

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME PANEL
REPORT OF THE PANEL CHAIRMAN
TO JULIA MULLIGAN, NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER ON HER
ANNUAL REPORT FOR POLICING AND CRIME 2019-2020

INTRODUCTION

1. This report describes the views of the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel in respect of the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner’s Annual Report for policing and crime for North Yorkshire 2019-2020. It is submitted to the Commissioner in accordance with the requirements of section 28(4) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (“the Act”).
2. The Panel would like to thank you for attending its meeting on Thursday, 15 October 2020 to present your draft Annual Report and for answering Members’ questions.

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3. In accordance with Section 12(2) of the Act, the Commissioner issued the completed draft 2019/20 Policing and Crime Annual Report on 6 October 2020. The Panel is required to arrange a public meeting as soon as practicable after the report is sent to it.
4. The Panel is required to review the report and, if it wishes, make a report or recommendations on it to the Commissioner.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE PANEL

5. The membership of the Panel for the discussions at the 15 October meeting was as follows:

Craven District Council	Cllr Richard Foster
Hambleton District Council	Cllr Peter Wilkinson
Harrogate Borough Council	Cllr Michael Chambers MBE
North Yorkshire County Council	Cllr Carl Les
Richmondshire District Council	Cllr Helen Grant
Selby District Council	Cllr Tim Grogan

City of York Council	Cllr Keith Aspden
City of York Council	Cllr Ashley Mason
Santokh Singh Sidhu	Community Co-opted
Paula Stott	Community Co-opted

PANEL VIEWS

6. The Panel would like to thank you and your colleagues for the helpful responses provided to Members' questions during the meeting. Members found the presentation of the draft report accessible and useful discussions were generated to further clarify on or further explore aspects of the content.
7. In particular it was helpful to reflect on the impact of the Covid-19 lockdown on issues such as County Lines and domestic abuse across the force area. Members expressed concerns at the increase in recorded incidents of violent crime just prior to the Covid-19 lockdown this year, but noted that this can often be linked to County Lines and that the Covid-19 lockdown had presented opportunities to successfully target some County Lines operations.
8. Members reflected on the data capture practice which took place last year around mental health recording and some of the complexities around this at a local level. It was helpful to hear that further work is being done to understand the volumes of mental health incidents that the police are dealing with in comparison with mental health partners, to help get a clearer picture of the support that policing is providing.
9. The performance of the Force Control Room in respect of the 101 service has seen additional challenges as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and the Panel noted the exceptionally high call volumes of the last couple of months. We will continue to keep performance under review going forward and welcomed the recent communication from the Commissioner to all elected Members in the area.
10. The Panel also welcomed the offer to provide further information for us on the work of the Supporting Victims Team, to enable us to better understand the service being provided in North Yorkshire.
11. Overall, Members feel that the report provides a helpful overview of the key issues and achievements over the past year and as such I am happy to confirm the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel's support for your Policing and Crime Annual Report 2019-2020.

CARL LES

Chairman, North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel

20th October 2020