

# Agenda

**Meeting:** North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel

**Venue:** Remote Meeting via Skype

**Date:** Wednesday 19 August 2020 at 11:00am

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## Business

1. **Election of Chair.**
2. **Welcome and apologies.**
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020.** (Pages 7 to 12)
4. **Election of Vice Chairs.**
5. **Declarations of Interest.**
6. **Public Questions or Statements to the Panel.**

- Any member of the public, who lives, works or studies in North Yorkshire and York can ask a question to the Panel. The question or statement must be put in writing to the Panel no later than midday on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2020 to Diane Parsons (contact details below).
- The time period for asking and responding to all questions will be limited to 15 minutes. No one question or statement shall exceed 3 minutes.
- Please see the rules regarding Public Question Time at the end of this agenda page. The full protocol can be found at [www.nypartnerships.org.uk/pcp](http://www.nypartnerships.org.uk/pcp)

7. **Members' Questions.**
8. **Leadership staffing update (OPFCC)** – update report from the T/Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer to the Commissioner. (Pages 13 to 15)
9. **Covid-19 pandemic response: issues presented for policing and fire and rescue** - report from the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.

**(Pages 16 to 89)**

- 10. Quarter 1 Budget Reports for Policing and Fire and Rescue Service** – update reports from the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.
- (a) Q1 Policing Update** **(Pages 90 to 97)**
- (b) Q1 Fire and Rescue Update** **(Pages 98 to 104)**
- 11. Force Control Room performance update** – report from the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner **(Pages 105 to 108)**
- 12. Panel Work Programme** – report from the Panel Secretariat **(Pages 109 to 113)**
- 13. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman, should, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.**

- **Dates of future meetings:**

- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – 10:30am – Remote Meeting (tbc)
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – 10:30am – County Hall, Northallerton (tbc)
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – 10:30am – PRECEPT - County Hall Northallerton (tbc)

Barry Khan  
Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

County Hall  
Northallerton  
**11<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**NOTES:**

- (a) Members are reminded of the need to consider whether they have any personal or prejudicial interests to declare on any of the items on this agenda and, if so, of the need to explain the reason(s) why they have any personal interest when making a declaration.

The Panel Secretariat officer will be pleased to advise on interest issues. Ideally their views should be sought as soon as possible and preferably prior to the day of the meeting, so that time is available to explore adequately any issues that might arise.

Public Question Time

The questioner must provide an address and contact telephone number when submitting a request. The request must set out the question in full. The question/statement:

1. must relate to the Panel's role and responsibilities;
2. must not be substantially the same as a question which has been put at a meeting in the past 6 months;





3. must not be defamatory, frivolous, vexatious or offensive;
4. must not require the disclosure of confidential or exempt information; and
5. must not refer to any matter of a personal nature.

At the meeting: Once the question has been approved, the questioner will be contacted to make arrangements to attend the meeting to put the question.






Any questions will normally be answered at the meeting but in some cases this might not be practicable and a written answer will be provided within 14 days of the meeting.

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## North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel

	Name	Photograph	Political Party
<b>Craven District Council</b>	Cllr Richard Foster		Conservative
<b>Hambleton District Council</b>	Cllr Peter Wilkinson		Conservative
<b>Harrogate Borough Council</b>	Cllr Michael Chambers MBE		Conservative
<b>North Yorkshire County Council</b>	Cllr Carl Les		Conservative
<b>Richmondshire District Council</b>	Cllr Helen Grant		Independent

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<b>Ryedale District Council</b>	Cllr Tracie Middleton		Conservative
<b>Selby District Council</b>	Cllr Tim Grogan		Conservative
<b>Scarborough Borough Council</b>	Cllr Carl Maw		Labour
<b>City of York Council</b>	Cllr Keith Aspden		Liberal Democrat
<b>City of York Council</b>	Cllr Ashley Mason JP		Liberal Democrat

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<b>Community Co-opted</b>	Paula Stott		Community Co-opted
<b>Community Co-opted</b>	Santokh Singh Sidhu		Community Co-opted

## North Yorkshire County Council

### Police, Fire and Crime Panel

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6 February 2020, commencing at 10:30am in the Grand Meeting Room at 1 Racecourse Lane, Northallerton.

#### Present:-

Councillors: Keith Aspden (City of York Council), Michael Chambers MBE (Harrogate Borough Council), Liz Colling (Scarborough Borough Council), Richard Foster (Craven District Council), Helen Grant (Richmondshire District Council), Tim Grogan (Selby District Council), Carl Les (North Yorkshire County Council, in the Chair), Ashley Mason (City of York Council), Tracie Middleton (Ryedale District Council) and Peter Wilkinson (Hambleton District Council).

Community Co-opted Members: Santokh Sidhu, Paula Stott.

Chief Constable Lisa Winward (North Yorkshire Police)

Julia Mulligan (Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner).

Officers from the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner: Simon Dennis (Acting Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer), Sharon Caddell (T/Assistant Chief Executive), Michael Porter (Chief Financial Officer), Will Naylor (Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner), Rena Brown (Head of Commissioning and Partnerships).

Officers from NYCC: Barry Khan (Assistant Chief Executive, Legal and Democratic Services), Diane Parsons (Panel Secretariat).

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#### 426. Apologies

There were no apologies to note.

The Chair advised that the Panel would retire into closed session after consideration of Items 9(b) and 9(c) on the agenda.

#### 427. Minutes of the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020

##### Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### 428. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Keith Aspden notified that he is a Member of the LGA Fire Services Management Committee and the NJC for Fire Services.

#### **429. Public Questions or Statements to the Panel**

The Panel were advised that no questions or statements had been received.

#### **430. Members' Questions**

No questions were posed by the Panel members under this item.

#### **431. Progress on Issues Raised by the Panel**

Considered –

The report of the Panel Secretariat on progress against issues raised by the Panel either at or following the previous meeting.

The Commissioner's office had, prior to the meeting, agreed to provide the Panel with further information regarding the Commissioner's public survey on the use of Taser and on the use of stop and search. Sharon Caddell confirmed that this could be provided by 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

However, further to an update provided by the Chief Constable regarding the Taser survey, the Chair agreed that no further update on that matter needed to be provided to the Panel at this juncture. The key points raised through the Panel's discussion with the Chief Constable on the Taser survey included:

- A strategic threat and risk assessment has to be undertaken to identify the numbers of Taser permissible in a force area;
- More detailed work is being done to identify what this means for the North Yorkshire area;
- An officer will carry a Taser where it is identified this is needed following the assessment. Officers have to be specially trained.

**Resolved –**

That the Panel notes the report and verbal update provided.

#### **432. Force Control Room performance update**

Considered –

The report of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, providing a biannual update on the performance of the Force Control Room (FCR) in respect of handling of 999 and 101 non-emergency calls.

Further to the analysis provided on 'nuisance calls' to the FCR, Panel were advised that calls of this nature don't unduly impact on FCR performance. There are few prosecutions as the caller will often have an underlying health issue. Work is done regularly to reinforce in wider communications about what the service is there for.

Members noted the challenge for the force in terms of attrition of trained FCR officers to other policing roles, but also queried why on this basis there couldn't be tighter planning around recruitment. The Chief Constable advised that officers in the FCR only need to give 28 days' notice but it takes six months to train someone to be fully deployable once all handling. The Chief Constable was asked whether the staff notice period could be increased to say three months, to which the Panel were advised that this is something she would like to explore further.



Further to discussions on the report provided, it was agreed that further analysis would be provided to the Panel on:

- the reasons for the longer call waiting times for 101 in September and October 2019, where the demand had seen a decrease on previous months;
- numbers of staff taking calls in the FCR at peak times and what the full lengths of calls handled at those points were (i.e. look at linear correlation between staff available, volumes handled and length of time);
- what the longest waiting time was for 999/101; and
- how many calls had a wait time of over 10 minutes for the 101 service.

The Commissioner outlined plans for introducing the Single Online Home in 2021 as an alternative method for contacting the police in North Yorkshire.

The Chair advised that the Panel will continue to keep these biannual updates on the forward work programme.

**Resolved –**

(a) That the Panel notes the report; and

(b) That further analysis will be provided to the Panel around:

- the reasons for the longer call waiting times for 101 in September and October 2019;
- numbers of staff taking calls in the FCR at peak times and what the full lengths of calls handled at those points were;
- what the longest waiting time was for 999/101; and
- how many calls had a wait time of over 10 minutes for the 101 service.

