continues to have the fourth lowest Precept in England and Wales

BUDGET	2021/2022 £m	2022/2023 £m
Gross Expenditure	616.167	649.293
Council Tax Requirement	138.222	147.863

staff into various specialist roles in helping to meet the overall shared vision of 'Safe, Just, Inclusive'.

In November 2022, The Mayor of West Yorkshire, confirmed a further three years in office for the county's Chief Constable.

John Robins QPM has over 32 years local service in West Yorkshire and will now undertake the role until 2027.

He is currently contracted until 2024, but to provide certainty and stability, the Mayor has asked him to commit to an additional 3 years.

West Yorkshire Police has performed exceptionally under his leadership, having been graded as both 'outstanding' and 'good' by HMICFRS in November 2021.

West Yorkshire Police Chief Constable, John Robins QPM said: "I am honoured that the Mayor has extended my appointment as the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire Police. "I remain resolute in my determination to keep improving policing across West Yorkshire ."I am also committed to supporting the professional and dedicated police officers, staff and volunteers who make up West Yorkshire Police."

Police and Crime Plan Performance Monitoring



Progress in the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan's outcomes is evaluated in our quarterly Performance Monitoring Reports, which are published on our website. Information about West Yorkshire Police's performance is collected at the associated Performance Scrutiny Meetings, which provide the DMPC the opportunity to examine aspects of West Yorkshire Police's delivery in greater depth with the Chief Constable.



Currently we assess the delivery of the Plan's outcomes through 33 indicators which record the performance of the police, our partners, and the Combined Authority.

Key Highlights include:

- Working with West Yorkshire Police to produce locally accountable performance measures for crimes which fall into the Violence Against Women and Girls category. In April 2022 the National Police Chiefs Council produced their first report on VAWG ([VAWG outcomes and performance framework](#)) so we looked to produce a document that could be used by partners to understand VAWG in a West Yorkshire context.
- This document shows how the long-term upward trend in Domestic Incidents was stabilising, the positive outcomes for Rape were on a steep upwards trajectory as was the positive outcomes for other sexual offences also.
- West Yorkshire Police agreed to add Stalking to the list of crimes that were part of their Victim Satisfaction Survey, and first results show a high satisfaction rating.
- Knife Crime is on a reducing trend with a 4.1% reduction in the 12 months to March 2023 compared to a 4.7% average increase over the same time for all forces in England and Wales
- Neighbourhood Crime (Domestic Burglary, Personal Robbery, Theft from Person and Car Crime) is a priority for the government and West Yorkshire Police had a target to keep this crime below the baseline of 12 months to June 2019. When looking at the 12 months to March 2023, this was 23% below the baseline which corresponds to over 10,000 fewer victims.
- The Deputy Mayor has worked with the force to identify areas under the Equality Duty for extra emphasis. The profile for those coming into the force under the recruitment process showed an 18.3% proportion of ethnic minority officers compared to the 8.3% that were currently in force. This was a key Equality, Diversity and Inclusion measure from the cross-cutting theme in the Police and Crime plan.
- West Yorkshire also had a high number of female recruits and in March 2023 showed for all officers, 39.1% were female against an England and Wales figure of 34.7%

Police and Crime Plan Performance Monitoring

PCP Priority	Metric	12 mths to June 2019	12 mths to Mar 2022	12 mths to Mar 2023	Change	Trend Over Time
 <p>Supporting Victims and Witnesses & Improving Criminal Justice Outcomes</p>	Increase victim satisfaction with the police	74.8%	72.6%	71.8%	-0.8%	↓
	Increase satisfaction with the police among victims of domestic abuse	84.6%	85.1%	83.5%	-1.6%	↔
	Maintain high levels of calls answered on target	90.1%	85.6%	87.9%	1.5%	↔
	Improve outcomes for victims of Rape	Rape 1-8 outcomes	296 (8.1%)	280 (7.7%)	-16 (-0.4%)	↔
	Improve outcomes for victims of Serious Sexual Offences	SSO 1-8 Outcomes	603 (7.8%)	664 (8.2%)	+61 (0.4%)	↑
	Improve outcomes for Domestic Abuse	1-8 Outcomes	4,132 (6.8%)	4,513 (7.0%)	381 (0.2%)	↔
	Increase proportion of crime with victim initial needs assessment		97.0%	98.9%	1.9%	↑
	Decrease Ineffective trial rate (Magistrates Court)		25.4% ²	20.3% ³	-5.1%	↔
	Increase volume of early guilty pleas		Crown 37.8% ² Mags 70.2% ²	Crown 37.3% ³ Mags 68.8% ³	Crown -0.5% Mags -1.4%	↔
	Decrease average time taken for cases to be brought to resolution		(2021/22) Qtr1- 75.3 Qtr2- 75.3 Qtr3- 82.0 Qtr4- 72.0	(2022/23) Qtr1- 68.4 Qtr2 - 57.1 Qtr3 - 49.9	Qtr1 -6.9 Qtr 2 -18.2 Qtr3 - 32.1	↓
 <p>Keeping People Safe and Building Resilience</p>	Monitor the number of young persons flagged as at risk of Criminal Exploitation		628	653	+25	↑
	Monitor Indicators from Cyber Dashboard	See Appendix 2				
	Reduce number of repeat victims of Domestic Abuse		33,365	35,953	+2,588	↑
	Reduce number of repeat victims of Hate Crime		2,724	2,991	+267	↑
	Increase use of DVPO		441	554	+113	↑
	Increase use of DVPN		456	555	+99	↑
Increase use of Stalking Prevention Orders		1	4	+3	↔	

PCP Priority	Metric	12 mths to June 2019	12 mths to Mar 2022	12 mths to Mar 2023	Change	Trend Over Time
 Safer Places and Thriving Communities	Reduce number of Homicides	26	27	29	+2	↑
	Reduce all hospital admission for assault with a sharp instrument	270	240	210	-30	↓
	Reduce Knife Crime	2,620	2,395	2,293	-102	↓
	Reduce Number of ASB incidents		35,377	28,030	-8,347	↓
	Keep Neighbourhood Crime below baseline	49,069	29,253	33,921	+4,668	↓
	Monitor cyber attacks on businesses via WYCA survey	Not available				
	Increase proportion of workforce from ethnic minorities		6.5%	7.2%	+0.7%	↑
	Increase proportion of female officers		37.1%	39.1%	+2.0%	↑
	Reduce numbers of KSI's on roads in W Yorkshire		(2021) Fatal 46 Serious 1010	(12mths to Feb23) Fatal 49 Serious 1004	Fatal +3 Serious -6	
	Recruit 750 police officers and staff by April 2024	Officers		5,667	6,074	+407
Police Staff inc PCSO			4,212	4,350	+138	↑
 Responding to Multiple and Complex Needs	Monitor VRU early intervention programme attendee figures		13838	18948	5110	↑
	Reduce number of repeat missing children below baseline level	1458	985	946	-39	↓
	Reduce number of repeat missing adults below baseline level	933	407	354	-51	↓
	Reduce re-offending rate for Drug related crime		21.6% (12 months to Mar 2020)	21.8% (12 months to Mar 2021)	0.2%	↔
	Reduce the number of First time entrants to the CJS		3871 (Adults) 518 (Juveniles) 12mths to Sept 21	3653 (Adults) 489 (Juveniles) 12mths to Sept 22	-218 (Adults) -20 (Juveniles)	↓
	Increase number of offenders referred to drug treatment services via Liaison and Diversion		457	480	+23	↑