**OBJECTIVE: Make communities safer and feel safer by tackling all forms of crime**

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| Recorded Crime | West Yorks | Bradford | Calderdale | Kirklees | Leeds | Wakefield |
| 12 mths to Dec 13 | -3.8% | -1.2% | +3.9% | -8.4% | -4.0% | -6.6% |
| 12 mths to Dec 14 | -4.5% | -4.1% | -8.6% | -4.7% | -3.7% | -4.4% |
| *Volume (to Dec 2014)* | *153,284* | *38,753* | *12,493* | *23,523* | *58,407* | *20,108* |

**COMMENTARY**

* There were 153,284 crimes recorded in West Yorkshire in the 12 months to December 2014 compared to the 12 months to January. This is a reduction of 7,161 which equates to 4.5%.
* There has, however, been an increase in recorded crime between this quarter and the same quarter last year of 2.6% which has been largely put down to improved recording processes.
* It is worth noting that 24 other forces across England and Wales have also witnessed increases in the 12 months to September 2014.
* The Police and Crime Plan contains an indicator for total crime rate, with the aim that West Yorkshire is better than similar police areas (known as MSGs\*). For the 12 months to September 2014, West Yorkshire was improving at a rate of 7.5% whilst the MSG average had only reduced by 0.5% suggesting we are on track to achieve this.

\* see glossary for definition of MSG.

**ACTION / RESPONSE**

* Although I am pleased to see that volume crime is continuing to reduce as part of a longer downward trend, I will monitor this closely and ensure that we do not become complacent. I recently queried the increase with the Chief Constable who explained that increases to some extent are typical this time of year however the in addition to this there have been more incidents recorded as crimes in line with improved practices.
* Following the HMIC inspection into crime data integrity the police service implemented a number of recommendations to improve its recording standards, as a result it expects a rise in the number of crimes being recorded in certain categories such as domestic burglary, and violence without injury. It is important to understand that the level of incidents reported to police is generally stable.
* The latest HMIC PEEL inspection found West Yorkshire Police to be good at reducing crime and preventing offending but not so good at investigating offending which was assessed as requiring improvement – I will continue to work with the force to ensure areas for improvement are addressed.
* The OPCC has recently consulted with the public via a number of surveys including the feelings of safety survey, community conversation survey and the long standing public perception survey, these are currently in the evaluation and analysis stages and will be feed into wider work around crime reduction, victim satisfaction and confidence.

**OBJECTIVE: REDUCE THE RISK OF DOMESTIC BURGLARY IN WEST YORKSHIRE**

**ACTION/RESPONSE**

* With the continued apparent reductions in domestic burglary across West Yorkshire, my conversations have focussed on issues that may affect these figures: the integrity of crime recording and the change to the counting of crimes occurring in multi-occupancy houses.
* That incident to crime recording compliance has dropped to 81.0% in December 2014 is a concern, as I would have expected continued improvements at this stage. There is a lot of work ongoing within the police service to increase crime recording standards, including educational training around immediate recording of crimes, and a new process that includes a fixed period of time to review and rectify all instances of failed compliance. This includes large volumes of auditing, but there is determination to improve and get it right first time.
* The changes to recording of burglaries in multi-occupancy dwellings has also impacted on crime recording compliance as well as the volume of crime itself. For every multi-occupancy domestic burglary that is converted, this could add another 6-7 crimes but this is also counted as 6-7 compliance failures. So as these multi-occupancy crimes are historically identified, this is impacting on the compliance rates. This is now up to date and the police service is confident that compliance rates will improve.
* The recent HMIC crime inspection recognises the understandable focus on burglary and acknowledges that this focus is working.

**COMMENTARY**

* In the 12 months to September 2014 there was a 19.5% reduction in domestic burglary, which has slowed, resulting in a 14.2% reduction to December 2014. There were 265 more crimes for the October-December 2014 period compared to the same time the previous year, an increase of 8.2%.
* The Police and Crime Plan contains a target for West Yorkshire to out-perform similar police areas. As at September 2014 the average reduction across the similar group was 7.1%, showing that West Yorkshire is performing better than its similar police areas. West Yorkshire stands at 6th in the similar group.
* The Crime Survey for England and Wales data to September 2014 identifies that 11.9% of households surveyed have been a victim of household crime showing a reduced risk since March 2012 and having the third lowest risk of similar police areas.
* The police have implemented monthly audits to measure compliance with crime recording standards. In September 2014, 87.6% of burglary incidents were correctly recorded as crimes, while in December this had reduced to 81.0%, which would attract a grading of ‘fair’. Crimes identified through the audit process have been backdated to April 2014 and are included in performance figures.