**433. Drug Crime in North Yorkshire**

Considered –

The report of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner updating the Panel on progress made since September 2019 in tackling drug crime and 'County Lines' in North Yorkshire.

Members asked about the focus on smaller towns and villages and also how the public can be reassured that there will be no reprisals if they provide intelligence. The Commissioner and Chief Constable acknowledged the importance of community policing, community access to PCSOs, as well as early intervention and prevention work. The need for easy-to-use mechanisms for reporting, such as What'sApp, was also discussed.

The Commissioner was specifically asked about the reported 1404 arrests for drug offences in the last year and how many of these arrests led to a conviction. Additionally, the Commissioner was asked how many of the 27 victims of cuckooing were supported and those offenders convicted. It was agreed that further information will be provided to the Panel.

A Member asked about the gap in understanding the true nature of demand for drugs in North Yorkshire and what is being done to remedy this. A major piece of work is currently under consideration to better understand demand. The Commissioner advised that social media is increasingly being used to buy and sell drugs and that she is keen to learn from other areas around how this impacts on demand. The Commissioner felt that all partners, including local councils, could work together better to understand the true extent of the problem. The Commissioner was asked whether more could be done by police going into schools to help educate and encourage intelligence to be provided. The Commissioner advised that research shows that this is not as effective as young people providing the advocacy themselves, such as via the Youth Commission.

**Resolved –**

- (a) That the Panel notes the report; and
- (b) That further information will be provided on the convictions secured for drug offences and support to victims of cuckooing.

**434. Panel Scrutiny of the Commissioner’s Precept Proposals 2020/21**

Considered –

The report of the Panel Secretariat outlining the statutory provisions for the Panel’s scrutiny of the Commissioner’s Council Tax precept proposals.

**Resolved –**

That the Panel notes the report.

**435. Fire and Rescue Service Precept Proposal 2020/21**

Considered –

The report of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner setting out her proposal for the Council Tax precept for fire and rescue for 2020/21.

Michael Porter outlined the Commissioner’s proposal to set the fire and rescue element of the Council Tax precept at £72.69 for 2020/21, which represents a 1.99% increase (or £1.42) over the 2019/20 level for a Band D property.

The Panel noted that the proposal put forward achieves a balanced budget with no unfunded shortfall for 2020/21. Mr Porter highlighted that the Transform 2020 programme and review of watch managers have provided the capacity to balance the budget. However, the national settlement and the curtailing of the precept limit does not provide the ability to invest in the service and this will present a challenge in the next few years. Mr Porter was asked about the capital spending plan and reliance on external borrowing. He advised that in trying to find alternative ways to secure capital investment for any future needs in a way that is more sustainable, he has started to build up a capital reserve.

Members expressed concerns regarding the steep increases to employer contributions to pensions in the next few years and the vulnerability implicit in the service’s reliance on future government grants to fill any resulting shortfall.

The Commissioner emphasised that there will be a formal review of the Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) in the next 12 months, including a public consultation, and that no significant changes can be made to the service until this piece of work has been done. However, if the government funding situation does not improve then the service will need to change.

**Resolved –**

That the Panel supports the Commissioner’s proposal to set the fire and rescue element of the Council Tax precept at £72.69 for 2020/21 (Band D property).

**436. Policing Precept Proposal 2020/21**

Considered –

The report of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner setting out her proposal for the Council Tax precept for policing for 2020/21.

The Commissioner presented a proposal to the Panel to set the policing element of the Council Tax precept for 2020/21 at £265.77, which represents an increase of £10 (or 3.91%) over the 2019/20 level for a Band D property.

The Panel noted the particular funding pressures on the policing budget for 2020/21. These include the estimated £4.9m to deliver the recruitment of 58 additional police officers under Operation Uplift, where a grant of £1,635k is being provided centrally to potentially cover off all costs associated with the delivery of this recruitment. Further to discussion with the Panel, Mr Porter clarified that the national funding and the precept proposed will be needed to ensure that the national officer uplift programme is successfully implemented.

Members expressed concern at the reported £600,000 underspend from the 2018/19 precept uplift, particularly as it had been projected last year that this would be in the region of £210,000. The Commissioner explained that the funding has been fully allocated to the recruitment by the Chief Constable of police officers and PCSOs for 'Reinforcing the Front Line', as planned, but that the funding will be retained by the Commissioner until these posts have been fully deployed. The reason for the 'underspend' has been the lag in deployment following training for the new officers.

Members also challenged around whether it may be more prudent to retain any 'underspend' from 2019/20 for the incoming Commissioner to direct towards their priorities, rather than look to quickly spend this money now. The Commissioner outlined a number of prevention and early intervention projects which she felt were critically in need of this funding in order to tackle such issues as a rise in domestic abuse victims needing support.

The Chair invited all parties, other than Panel Members and officers supporting the Panel, to leave and the Panel went into closed session.

After a period of time of discussion, the Panel resolved that it would agree the Commissioner's policing precept proposal for 2020/21. The Chair advised that the Panel's significant concerns around the underspend from last year's uplift and its deployment had, as a consequence, led the Panel to again consider exercising its power of veto in relation to the 2020/21 policing precept proposal. However, a majority view of this was not held across the Panel and the Panel also recognised the critical need for funding to go into the police force in 2020/21. The statutory report from the Panel will reflect these concerns.

The Chair wished to note the legal basis for the Panel retiring into closed session. Under Schedule 12(a) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Panel is given discretion to hold discussions in confidential session where this pertains to the financial affairs of an organisation.

The Chair agreed that the Panel would like to take further presentation from the attending NYP officers and staff regarding the projects to be funded from the precept raised in 2020/21 (outlined at Appendix 8 in the paperwork). This would best be done on the rising of the formal Panel meeting.

**Resolved –**

That the Panel approves the Commissioner's proposal to set the policing element of Council Tax for 2020/21 at £265.77 for a Band D property.

**437. Recruitment of Independent Co-opted Members to the Panel**

Considered –

The report of the Panel Secretariat, recommending a process for selecting two Independent Co-opted members of the Panel to be approved by full Panel in October 2020.

Councillors Les, Wilkinson, Mason, Grant, Grogan and Middleton agreed to form a sub-group to the Panel to oversee the recruitment and selection process. Councillor Aspden agreed to assume responsibility for this from Councillor Mason after City of York's annual council meeting in May 2020.

**Resolved –**

- (a) That a Task Group is formed to oversee the recruitment and selection of the Panel's two Independent Co-opted members; and
- (b) That this process will be concluded no later than the end of September 2020 in order for recommendations to be considered at the October 2020 Panel meeting.

**438. Any Other Urgent Business**

No urgent business was notified to the Chair.

The Chair highlighted that Councillor Mason would be standing down from the Panel in May 2020 and on behalf of the Panel he wished Councillor Mason well and thanked him for his contribution.

The Chair also highlighted that this would be the last formal meeting of the Panel with the Commissioner and on behalf of the Panel wished the Commissioner well in her future endeavours.

The meeting concluded at 1:13pm.

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## Senior Leadership – Recent Developments

### Background – Statutory Officers

This report provides Members with an update on the arrangements for senior and statutory officer provision within the Office of the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner (OPFCC).

Members will be aware that the Commissioner must appoint suitable persons to the role of Chief Executive & Monitoring Officer and the role of Chief Finance Officer. Under the terms of a collaboration with the Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland, those roles are undertaken on a part time basis in each office and service is provided jointly across the two Offices.

In view of the extension to the term of office brought about by the adjournment of the electoral cycle, those collaborative arrangements have been extended by agreement between the respective Commissioners with a view to them remaining in place until after the 2021 election.

Members are also aware that the Chief Executive collaboration includes the provision of a role of Assistant Chief Executive, serving full time in the North Yorkshire OPFCC.

The role of Assistant Chief Executive recently became vacant, following the appointment of Sharon Caddell to the role of Acting Chief Executive to the Acting Police, Crime & Victims Commissioner for Durham. Mrs Caddell was confirmed in that role by the Durham Panel on 15 June 2020 and took up post with effect from 13 July 2020.

Members will no doubt wish to join with the Commissioner in formally recognising the contribution made by Mrs Caddell as Assistant Chief Executive in North Yorkshire and wish her well in her role in Durham.

### Background – Deputy Commissioner

Members will also be aware that Will Naylor had previously submitted a request to relinquish his role, in order to take up a post with a new employer on a date to be agreed.

Mr Naylor's term of office came to an end on 24 July 2020.

