



REPORT FOR THE WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL DELIVERY QUARTERLY COVER REPORT

KEY INFORMATION

Date of Police and Crime Panel Meeting: 16th July 2021

Subject: Delivery Quarterly

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The attached performance report aims to set out a summary of the performance information scrutinised and the issues raised in the Delivery Quarterly meeting in relation to the delivery measures contained in the Police and Crime Plan and also some wider environmental scanning.
- 1.2 The report contains an overview of all the measures from the Police and Crime plan along with a section summarising progress made in the last quarter.
- 1.3 The data included in the report comes from several sources of national and local information, including police performance reporting, data from the Mayor's Policing and Crime Team, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) inspection reports, the Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW), the WYP user satisfaction survey, and Ministry of Justice and Local Criminal Justice Board (LCJB) data.
- 1.4 Data contained within the report covers the 12 months to March 2021 unless otherwise stated. Please note that data sources were correct and up to date at the time the report was produced. The data may have changed or moved on slightly since this report was published as crime and community safety is a continually developing area. It is important to note that this is not

an exhaustive account of delivery activity in West Yorkshire but rather an overview to present any issues and provide reassurance.

1.5 The report covers the last period before devolution and therefore reflects this with the previous branding used. The delivery quarterly meeting took place after devolution and is highlighted below.

2. Where Considered

2.1 On the 22nd June 2021 I held the delivery quarterly meeting with the Chief Constable to discuss the data and issues highlighted within the report and the progress against the delivery measures in the Police and Crime Plan.

2.2 There are some key considerations that I am keeping in mind when looking at performance over the past 12 months, and I will continue to consider going forward:

- The Police and Crime Plan 2016-21 is still the mechanism for holding the police to account until the new plan is constructed. Some of the measures for the plan were put on hold due to the pandemic, but where this has happened, this is made clear in the document.
- Managing the pressures placed on the police and our partners continues to be a challenge. I am committed to ensuring that West Yorkshire Police have the resources they need and are working efficiently with partners to deliver the service that communities need and deserve.
- I am also committed to ensuring that the Criminal Justice system works effectively and continue to drive this through the Local Criminal Justice Board.

3. Key issues discussed included:

3.1 Outcomes for Domestic Abuse - the data shows that this is an area of challenge for West Yorkshire Police currently and we discussed the complexities of the outcome framework around Domestic offences and how the force are prioritizing this area.

3.2 Safeguarding Review – In line with the recommendations from the 2019 HMICFRS PEEL inspection, the force has looked at its capacity for investigations under the Safeguarding umbrella. Although there is a shortage of detectives nationally, West Yorkshire Police have plans in place to ensure that this area of work is fully staffed with accredited detectives in the near future

3.3 Hate Crime – In line with the rest of the country, there have been some increases in the numbers of Hate Crimes across the county. The Chief Constable explained the current position in West Yorkshire and gave assurances that the data for hate crime would be included in future performance documents as this is a key area of work going forward.

3.4 Total Crime – It is pleasing to see the West Yorkshire has a larger decrease in Total Crime than the England and Wales average over that last year, and this continues the good decreases that

were seen before the pandemic. With the country starting to be released from lockdown, we discussed the plans that were in place to ensure that flash points and high crime areas would be policed to keep increases in crime to a minimum.

3.5 The latest HMICFRS national report on Anti-Social Behaviour during lockdown shows that in many places Harassment crimes were wrongly being classified as ASB. The Chief Constable and I had a discussion about the necessity from a victims point of view to ensure that these incidents were crimed properly. This will ensure that any repeat victimization can be picked up in the crime system and dealt with immediately. The Chief Constable assured me that the West Yorkshire Police systems had been checked to ensure that this was not the case and that all cases were analysed to highlight any repeat victims.

3.4 This report will be made available on the Policing and Crime website for the public to consider.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Panel:

- Note the Delivery Quarterly paper and provide any questions.