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| Recorded domestic burglary | West Yorks | Bradford | Calderdale | Kirklees | Leeds | Wakefield |
| 12 mths to Dec 13 | -10.6% | +1.2% | +3.7% | -16.4% | -14.5% | -25.1% |
| 12 mths to Dec 14 | -14.2% | -20.8% | -21.4% | -13.1% | -8.1% | -14.9% |
| *Volume (to Dec 14)* | *10,674* | *2,868* | *771* | *1,740* | *4,421* | *874* |

**OBJECTIVE: RESPOND TO REPORTS OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB) IN A WAY THAT VICTIMS AND COMMUNITIES ARE HAPPY WITH**

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| % of residents that are satisfied with ASB service delivery  | West Yorkshire | Bradford | Calderdale | Kirklees | Leeds | Wakefield |
| 12 mths to Dec 13 | 81.2% | 77.7% | 80.3% | 80.9% | 83.3% | 82.7% |
| 12 mths to Dec 14 | 79.9% | 74.8% | 77.7% | 81.5% | 83.4% | 79.6% |

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| % of residents saying ASB has got worse over the last 12 months | West Yorkshire | Bradford | Calderdale | Kirklees | Leeds | Wakefield |
| 12 mths to Dec 13 | 12.2% | 15.9% | 10.6% | 10.3% | 10.9% | 12.4% |
| 12 mths to Dec 14 | 12.0% | 15.9% | 8.5% | 10.6% | 11.4% | 10.9% |

**Action/RESPONSE**

* Previously I have raised concerns with the Chief Constable regarding the poor levels of satisfaction with ASB service delivery in Bradford. I was assured that the force were addressing this complex issue through partnership working, increasing attendance at incidents and identification of vulnerability, and creating a Nuisance Motorcycle Team. It is encouraging to see that the levels of satisfaction within Bradford have since increased. Despite this increase this area of service delivery has remained a focus of local accountability meetings within the police service and, as a result, improved recording of incidents should deliver a more comprehensive account of anti-social behaviour and more effective problem solving with partners.
* The recent HMIC PEEL inspection graded West Yorkshire as good at effectively tackling anti-social behaviour, noting a number of good initiatives with a focus on prevention and reduction in and around schools, good partnership approaches with agencies seeing ASB as part of their core business, and evidence that ASB reports received by partner hubs are risk assessed (around vulnerability, repeat victims, hate crime and mental health), correctly recorded and victim-centred.
* I have been aware of a wide range of ongoing crime and ASB issues being faced by those living around and using Lund Park in Keighley, and the affect it was having on the wider community. While I immediately raised these concerns with the District Commander and asked for further feedback if problems are not addressed, I have also recently visited the Lund Park area to speak with local residents and representatives to see if things have improved.

**Commentary**

* 79.9% of ASB victims are now satisfied with the service that they received in West Yorkshire. This steadily increased over the past few years reaching a peak in June 2013, however it has deteriorated recently.
* The proportion of people who believe that ASB has increased in their local area has remained fairly constant, deviating by less than 0.5% in the last year.
* For the 12 months to December 2014 there was an 11.7% reduction in the number of ASB incidents recorded to 64,402 incidents.

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| **Satisfaction with service delivery** | **12 months to December 2013** | **12 months to December 2014** | **Trend over time** |
| Overall | 88.2% | 88.2% | 0% |

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| **Satisfaction with service delivery** | **12 months to December 2013** | **12 months to December 2014** | **Trend over time** |
| Racist incidents only | 86.5% | 83.1% | -3.4% |

**OBJECTIVE: IMPROVE THE OUTCOMES FOR VICTIMS OF HATE CRIME INCIDENTS**

**COMMENTARY**

* The overall victim satisfaction level for the 12 months to December 2014 stands at 88.2% which is the same as December 2013, however it is worth noting that the level of satisfaction did rise during this period to a high of 88.7% but has since begun to decline.
* Over the last 6 years the gap between satisfaction for black and minority ethnic (BME) and white victims has decreased as a result of the satisfaction of BME victims rising at a faster rate than White victims; 12% rise for BME victims compared to a 7% rise for white victims. The gap is currently (December 2014) at an all-time low of 1.9%.
* West Yorkshire Police’s stronger areas are “ease of contact” (96.4%) and “treatment” (95.2%), however there is more of an issue with “being kept informed” (80.3%).

**ACTION/RESPONSE**

* The reduction in satisfaction of white victims has been analysed by West Yorkshire Police, and is attributed largely to victims of violent crimes and particularly linked to the speed of arrival and communication. I will monitor this going forward to ensure that necessary improvements are made.