Members will no doubt also wish to join with the Commissioner in formally recognising the accomplishments of Mr Naylor in his eight years of service to the public of North Yorkshire and the City of York, latterly in the role of Deputy Commissioner.

## Future Senior Leadership Arrangements

The Commissioner has recently undertaken a process to make Assistant Chief Executive provision to fill the vacancy in the role. In line with the nature and term of the Chief Executive collaboration, applications were sought from individuals interested in serving on secondment into the role, for a period of six months with the possibility of extension for a further six months to a suitable point downstream of the completion of the electoral cycle. Applicants were asked to submit expressions of interest, setting out their skills and experience in respect of the role profile as well as an explanation of how they would benefit from the professional development opportunity.

The opportunity was advertised nationally to all OPCCs and OPFCCs via the Association of Policing & Crime Chief Executives; and locally, within North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service.

The process attracted a strong field of applicants, with interviews taking place on 23 July 2020.

Two applicants were considered particularly strong applicants for appointment, having demonstrated the depth and breadth of knowledge, skills, experience and the necessary strong public service motivation on behalf of the public of North Yorkshire and the City of York.

The Commissioner, the Interim Chief Executive and the Chief Finance Officer collectively took the view that it was appropriate to consider making two appointments at Assistant Chief Executive level, thereby addressing the core role requirement and also ensuring continuity in the policy, scrutiny and delivery portfolio undertaken by Mr Naylor.

The role was advertised with a salary range of £47,982 to £51,196 which was as per the previous arrangements for the Assistant Chief Executive role. There are therefore no financial implications for the appointment to the 'replacement' role.

In terms of the financial impact of providing an additional Assistant Chief Executive appointment, while leaving the previous Deputy PCC role vacant, then there would be a small cost to the OPFCC budget of around £1,000 per annum if both candidates were appointed at the top of the scale. This small cost would be easily covered by the gap between the Deputy role becoming vacant (during July) and the appointment of the second Assistant Chief Executive which is expected from the start of September. At any other scale point below the maximum there would be a small saving against the OPFCC budget.

With those matters in mind, offers of secondment were extended to the successful applicants Thomas Thorp and Caroline Blackburn. Mr Thorp presently serves in the role of Policy & Scrutiny Manager in the OPFCC and has experience as Acting Chief of Staff. Ms Blackburn will join the OPFCC on secondment from her current role of Business Planning Manager with Enable North Yorkshire.

Detailed arrangements for commencement in role and the priority areas of focus for each postholder will be made during August 2020 and can be amplified at the meeting should members so wish.

The formal collaboration agreement will also be refreshed to reflect the new secondment structures and financial arrangements.

The Commissioner hopes Members will join her in welcoming both secondees to their important roles and wishing them every success.

Simon Dennis

Interim Chief Executive

26 July 2020

## Coronavirus Response

This report sets out for the Panel the ways in which the Commissioner has responded to the Coronavirus (Covid19) crisis, ensured that North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service were responding appropriately, and engaged nationally on key issues to ensure the voice and needs of North Yorkshire were heard and understood.

### Victims and domestic abuse

As the crisis emerged towards the middle of March, the Commissioner was aware of the trends and reports coming from other countries that had already entered lockdown about increases in domestic abuse and the impact lockdown was having on victims of abuse who were being forced into close confinement with their abuser. From the start, therefore, the Commissioner had a close eye to the crime statistics and to information from service providers and charities to notice any increases. While police figures did not increase early on, numbers accessing support service helplines and webchats jumped significantly in the first two weeks and it was clear that action was needed. Working with the police and support services the Commissioner ensured clear and widespread communications went out across North Yorkshire highlighting the support our local provider IDAS could give and that they were still open and ready to help. This went into testing sites, pharmacists, supermarkets and other local community sites that people have been able to continue to access. She made funds available for DA and sexual abuse support services to expand their helpline and remote support functions so they could help more people, including getting them access to emergency accommodation.

The Commissioner also raised this trend with government early on and, through her APCC Victims portfolio, engaged extensively with the Domestic Abuse Commissioner, Ministers and National Police Chiefs' Council leads to ensure rapid and enhanced support was put in place. As the MoJ moved to make £22million available to help DA support services, the Commissioner led lobbying to make sure that this would be distributed through PCCs. This ensured it would get through to the local services providing support as quickly as possible, rather than being swallowed by national organisations. As a result, she won £345,000 that was distributed to 12 local providers directly benefiting North Yorkshire victims.

Furthermore, the Commissioner was one of only two PCCs to attend the Prime Minister's 'Hidden Harms' COVID summit talking about domestic abuse and as a consequence, the OPFCC and North Yorkshire Police are now working closely with the Home Office as one of five deep dive policing areas to look at the impact of the crisis on the prevalence of, and response to, domestic abuse. This will seek to understand better the available data and to identify best practice that can be scaled-up and rolled out nationally.

To support all this work, the Commissioner and her team have been working hard internally to properly understand the data throughout the crisis period. Weekly trend, caseload, and crime



statistic analysis was conducted to enable the Commissioner to provide a real-world example to central Government, the Victims Commissioner and the Ministry of Justice. This covered DA incidents, crimes, victim entitlement ratings and DA support service referrals, and sexual offences and referrals into ISVA services and adult and child sexual assault referral centres. This has allowed for a clear comparison between police data of reported crimes and victim self-referrals, giving a clear evidence base which the Commissioner used to ensure NYP and policing nationally reacted appropriately.

The Commissioner's team have also ensured the viability of all our commissioned support services over this period, reviewing business continuity plans and working with providers to ensure service recovery plans were in place and instigating extraordinary service models where necessary, and providing emergency funding, for example to Parents Against Child Exploitation (PACE) and the Children's Society.

The team has also worked closely with partners, meeting weekly with health commissioners to discuss sexual assault services, and weekly with police and local authority representatives as part of the Domestic Abuse C19 Tactical Group. The latter group worked closely to understand any changes in referral pathways or multi-agency working arrangements as a result of the crisis and to disseminate information about these changes to keep them working smoothly, and worked to understand each other's demand and deal with areas of concern as they arose, such as the provision of emergency accommodation.

## Policing response

The Commissioner is proud of the response that North Yorkshire Police have provided to the crisis. She has been closely monitoring both the operation and the internal business continuity measures NYP have put in place to ensure that the needs of the community are being met. She has closely engaged with Government to ensure the correct resources are in place and that there is a co-ordinated response to key concerns as they arise. She has communicated clearly with the public to make sure that awareness of the police response is high, and to try and prevent visitors from travelling to try to alleviate the burden on the Police (see Appendix 1).

NYP's Assistant Chief Constable, Mike Walker, has been the Gold Commander for the response, and has also chaired the Local Resilience Forum's Strategic Co-ordination Group (SCG) during the crisis. The Commissioner has had twice-weekly meetings with ACC Walker to fully understand the issues and response being provided. NYP Superintendents have chaired the LRF's Silver Tactical Co-ordination Group (TCG), and have been closely involved across the partnership response including the Military Assistance to Civil Communities (MACC) group.

The Commissioner is very pleased with the protection North Yorkshire Police have offered to our communities at this time. Throughout the crisis she has been adamant that NYP should continue to run business as usual as far as possible alongside the additional requirements, and she is pleased that this has largely been managed. Operation Talla (the national operation in response to COVID) has been run effectively locally at Gold, Silver and Bronze levels to manage the policing operation and the internal business continuity arrangements necessary to keep the service running. The Commissioner's Office have attended meetings at each level.

At the outset, North Yorkshire Police were expecting a potential 20% decrease in workforce levels as a result of the crisis. In reality, overall sickness rates have reduced, with new ways of working speedily adopted to enable those needing to shield or who were quarantining but not ill to

continue working. Due to the technological investments made by the Commissioner over recent years, NYP were able to transition most of their staff to working from home within the first two weeks, negating the need for them to attend an office environment despite being key workers. Moreover, these investments have meant that NYP has been able to maximise the use of interactive technology compared to other areas, moving to Microsoft Teams early on facilitating the continuation of business in a safe manner. This has ensured that all business functions have kept working smoothly. Where officers have had to shield or quarantine they have been placed on a 'response desk', picking up scheduled appointments where appropriate and engaging with callers where interaction with an officer is required to help manage the risk both to public and officers by minimising the need to conduct visits. They have been able to maximise the use of video software to engage with the public and NYP are now considering how they can build on this into the future to improve efficiency. Two weeks ago, the Chief Constable and the Commissioner presented the ICT team with certificates of commendation for their outstanding response to the crisis.

