

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

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REPORT ON THE NORTH WALES POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Background

This report is made in accordance with the Police and Crime Panel's statutory duty contained in Section 28(4) (d) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

Review of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report

The North Wales Police and Crime Panel (PCP) considered the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) Annual Report for 2023/2024 at its meeting on 16 September 2024.

The report was Mr Dunbobbin's third annual report as PCC, since being elected in May 2021 and provided an update on overall progress against delivery of the Police and Crime Plan's strategic priorities.

The report highlighted that in 2023/2024 recorded incidents of crime across North Wales had reduced by 13% compared to the previous 12 months and the positive outcome rate had increased by just over 2%. Whilst these were positive results, the PCC acknowledged that there was still work to do and would continue to work with the Chief Constable to drive down crime and improve performance further.

The report provided an overview of the following:

- Demand on North Wales Police during the last 12 months and the PCC's priorities.
- The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) year in numbers, which included the amount of funding provided, complaints received, conduct cases considered and the number of visits carried out by independent Custody Visitors.
- Progress of the Serious Violence Strategy – it was noted that all the requirements of the Serious Violence Duty had been met during 2023/2024.
- Recorded crime in North Wales – overall crime was down 13.1% compared to the previous 12 months (down from 63,624 to 55,312).

- Delivering the actions of the OPCC's Communications and Engagement Strategy.
- Accountability and Statutory Duties.
- Progress on the Police and Crime Plan Objectives.
- Funding and Finance.

The PCP reviewed the report in detail and questioned some of the statistics within the report, particularly in relation to the increase in the number of 999 and 101 calls and the number of incidents attended. It was acknowledged that there was no comparator for the number of incidents attended, however, the Panel was advised that there was a number of ways to investigate crimes to provide a better outcome. In addition, the volume of calls may, in part, be attributed to repeat callers, third party agency calls (including the ambulance service) and the public following up progress. Further data could be provided in future reports.

In addition, the PCP acknowledged the benefits of restorative justice, however, there were concerns as to the delays by re:hub in considering applications. It was noted that the OPCC was working with the management team of the re:hub to consider a way forward in preventing such delays in the future.

The PCP welcomed the overall reduction in crime over the last 12 months and felt the Annual Report reflected the progress made against the priorities within the Police and Crime Plan.

RESOLVED-

That the North Wales Police and Crime Panel accepts the Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report for 2023/2024.

Mae'r ddogfen hon ar gael yn Gymraeg hefyd.