**OBJECTIVE: IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF SUPPORT PROVIDED TO VICTIMS OF CRIME AND INCIDENTS**

**COMMENTARY**

* There has been a reduction in the satisfaction levels for victims of racist incidents of 3.4% in the 12 months to December 2014 compared to December 2013. This reduction is not statistically significant but is still a concern.
* Calderdale is the best performing district in West Yorkshire for racist incident satisfaction with 90.9% of victims being satisfied with service delivery. It is also the only district to witness an increase in the year to December 2014 (+3.7%) with the districts ranging from reductions of -4.8% in Leeds to -7.0% in Kirklees.
* It is however worth noting that the small sample sizes for these crime types make the percentage changes more susceptible to fluctuations and that none of these reductions are statistically significant.

**ACTION/RESPONSE**

* I had previously raised the issue of declining racist incident satisfaction rates (particularly in Kirklees) and had requested that the police carry out analytical work to understand where the issues lie. This has now been completed and Kirklees have implemented an action plan to tackle the deterioration which includes setting up a specific review team and involving magistrates in reviewing how officers are handling cases. The Chief Constable expects to see progress in the coming months which I will be reviewing.

**OBJECTIVE: INCREASE THE IDENTIFICATION OF THOSE CHILDREN AT RISK OF HARM**

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|  | **April-December****2013**  | **April-December 2014** | **Trend over Time** |
| Volume of safeguarding activity | 8,939 | 9,797 | **Improving** |

**OBJECTIVE: PROTECT THOSE WHO ARE AFFECTED BY DOMESTIC ABUSE**

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|  | Year to December 2013 | Year to December 2014 | + / - % |
| Bradford  | 36.2% | 36.6% | +0.4 |
| Calderdale | 37.4% | 36.1% | -1.3 |
| Kirklees | 30.2% | 31.9% | +1.7 |
| Leeds | 32.6% | 35.3% | +2.7 |
| Wakefield | 26.4% | 29.1% | +2.7 |
| West Yorkshire | 32.9% | 34.2% | +1.4 |

**COMMENTARY**

* Activities included in this measure range from investigations, arrests for child abuse (physical, emotional, sexual and neglect), child protection conferences/review conferences, children removed from home, provision of information to family law courts and for child licences for children returning home (placement with parents).
* The number of children protected through safeguarding activity is gradually increasing as a result of increased focus.

**ACTION / RESPONSE**

* I have been working closely with experts and practitioners from across West Yorkshire to ensure that we are doing everything we can to protect children at risk of harm.
* I have also made extra funding available to West Yorkshire Police for increased capacity in this area and have funded a number of initiatives through my Safer Communities Fund which are focussed on protecting vulnerable people from harm such as Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).
* HMIC recently carried out an inspection into child protection within West Yorkshire Police which provided mixed feedback; overall there was strong evidence of good practice and a heavy focus on child protection, there were also concerns regarding the lack of consistency across the districts and the standard of CSE investigations.
* West Yorkshire Police had already devised action plans at the time of the inspection and have since been working towards developing these in line with the recommendations made by HMIC.

**COMMENTARY**

* The repeat victimisation rate for domestic abuse has increased slightly but not significantly in West Yorkshire by 1.4%, with Leeds and Wakefield seeing the biggest increases.
* This increase is not necessarily a negative indicator as there has been an increased emphasis on identifying the victim and perpetrator in order to improve the management of domestic abuse. This has resulted in improved opportunities to identify repeat victims which has contributed to the increase.

**ACTION / RESPONSE**

* During the 2013/14 period concerns were raised in relation to Calderdale’s domestic abuse repeat victimisation rate which was significantly worse than other districts. Consequently an action plan was put into place to ensure that performance in this area was improved and as a result the rate is now becoming more in line with the West Yorkshire average.
* Domestic abuse has been prioritised in the latest strategic assessment and district action plans have been scrutinized in order to improve performance across the force area.