From the start, the Commissioner has been concerned about the impact this crisis could have on more rural communities, in particular from continued visitor access, and she has worked closely with the Chief Constable to make sure this is properly managed. She has spoken out publicly on several occasions to stress the importance that people stay away and lobbied hard with Government and the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) to ensure travelling restrictions and relaxations have taken the impact on rural communities into account, especially when poorly thought-through guidance had a significant impact on North Yorkshire. The crisis has seen increased patrols around beauty spots and key routes to monitor and manage visitors, with extensive communications out to communities both in and around North Yorkshire to raise awareness and make sure people stay at home. NYP have also worked closely with neighbouring Services when necessary to manage more targeted communications with particular communities or individuals.

NYP have issued the highest number of fines nationally for breaches of the regulations. The Commissioner is assured that this reflects the robust approach NYP have taken to protecting our communities, but has ensured that robust measures were in place to monitor and assess whether those fines were consistently legitimate and fair. Early on, these processes highlighted a disproportionality in fines being issued to ethnic minorities. The Commissioner undertook further scrutiny of these fines to understand whether there was a bias in how they were being issued. The full report is at Appendix 2. While there was no evidence that any officer had acted inappropriately and dip sampling found that all fines were legitimate, concern remained that the numbers indicated an underlying bias by officers against ethnic minorities. The Commissioner was clear that more work was required by NYP to look into this, and is pleased that they have responded proactively with a programme of work to understand and counter where bias has developed.

Reductions in crime (see Appendix 3) over this period due to lockdown have helped, enabling officers from specialist teams to be redeployed to frontline patrols where possible. It has also enabled investigators to complete investigations quicker and reduce the backlog of investigations. NYP have progressed more cases through to the Crown Prosecution Service in this period than they would have normally. While this is positive, delays and growing backlogs in the courts, discussed below, mean that victims are still waiting for justice to be completed. Extra resource has been assigned to the Prosecution team and the Witness Care team to support this process and

ensure victims and witnesses understand fully the issues in the wider criminal justice system and to support in terms of trial or hearing dates.

Unfortunately, during this period there has been an increase in anti-social behaviour, and the Commissioner has raised this with NYP through her Public Accountability Meeting to ensure a robust partnership response is enacted. She has had discussions with City of York Council to discuss ASB and their night-time economy, working with them to make sure robust recovery plans were in place that enable the local economy to revive while not creating further problems.

The capacity the reduction in crime brought, alongside the restrictions on movement, have enabled the police to make significant progress in tackling organised crime, especially around county lines. The reduction in movement had the initial impact of reducing trafficking and reducing drug-related incidents (down 25% in March and April on the previous year), but also exposed travelling criminals making them easier to identify and intercept (drug offences – i.e. arrests – have remained static year on year). Investigators were also able to conclude investigations which led to a number of well publicised, significant arrests of organised criminals related to county lines early on in the period. The intelligence resulting from this progress has put North Yorkshire Police on the front foot and able to respond effectively when activity ramped back up after restrictions relaxed (drug offences up 33% in May on previous year). With restrictions further relaxed in July, there has been a significant spike in drug-related incidents (up by over 50%). Partnership work to tackle organised crime has continued unabated during the crisis through the Serious Organised Crime Board, which the Deputy Commissioner has continued to chair.

There has not been any significant change in hate crime during this period. In the run up to lockdown there was a slight increase in March on the previous year (up 7 incidents). However, no one group was targeted in this, and there was only one incident against the Chinese community in the weeks prior to lockdown. There was a slight uptick in far-right activity with literature targeting the Muslim community immediately before Ramadan asserting the incorrect notion that Mosques would be allowed to stay open. The number of hate crimes dipped to 7 in April (down 75% on the previous year) in line with the general reductions in crime and has since risen as restrictions relaxed, though not to previous levels (down 25% in July compared to July 2019). There is no indication of any substantive link between levels of hate crimes and the coronavirus crisis in North Yorkshire. During this period a number of incidents have targeted black or Asian police officers.

## Fire and Rescue response

The Commissioner is very pleased with the way in which the Fire and Rescue Service have stepped up and been fully involved in the response to the crisis, taking leading roles within the LRF, taking on new responsibilities, and pushing their ability to improve the capacity of partners to support and help the most vulnerable.

Through discussions with the Chief Fire Officer early in the crisis, the Commissioner set out clear expectations for NYFRS, after initial indications that participation might be limited due to workforce difficulties. The Commissioner is pleased that close working with unions has enabled NYFRS to take a leading role and has supported firefighters to maximise their contribution to the response. This has been particularly rewarding, as during lockdown on-call firefighter availability has been at its highest in years, meaning fire cover was exceptionally high and wholtime firefighters were able to be released to undertake more innovative roles.

In particular, the Commissioner was keen to see NYFRS take part in the Tripartite Agreement, established between the national Fire Brigades Union (FBU), Fire Chiefs, and Fire and Rescue Employers. It set out a range of additional firefighter duties including driving ambulances and delivering PPE and medical supplies to NHS staff and care facilities. The Commissioner was keen for the Service to partake actively in all additional activities whilst also continuing business as usual where possible. Take up of the additional activities was on a voluntary basis and good relationships with local representative bodies allowed for their swift adoption, ensuring each activity was locally risk assessed prior to commencing.

As a result of this, in March, NYFRS offered 12 volunteers under the Tripartite Agreement to drive ambulances for Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) under blue light conditions and assist with transportation of COVID-19 patients to the new Nightingale Hospital in Harrogate. Furthermore, fire cover for the Harrogate area was increased in response to this additional risk, with a dedicated hospital fire appliance based at Harrogate station. All NYFRS volunteers trained by Yorkshire Ambulance Service and the dedicated Harrogate appliance have been stood down but remain on standby should they be required in the future.

The Commissioner has been working extensively over the last 18 months to balance NYFRS's budget and ensure that the Service is on a sustainable footing to begin to invest and improve. She has closely monitored the impact of the crisis on the Service and has engaged with the Home Office and the Fire Minister to ensure they understand this too. The Commissioner requested regular Chief Fire Officer/S151 Officer briefings on COVID-19 finances, tracking the value of central grant alongside forecasted spend relating to COVID-19. These briefings highlighted the impact of COVID-19 on future finances with concerns that residents may be less able to pay council tax, an increased pressure on business rates and a lower tax base than forecast with the pause in house building. The Commissioner engaged with the National Fire Chiefs' Council and the Fire minister to obtain additional funding beyond what was originally made available to cover C19 costs to ensure the hard work the Service have already put into making savings was not wasted and to protect the frontline in the future.

The Commissioner's Policy and Scrutiny Officer has attended the weekly NYFRS Business Continuity Meetings. The information and incident data from these meetings provided the Commissioner with an overview of the Service's response to COVID-19 as well highlighting any points of significance/concern to inform the Commissioner's ministerial and partner discussions. Hot and dry weather, together with an increase in burning of household waste whilst tips remained closed became a significant risk. The need to reopen tips as soon as possible was raised as a matter of urgency by the Commissioner with local councils.

NYFRS also undertook a full Business Continuity exercise during the COVID-19 period, named Exercise Bianco, based on the scenario of a local firefighter contracting the virus. The exercise tested local response to media enquiries, business contingency arrangements and central NFCC and Home Office response. This exercise highlighted significant learning points that are being compiled and will be shared nationally when complete.

The Commissioner emphasised the need for NYFRS to work in partnership with North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) in supporting the vulnerable people identified by the NHS/Government. NYFRS employees are making follow-up calls with 2,000 contacts from the 'shielded group', exploring individual's fire safety, providing advice, guidance and smoke alarms if required, as well as signposting to specialist support when necessary.

NYFRS has also been closely involved with the LRF's SCG, TCG and MACC. NYFRS has supported the LRF by embedding two members of staff into the MACC. A Station Manager has taken over from military planners to co-ordinate the response to PPE requests and a Watch Manager is assisting with the arrangements for mobile testing sites.

## Criminal Justice

The Commissioner has played a key role in leading the Local Criminal Justice Partnership's (LCJP) response to the COVID-19 crisis, including instigating fortnightly emergency meetings to discuss issues and responses, and pushing for the development of a partnership risk register and action plan. This identified a number of priorities around which partnership task and finish groups (T&F) were set up. The Commissioner has worked hard to ensure that partners work collaboratively and quickly to address concerns.

One of the main challenges faced by the criminal justice system because of COVID-19 is the closure of the courts. There was already a backlog in the courts which has been greatly increased by this closure, now standing at up to two years in some courts. The Commissioner was particularly concerned about the impact that this backlog would have on public confidence in the justice system and on the stress felt by victims and witnesses.

As such, the first T&F was set up to coordinate a response to the needs of victims and witnesses due to attend court. The Witness Service produced an assessment of the different witness waiting areas to inform which courts may be suitable for trials in their current state, and have been able to coordinate with HMCTS to ensure appropriate cover can be provided in courts that are beginning to open for witnesses.

Prior to COVID-19, the Commissioner was exploring the possibility of introducing mobile live links for vulnerable victims and witnesses to give evidence in court. Due to the size and rurality of North Yorkshire, victims and witnesses often have to travel long distances using limited public transport networks in order to attend court. The current court issues have raised this area again as a prime opportunity to not only respond effectively to the current crisis, but also to optimise the system going forward and has opened new doors with HMCTS to move this forward.

To understand and reduce the backlog, the Commissioner has pushed for data to be collected that shows the LCJP the extent of the backlog and the best cases to target. By lobbying with ministers and through the APCC, she has raised the importance of HMCTS providing timely and useful data and received a direct promise that data would be provided. So far, some data has been made available, but it has only just been broken down to a level that is helpful, so in the meantime, a local measure has been devised using police and CPS data to estimate the extent of the backlog.

To help tackle the backlog, the Commissioner is also exploring diversion options with NYP and CPS that would reduce the number of cases required to go to court. This was initially explored through an Out of Court Disposal T&F, but initial findings concluded that most cases that could be diverted using existing procedures and services were already being diverted. Therefore either new services needed to be introduced or a national steer was needed to allow for more cases to be given an Out of Court Disposal. The Commissioner has assigned precept funding to introduce greater diversion options in North Yorkshire, both to reduce crime and reoffending, and to reduce the impact on the courts.

The Commissioner has also fought for North Yorkshire to not be ignored in regional considerations around the courts. Initially, the only hearings being held were taking place in Leeds, but there

were concerns that West Yorkshire cases were being unfairly prioritised. This came to a head when the decision was made to begin first hearings, but only for West Yorkshire cases, meaning that very few North Yorkshire cases had a chance of making it to trial. Although understanding that HCMTS were constrained as court listings are a judicial decision, the Commissioner stressed the unfairness of the situation and raised it with Ministers to ask them to apply pressure where appropriate to make sure local voices were representing our needs. Decisions around courts are now being made by the Magistrates Court North East Circuit Court Hearings Working Group, though this still does not link directly with LCJPs. Again, the Commissioner has raised concerns about this and ensured that individuals who sit on that group and its sub-groups are reporting into the LCJP.

Throughout the crisis, the Commissioner has had regular meetings with government ministers, including the Lord Chancellor Robert Buckland and Home Office Minister Victoria Atkins, when she has presented both local, regional and national issues that require a Government response. These include concerns around housing provision for prison leavers and victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse; a call for timely updates around national plans for the courts in order for local partners to make plans and decisions; and pushing for legislation to be introduced as a matter of urgency that would allow Prisoner Escort and Custody Services to assist with virtual court hearings from police custody.

## Public and political engagement

The Commissioner has proactively undertaken a wide range of communications to keep the public updated about what is happening at every stage during this crisis. From live broadcasts and media appearances to a dedicated section of her website, the Commissioner has provided a one-stop-shop for information relating to the outbreak and the response.

Her new customer service team, which is the first line response to police complaints, has engaged heavily with the public over their concerns and experiences, also supporting MPs and Councillors with residents' concerns. Valuable learning has been fed into the Service around PPE and the public perception of police officers on joint patrol. They have also provided extensive reassurance to correspondents regarding the police response, and have flagged potential hotspots that required police attention and patrols to monitor the number of visitors.

The Commissioner has had extensive engagement with local leaders and Government to ensure that the needs of North Yorkshire communities have been met, and to raise and deal with national issues, throughout the crisis, some of which has been detailed above. As a result she now sits on both Outbreak Management Boards. This wider engagement included:

- Regular meetings with the Policing Minister and Secretary of State for Justice
- Weekly updates with MPs and Council Leaders
- Fortnightly calls with the Victims Minister
- Weekly calls with the Victims Commissioner
- Very regular meetings with officials from the Ministry of Justice and Home Office, but also with MHCLG and DEFRA

## Live updates

From 24th March 2020, the Commissioner chaired a fortnightly COVID-19 Live Public Update that brought together North Yorkshire Police, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue and the Chair of the North Yorkshire and York Local Resilience Forum.

The Public Update built on pre-existing structures for the North Yorkshire Public Accountability Meetings, which are chaired by the PFCC and streamed live on YouTube. This meant that the Commissioner was in a position to act swiftly to make sure that there was a channel to engage and update the public directly.

The Commissioner was keen that hot topics were dealt with through these updates to reassure the public, particularly on issues that were present in the media. Concerns around domestic abuse and organised crime, PPE, fire cover for the Nightingale Hospital and Harrogate, the growing backlog within the courts, and latterly face coverings and ongoing public health messaging were covered, with special guests such as the Chief Executive of IDAS and the North Yorkshire Director for Public Health attending in support.

In particular this allowed the Commissioner and emergency services to continue to push key messages relating to the need to stay at home and not to travel to beauty spots or elsewhere.

The public were also able to submit questions in advance and during the broadcast. Just under 100 questions were received in total, covering concerns over people traveling to rural areas, the number of C19 cases in North Yorkshire, cyclists, fixed penalty notices, young people gathering in groups, police road blocks, the use of PPE, speeding, schooling for key worker children, recycling and waste sites reopening, amongst many others.

So far, the live updates have been viewed nearly 9000 times on YouTube. Live broadcasts were watched by between 200 and 300 people during lockdown months.

## Website

The Commissioner has had a dedicated section of her website for information updates, key messages, frequently asked questions, and information on the regulations and restrictions. This has been visited over 1780 times with visitors spending longer than average on the landing page compared to the rest of our website.

## Media coverage

The Commissioner has undertaken significant media engagement during this period, detailed in Appendix 1 – Communications Summary.

Between 1 March and 31 July the Commissioner's communication channels reached around 1 million people. The Commissioner's Facebook content alone reached six times the number of people as in the same period as 2019, and engagement with those posts was eight times higher.

In the same period, media coverage featuring the Commissioner as PFCC and Chair of the Rural Crime Network reached 25.9 million people across 249 local and national newspaper and online



outlets. Broadcast content, featured across 12 national and regional broadcast outlets, reached a combined audience in excess of 10 million people.

### Public concerns and compliments

The Commissioner's Customer Service team have dealt with 84 and her Office have responded to over 300 concerns between 23 March and the end of June. These were on a wide range of themes covering:

- The continued use of Safety Camera Vans
- Complaints that NYP were placing unnecessary signage encouraging people to stay away from bridleways and footpaths impacting on runners and walkers going out for their daily exercise
- Complaints that NYP were not providing enough signage in beauty spots and on public footpaths and bridleways encouraging people to stay at home
- Visitors to beauty spots unhappy with guidance leaflets left on their car windscreens
- Concerns over road checks that officers were not wearing PPE, gloves or sanitising hands between each check and not adhering to social distancing (This was raised urgently with NYP by the Commissioner's team and NYP reviewed their processes as a result)
- Reports of neighbours breaching lock down rules, for example having visitors in their homes
- Reports of people attending second/holiday homes
- Reports from members of the public concerned about the high levels of visitors to beauty spots not social distancing and concerns about the levels of anti-social behaviours
- Concerns officers were not social distancing or wearing PPE when engaging with members of the public
- General enquiries about what constituted essential travel
- Concerns that police presence in the streets to enforce social distancing and government guidance was too low

It should also be recognised that NYP received high levels of praise (in excess of 60) during this period including:

- Thanks for their presence at beauty spots over Easter/bank holiday weekends
- A company donated 1000 masks
- General thanks for police presence on the streets/roads

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1 March – 24 July 2020

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## Summary

- **Between 1 March and 31 July 2020, our own communications channels reached around one million people with messages, comments and information.** This is a huge increase on the same period one year ago.
- **Between 1 March and 31 July 2020, media coverage featuring Julia Mulligan as North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and Chair of the National Rural Crime Network reached 25.9 million people** across 249 newspaper and online outlets, and **12 broadcast outlets** whose combined audience is in excess of 10 million.
- **This included:**
  - **national broadcast coverage** on BBC national news bulletins, the ITV Tonight programme and BBC Countryfile
  - **regional broadcast coverage** on BBC Look North, BBC Radio York, Minster FM, Stray FM, BBC Radio Tees, BBC Radio Cumbria, ITV Calendar and ITV Tyne Tees
  - **national newspaper coverage** in The Economist, The Daily Telegraph, The Guardian, The Times, The I and Policing Insight
  - **regional newspaper coverage** in The Yorkshire Post, Northern Echo and local newspapers across North Yorkshire and across the country through the National Rural Crime Network.