**OBJECTIVE: REDUCE THE RE-OFFENDING OF PERSISTENT CRIMINALS WHO CAUSE HARM IN OUR COMMUNITIES**



**ACTION/RESPONSE**

* The police and other partners are continuing with Integrated Offender Management (IOM), looking at new ways for neighbourhood policing teams to engage with partners and communities to deal with offenders. The IOM team was recently praised by the HMIC PEEL inspection, who found passionate and focussed staff and use of victim-centred restorative justice with convicted offenders.
* I will be holding a stakeholder event in the next few months to ensure continued partnership working around IOM.
* The recent HMIC PEEL investigation also highlighted that the police is leading a partnership based pilot for tagging prolific offenders released from prison with Global Navigation Satellite System tags, which allow for real time tracking and management of their behaviour. This pilot has proven to be an effective tool for desistance from crime, and it has now been rolled out across all of the policing districts, although it remains a voluntary scheme.
* I continue to be a member of the Strategic Group for the South and West Yorkshire resettlement consortia project, looking to improve the resettlement outcomes of young people leaving custody, and support this project in whatever way I am able.
* A recent joint inspection of Wakefield Youth Offending Team led by HMI Probation acknowledged that work to deliver interventions to reduce re-offending was satisfactory, performance has improved and good quality work was delivered which was designed to improve engagement.

**COMMENTARY**

* These re-offending measures are based on all adult and young offenders in West Yorkshire and draws on data published by the Ministry of Justice.
* The latest data for adults, for the 12 months to March 2013, stood at 25.1%, and shows a stable re-offending rate across time. This is slightly higher than the national average.
* The latest data for young people, for the 12 months to March 2013, stood at 36.1%. While this shows a slight, but not significant increase, this is in line with the national average.
* The re-offending rate for young people in Calderdale and Kirklees has increased.

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| Adult proven re-offending rates | West Yorks | Bradford | Calderdale | Kirklees | Leeds | Wakefield |
| 12 mths to Mar 12 | 25.2% | 26.1% | 22.3% | 23.9% | 25.7% | 25.5% |
| 12 mths to Mar 13 | 25.1% | 24.3% | 24.4% | 23.4% | 26.8% | 24.6% |
| *Number of re-offenders* | *5,103* | *1,170* | *377* | *752* | *2,036* | *768* |

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| Youth proven re-offending rates | West Yorks | Bradford | Calderdale | Kirklees | Leeds | Wakefield |
| 12 mths to Mar 12 | 33.6% | 33.0% | 32.4% | 29.4% | 34.7% | 38.0% |
| 12 mths to Mar 13 | 36.1% | 34.1% | 45.5% | 39.0% | 35.6% | 32.2% |
| *Number of re-offenders* | *702* | *170* | *70* | *106* | *291* | *65* |

**COMMENTARY**

* The proportion of the West Yorkshire Police workforce engaged in operational activity is consistently high and remains at 94.3% as of December 2014.
* This stability enables continued success in spite of the £103m budget reduction since 2009/10.
* West Yorkshire also spends a lower percentage of its budget on operational front line than its most similar forces, but still maintains a high proportion of its workforce in operational roles.
* Unfortunately there has been a fall in the number of emergency calls responded to in their target time from 90.8% during 2013/14 to 88.4% for the 12 months to December 2014.

**ACTIONS/RESPONSE**

* I am committed to trying to protect front line policing in the face of steep cuts and have made additional funding available for recruitment of police officers, PCSOs and Special Constables.
* I have raised the deterioration in emergency response times with the Chief Constable who has assured me that the causes have been identified and work has been done to rectify this issue. We expect to see improvements in the coming months which I will monitor closely.
* West Yorkshire Police’s focus on understanding demand has been credited by HMIC in recent reports and I am confident that they will continue to make the most effective and efficient use out of their resources.

**OBJECTIVE: MAXIMISE THE PROPORTION OF POLICE OFFICERS ENGAGED IN OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY**

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| **Workforce type** | **BME**  | **White**  | **Not stated** | **% BME** |
| Police officer | 246 | 4,614 | 8 | 5.1% |
| Police staff | 144 | 3,705 | 12 | 3.7% |
| Special constables | 69 | 618 | 10 | 10.0% |
| Volunteers | 24 | 146 | 16 | 14.1% |
| **Total** | **477** | **9,083** | **46** | **5.0%** |

**OBJECTIVE: STRIVE FOR A POLICE WORKFORCE THAT IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMUNITIES IT SERVES**

**COMMENTARY**

* Although the proportion of the workforce from a BME background has been steady over 2013/14 due to reduced recruitment, in the last quarter there has been a slight increase, owed largely to the recent recruitment of Special Constables.
* The percentage of the workforce from a BME background has risen to 5% in the past 12 months; although this is still disproportionate to the overall population it is an improvement.

**ACTION/RESPONSE**

* West Yorkshire Police has actively tried to encourage people from BME backgrounds to join the police in order to be more representative of the diverse communities within West Yorkshire. The latest recruitment of special constables has increased the BME percentage from 9.1% to 10.0% which is a significant improvement.