## OPFCC Channels

- **We have seen a huge increase in engagement on our social media channels during this period compared to the same period 12 months ago.**
- **Facebook** – reach of nearly half a million people from our channels – six times higher than in the same period in 2019. There has also been a 24% year-on-year increase in those liking our page, while engagement on our posts is eight times higher.
- **Twitter** – reach of 450,000 from our channels – double the reach of the same period in 2019. There has been a 5% year-on-year increase in those following our channel in this period.
- **Live Broadcasts** – our regular live broadcasts with coronavirus updates and representatives from partners, including North Yorkshire Police, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue and North Yorkshire County Council have proved hugely popular and engaging, as well as providing content for the media to update their listeners, viewers and readers. Eight live broadcasts have taken place so far, with over 8,000 people watching the videos either live or after the event.
- **Website** – a new coronavirus support section, with content amalgamated by the OPFCC team, was set up in early April and has received 1,700 page views from 1,045 people since that time.

## Broadcast Coverage

Date of Interview	Outlet
10 April	BBC Radio Tees
13 April	BBC Radio Tees
21 April	Bloomberg Westminster BBC Radio Cumbria
23 April	ITV Tonight
27 April	2x BBC News
8 May	BBC Countryfile
13 May	Minster FM Stray FM
15 May	BBC Radio York BBC Look North
18 May	Minster FM
19 May	ITV News
1 June	ITV Calendar BBC Look North
12 June	BBC Radio York
19 <sup>th</sup> June	BBC Radio Tees
6 <sup>th</sup> July	BBC Radio York
20 <sup>th</sup> July	BBC Radio York

## Newspaper & Online Coverage

(Please note – due to the limitations of media monitoring available, this is not an exhaustive list but gives an overview of the sort of topics and their reach during this period)

Date	Publication	Headline	Reach
04/03/2020	Yorkshire Post	Communities playing vital part fighting rural crime, police say	18,534
04/03/2020	Yorkshire Post (Online)	Farmers, landowners and local residents - the volunteer groups providing "eyes and ears" for North Yorkshire Police	90,897
18/04/2020	This is Oxfordshire (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	5,571
18/04/2020	Coventry Telegraph (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	40,800
18/04/2020	Pontypool Free Press (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,687
18/04/2020	South Wales Guardian (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,712
18/04/2020	Essex Live (Online)	Live Essex coronavirus updates as UK enters fourth weekend in lockdown	53,851
18/04/2020	Northern Echo (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	62,604
18/04/2020	Malton Gazette and Herald (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,250
18/04/2020	Stoke-on-Trent Sentinel (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	91,482
18/04/2020	Irvine Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,730
18/04/2020	Chester Chronicle (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	32,912
18/04/2020	Knutsford Guardian (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	561
18/04/2020	The Huddersfield Daily Examiner (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	139,514
18/04/2020	Runcorn and Widnes World (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,280
18/04/2020	Essex Live (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	53,851
18/04/2020	Bolton News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	57,644
18/04/2020	Belfast Live (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	62,559

18/04/2020	Dumbarton & Vale of Leven Reporter (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,463
18/04/2020	KentLive (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	113,166
18/04/2020	Basingstoke Gazette (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	12,526
18/04/2020	Hertfordshire Mercury (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	12,992
18/04/2020	Wharfedale & Airedale Observer (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	5,702
18/04/2020	Lincolnshire Live (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	48,752
18/04/2020	News Shopper (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	64,207
18/04/2020	Bristol Post (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	221,796
18/04/2020	Hexham Courant (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,642
18/04/2020	Get West London (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	111,649
18/04/2020	Droitwich Spa Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,275
18/04/2020	Get Surrey (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	105,488
18/04/2020	Bracknell News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,658
18/04/2020	Get Reading (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	51,625
18/04/2020	Isle of Wight County Press (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,945
18/04/2020	Burton Mail (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	31,535
18/04/2020	Whitehaven News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,223
18/04/2020	Plymouth Herald (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	154,121
18/04/2020	Wilts and Gloucestershire Standard (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	12,760
18/04/2020	Daily Post (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	44,457
18/04/2020	York Press (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,302
18/04/2020	Gloucestershire Live (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	64,517
18/04/2020	East London & West Essex Guardian Series (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	43,166

18/04/2020	Leicester Mercury (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	159,810
18/04/2020	Grimsby Telegraph (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	45,170
18/04/2020	Evesham Journal (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	581
18/04/2020	Derby Telegraph (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	89,510
18/04/2020	Local Berkshire (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,989
18/04/2020	Cambridge News (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	54,477
18/04/2020	Stourbridge News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	15,623
18/04/2020	Nottingham Post (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	151,829
18/04/2020	Gazette And Observer (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,493
18/04/2020	Somerset Live (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	36,901
18/04/2020	Chorley Citizen (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,318
18/04/2020	LancsLive (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	8,819
18/04/2020	Ardrossan & Saltcoats Herald (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,139
18/04/2020	LeedsLive (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	14,274
18/04/2020	Border Telegraph (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	8,619
18/04/2020	Hull Daily Mail (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	160,631
18/04/2020	PenarthTimes (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,292
18/04/2020	Wales Online (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	144,994
18/04/2020	Harrow Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	8,056
18/04/2020	Campaign Series (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	577
18/04/2020	Romsey Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,967
18/04/2020	Salford City News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	0
18/04/2020	This is Local London (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	44,268
18/04/2020	St Albans and Harpendon Review (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	7,164
18/04/2020	Stroud News & Journal (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	7,092
18/04/2020	Ealing Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,613



18/04/2020	Prestwich & Whitefield Guide (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,498
18/04/2020	County Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,341
18/04/2020	Banbury Cake (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,578
18/04/2020	Redhill & Reigate Life (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,069
18/04/2020	Southend Standard (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,187
18/04/2020	Basildon Recorder (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,323
18/04/2020	Dunfermline Press (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,900
18/04/2020	Craven Herald (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	8,428
18/04/2020	York Press (Online)	Stay at home: Police guidelines on visiting countryside `hugely unhelpful"	2,302
18/04/2020	Falmouth Packet (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,992
18/04/2020	Evening Gazette (Essex) (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	25,088
18/04/2020	Dorset Echo (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	43,436
18/04/2020	Greenock Telegraph (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	249
18/04/2020	Western Telegraph (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	7,807
18/04/2020	Glasgow Evening Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	90,563
18/04/2020	Sunday Post (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	14,196
18/04/2020	Basildon Standard (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,887
18/04/2020	Helensburgh Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,612
18/04/2020	Tottenham & Wood Green Independent (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,931
18/04/2020	Winsford Guardian (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	834
18/04/2020	Malvern Gazette (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	316
18/04/2020	Ledbury Reporter (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	880
18/04/2020	Edware and Mill Hill Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	13,619
18/04/2020	Banbury Cake (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,578

18/04/2020	Richmond and Twickenham Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	6,925
18/04/2020	Swanage and Wareham Voice (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,971
18/04/2020	Telegraph & Argus (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	86,275
18/04/2020	Bury Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	24,863
18/04/2020	Halesowen News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,040
18/04/2020	Hereford Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,607
18/04/2020	Kidderminster Shuttle (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	6,800
18/04/2020	Borehamwood Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	5,985
18/04/2020	Cotswold Journal (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	783
18/04/2020	West Cumberland Times and Star (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	12,302
18/04/2020	Barry & District News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	6,988
18/04/2020	Bridport News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	483
18/04/2020	This is the West Country (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	257
18/04/2020	Telegraph and Argus (Bradford)	Call for review of visiting guidelines	13,951
18/04/2020	Mail Online UK (Online)	Police guidelines suggesting the public can visit the countryside to exercise are "hugely unhelpful" and "could undo efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus across rural Britain", Rural Crime Network warns	2,009,108
18/04/2020	Andover Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,750
18/04/2020	Chelmsford Weekly News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,632
18/04/2020	Bicester Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	635
18/04/2020	Wimbledon Guardian (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	14,783
18/04/2020	Gloucestershire Gazette (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,982
18/04/2020	Wandsworth Guardian (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	11,421

18/04/2020	Bridgwater Mercury (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	486
18/04/2020	Windsor and Maidenhead Observer (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,959
18/04/2020	Hillingdon Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,355
18/04/2020	Maldon & Burnham Standard (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	712
18/04/2020	This Is Wiltshire (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	8,104
18/04/2020	Telegraph & Argus (Online)	`Approach will not change" - despite new lockdown guidance	86,275
18/04/2020	Yorkshire Post	No change in stay home advice despite relaxation of car rules	18,534
18/04/2020	Tewkesbury Admag (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,685
18/04/2020	Belfast Telegraph (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	20,445
18/04/2020	West Midlands Express & Star (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	134,364
18/04/2020	Guernsey Press (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful" The National Rural Crime Network has raised concerns about the guidelines issued to forces.	3,838
18/04/2020	Shropshire Star (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	21,473
18/04/2020	Wiltshire Gazette & Herald (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	12,168
18/04/2020	Witney Gazette (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,632
18/04/2020	Evening Telegraph (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	14,463
18/04/2020	Reading Chronicle (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	14,086
18/04/2020	South Wales Argus (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	68,859
18/04/2020	Wirral Globe (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	14,757
18/04/2020	Bucks Free Press (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	23,897
18/04/2020	Thisisjersey.com (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	24,820
18/04/2020	The Press	Call for review of visiting guidelines	14,075
18/04/2020	Wales Farmer (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	205
18/04/2020	Brentwood Live (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,349

18/04/2020	North West Evening Mail (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	18,262
18/04/2020	Carrick Herald (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	0
18/04/2020	Harwich and Manningtree Standard (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,475
18/04/2020	Evening Express (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	26,307
18/04/2020	Swindon Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	9,591
18/04/2020	Cardigan and TivySide Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,400
18/04/2020	Paisley Gazette (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	7,816
18/04/2020	Your Local Guardian (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	33,757
18/04/2020	Darlington & Stockton Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	6,066
18/04/2020	Enfield & Haringey Independent (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,598
18/04/2020	Brentwood Live (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,349
18/04/2020	Clacton, Frinton & Walton Gazette (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	561
18/04/2020	Bromsgrove Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,494
18/04/2020	Northwich Guardian (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	5,983
18/04/2020	Burnham and Highbridge Weekly News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	225
18/04/2020	Yeovil Express (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	257
18/04/2020	Asian Image (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,857
18/04/2020	Living Dorset (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	400
18/04/2020	Surrey Comet (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	10,850
18/04/2020	Ayr Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	988
18/04/2020	St. Helens Star (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	13,903
18/04/2020	Redditch Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	6,446

18/04/2020	Slough and Langley Observer (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	11,733
18/04/2020	Cardigan and TivySide Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,400
18/04/2020	Central Fife Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,046
18/04/2020	East Lothian Courier (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,796
18/04/2020	Somerset County Gazette (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	17,178
18/04/2020	AOL UK (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	141,057
18/04/2020	Keighley News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	10,155
18/04/2020	The Courier and Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	56,534
18/04/2020	Press and Journal (Aberdeen) (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	46,031
18/04/2020	Peeblesshire News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,446
18/04/2020	Salisbury Journal (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	28,852
18/04/2020	Epping Forest Guardian (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,531
18/04/2020	Lancaster & Morecambe Citizen (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	131
18/04/2020	Milford Mercury (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,123
18/04/2020	Didcot Herald (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,614
18/04/2020	Denbighshire Free Press (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,687
18/04/2020	Dudley News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,907
18/04/2020	News and Star (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	20,048
18/04/2020	Bournemouth Daily Echo (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	118,482
18/04/2020	Strathallan Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	100
18/04/2020	Troon Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,705

18/04/2020	Border Counties Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	773
18/04/2020	North Wales Chronicle (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,156
18/04/2020	Rhyl Journal (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	5,960
18/04/2020	North Wales Pioneer (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	687
18/04/2020	Ludlow Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	6,383
18/04/2020	Clydebank Post (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	9,789
18/04/2020	Braintree & Witham Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	10,020
18/04/2020	Messenger Newspapers (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,887
18/04/2020	Watford Observer (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	30,391
18/04/2020	Westmorland Gazette (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	33,073
18/04/2020	Wiltshire Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	374
18/04/2020	Warrington Guardian (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	32,801
18/04/2020	Largs & Millport Weekly News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,714
18/04/2020	This Is Lancashire (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,627
18/04/2020	Hampshire Chronicle (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,887
18/04/2020	Cumnock Chronicle (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	475
18/04/2020	The National (Scotland) (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	39,785
18/04/2020	Thurrock Gazette (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	308
18/04/2020	The Oldham Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,284
18/04/2020	Barrhead News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,589
18/04/2020	Whitchurch Herald (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,148
18/04/2020	The Northern Farmer (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	0
18/04/2020	Southern Daily Echo (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	176,179
18/04/2020	Western Daily Press (Late City)	Police guidelines over rural trips 'unhelpful'	11,591

19/04/2020	Mirror.co.uk (Online)	Police coronavirus lockdown rules on when you can leave home slammed	895,503
19/04/2020	Stoke-on-Trent Sentinel (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	91,482
19/04/2020	Gazette Live (Online)	"Hugely unhelpful": Crime chief condemns new lockdown guidance and vows not to change approach	108,592
19/04/2020	The London Economic (Blog)	Guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	26,429
20/04/2020	Liverpool Echo (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home during lockdown slammed as "hugely unhelpful"	872,556
20/04/2020	Birmingham Live (Online)	New police rules on "reasonable excuses" to leave the house slammed amid national calls for urgent review	323,081
21/04/2020	Newcastle Evening Chronicle (Online)	Police guidance slammed for saying it is ok to drive to countryside for exercise	414,560
21/04/2020	The Herald (Plymouth)	Police chief's warning: Don't drive to beauty spots to exercise	18,191
21/04/2020	Rural Services Network (Online)	Network urges rethink of Coronavirus policing guidelines	0
21/04/2020	The Huddersfield Daily Examiner (Online)	New police rules "an open invitation" for the virus to come to the Yorkshire Dales	139,514
21/04/2020	Western Morning News (Devon)	Exercise rule still in place, say police	22,266
22/04/2020	AgriLand (Online)	Rural organisations call for lockdown travel guidelines to be reviewed	104
22/04/2020	NFU Online (Online)	NFU joins forces to call for urgent review of lockdown travel guidelines	58
22/04/2020	Yorkshire Post	Urgent review of police guidance urged on journeys to countryside	18,534
22/04/2020	Yorkshire Post (Online)	Rural residents call for tighter lockdown restrictions over driving to the countryside for exercise	90,897
23/04/2020	Daily Star (Online)	Channel 4 programme hit by 388 Ofcom complaints as most controversial show of the year	432,428
24/04/2020	Forestry Journal (Online)	Rural organisations call for review of lockdown travel guidelines	0
24/04/2020	Farmers Guardian	Confusion over police's lockdown guidance	40,000
25/04/2020	Farmers Guide (Online)	Rural families `alarmed" by lockdown exercise advice	666
25/04/2020	Darlington And Stockton Times	Guidelines are not an open invitation to hills	13,117
25/04/2020	The Times Online	Coronavirus lockdown: Rise in car journeys prompts new appeal to obey the rules	60,372
25/04/2020	Mail Online UK (Online)	Police chief slams national guidance on driving for exercise and says people should not get in the car for fitness or dog walking while on lockdown	2,009,108
25/04/2020	Mail Online UK (Online)	Police chief slams national guidance on driving for exercise	2,009,108



25/04/2020	The Times	New appeal to stay indoors as sunshine proves too tempting	364,936
27/04/2020	The Guardian	Police warn rural vigilantes amid anger and threats against cyclists and drivers	129,053
27/04/2020	Scottish Sun Online	FLOUT & ABOUT Cops in England warn vigilantes off confronting cyclists and families travelling to countryside in coronavirus lockdown	40,640
27/04/2020	The Sun Online	FLOUT & ABOUT Cops in England warn vigilantes off confronting cyclists and families travelling to countryside in coronavirus lockdown	806,941
27/04/2020	Yahoo! Style UK (Online)	Police in England warn rural vigilantes not to take law into own hands during lockdown	35,521
27/04/2020	Yahoo! UK and Ireland (Online)	Police in England warn rural vigilantes not to take law into own hands during lockdown	1,030,766
27/04/2020	The Guardian.com (Online)	Police in England warn rural vigilantes not to take law into own hands during lockdown	1,944,228
28/04/2020	Bridport News (Online)	Rural organisations request review of lockdown enforcement measures	483
28/04/2020	Dorset Echo (Online)	Rural organisations request review of lockdown enforcement measures	43,436
28/04/2020	Gizmodo UK (Blog)	Police Remind Coronavirus Vigilantes it's Still Not OK to Murder Cyclists	223,449
28/04/2020	Yahoo! Style UK (Online)	Police warn lockdown rules are becoming unenforceable as people start returning to work	35,521
28/04/2020	Yahoo! UK and Ireland (Online)	Police warn lockdown rules are becoming unenforceable as people start returning to work	1,030,766
28/04/2020	The Daily Telegraph Online	Police warn lockdown rules are becoming unenforceable as people start returning to work	1,136,292
29/04/2020	Dorset Echo (Weymouth)	Calls for a review of lockdown rules	10,196
02/05/2020	Somerset County Gazette (Online)	Concerns about people journeying to exercise in rural areas	17,178
02/05/2020	South West Farmer (Online)	Concerns about people journeying to exercise in rural areas	1,397
02/05/2020	Country Smallholding	Rural crime and fly-tipping on the rise during coronavirus crisis	20,000
04/05/2020	Cycling UK (Online)	`Be kind to cyclists": Cycling UK and British Cycling call for end to hostility	0
15/05/2020	Farmers Guardian	Forces working to better tackle thefts	40,000
27/05/2020	Mail Online UK (Online)	Barbed wire "booby trap" is found on public footpath at woodland beauty spot	2,009,108
27/05/2020	Mail Online UK (Online)	Cyclist is left bloodied and bruised after smashing into wire booby trap	2,009,108
27/05/2020	Daily Express (Online)	Horror as cyclist injured after crashing into wire trap - warning over lockdown incidents	597,147
11/06/2020	Shooting UK (Online)	Want to have your say on policing and crime in rural areas?	20,734



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### Police warn against visiting beauty spots despite new guidance

STAFFORDSHIRE'S top cop rural areas is not necessary or reasonable. The parks, forests and beauty spots in Staffordshire will still be here when this is over and people will be welcome back when it's safe to do so.

Gareth Morgan has urged families to adhere to the social distancing guidelines, they will engage with them, explain the guidance and encourage people to go home, only as a last resort where reason fails, enforcement action will be taken."

New advice issued to the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) and the College of Policing (CoP) has suggested that driving to exercise this weekend and where they could be allowed providing someone spends far longer walking than driving.

The National Rural Crime Network - made up of around 30 police and crime commissioners - has called the guidance unhelpful and called for an urgent review.

But Staffordshire Police Chief Constable Gareth Morgan has urged families to stay away from beauty spots across the county. It comes as motorists have been spotted flouting the coronavirus lockdown rules at parks and green spaces such as the Roaches and Knyppersley Reservoir.

In a blog post, Mr Morgan said: "When leaving home we need to continue to do what is necessary and reasonable and this includes where we exercise.

"Now is not the time for people to be travelling to exercise in our rural communities or visit local beauty spots and parks and I am pleased that most people understand and support this.

"There has been some recent coverage in the media of additional guidance about what may constitute 'reasonable' in terms of the new legislation but I am clear this does not change our policing approach in Staffordshire and we will continue to use discretion and good judgement in deciding what is and what isn't reasonable.

The guidance from the government remains that exercise should be done locally, using open spaces near to your home where possible, and people should travel only when necessary and for a short distance.

"Travelling from other areas, like we have seen some examples of recently, to enjoy the county's



The Roaches. Photo by Mark Stuart Day

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**POLICE**

## **Calls to review guidance on trips to country**

**By Tess de la Mare**

Campaigners are calling for an urgent review of police guidance on visiting the countryside during the shutdown after receiving hundreds of messages from concerned residents.

They said recent advice to police forces that it is lawful to drive somewhere to exercise, including a trip to the countryside, would cause "untold anxieties" in their communities.

As a rule of thumb, police forces were told visiting the countryside was permissible if more time is spent walking than driving to the starting point.

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Examples include criticism of North Yorkshire Police stopping drivers to check their journeys were essential.

In a public coronavirus response meeting yesterday,



**LISA WINWARD: Police chief said drivers in North Yorkshire would continue to be stopped.**

chaired by North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner Julia Mulligan, the force's Chief Constable Lisa Winward said: "We will be continuing to stop and engage with people about their journeys and assess whether those journeys are essential."

The National Rural Crime Network (NRCN), National Farmers' Union (NFU), Countryside Alliance and the Country Land and

Business Association (CLA) now want restrictions tightened.

In a letter to Justice Secretary Robert Buckland, they claimed the guidance would make managing Covid-19 more difficult.

Signatories said they were receiving hundreds of messages from residents complaining of people flouting the law.

The letter read: "There are great concerns that the new policing guidance will encourage even more people to carry out unnecessarily long journeys to exercise in rural areas, which will in turn put increased pressures on rural police forces and communities."

Human rights charity Liberty has called for careful scrutiny of the wide-ranging powers.

Director Martha Spurrier said: "The Government has responded to the coronavirus pandemic by giving police sweeping powers resulting in some heavy-handed policing. This needs to be urgently addressed."

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## Open letter calls to review countryside visiting rules

CAMPAIGNERS concerned about guidance issued to police over people visiting the countryside have now written an open letter to the Justice Secretary.

As reported in Saturday's *Western Daily Press*, they are calling for an urgent review of police guidance on visiting the countryside during the shutdown after receiving hundreds of messages from concerned residents.

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Examples include Derbyshire Police filming walkers with drones to deter visits to the Peak District while North Yorkshire Police stopped drivers to see if their journeys could be deemed essential.

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"It is specifically the guidance on length of travel versus length of exercise that is likely to cause problems in the battle against Covid-19 and has a particular impact on the rural communities we represent.

"The key message needs to remain: stay home, save lives. Anything which complicates that message is unhelpful."

In the guidance to police, officers were told to keep in mind the purpose of the new legislation – to prevent the spread of infection – and to use their judgment in each case to determine what travel is "necessary" and "reasonable".

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## Police chief's warning: Don't drive to beauty spots to exercise

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She was speaking after the National Rural Crime Network called for urgent clarification on coronavirus lockdown conditions. The fresh advice from the National Police Chiefs' Council and College of Policing was taken by some to mean that people were allowed to travel potentially long distances to exercise.

The network's police and crime commissioner members believed any such interpretation risked

harming rural communities in particular.

The network represents more than 30 commissioners from across rural England, as well as other organisations who promote a greater understanding of the countryside.

The chair of the network, [Julia Mulligan](#) said there was "a real risk" that many more people would travel to rural towns, villages and countryside because the chiefs' council and College of Policing said this was "likely to be reasonable".

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commissioner members believed any such interpretation risked harming rural communities in particular. The network represents more than 30 commissioners from across rural England, as well as other organisations who promote a greater understanding of the countryside.

The chair of the network, Julia Mulligan said there was "a real risk" that many more people would travel to rural towns, villages and countryside because the chiefs' council and College of Policing said this was "likely to be reasonable".

Ms Mulligan said: "The main message from government and scientists is that to tackle coronavirus we need to stay at home.

These new guidelines go completely against that and are hugely unhelpful in the efforts we are making in rural Britain to stop people travelling to our communities and spreading this virus."

If people travelled a long way to exercise there was the potential to strain services in already struggling communities. "[This] stretches police resources and even adds strain to the NHS which is working so hard to keep us all safe," she said.

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## No change in stay home advice despite relaxation of car rules

### EXERCISE

POLICE AND local authority bosses say they will not change their approach or advice towards people leaving their homes despite receiving guidance that it is "lawful to drive for exercise".

North Yorkshire Police, North Yorkshire County Council and the Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors National Park Authorities have again appealed for people to stay at home after Crown Prosecution Service advice stating people can get in their cars to visit places to exercise was published.

The document, which has been published the National Police Chiefs' Council and the professional standards body, the College of Policing, said public statements made soon after the adoption of the lockdown regulations had suggested the public could leave their homes only if "essential" to do so.

Julia Mulligan, the Police and Crime Commissioner for North



**OUT OF BOUNDS:** Police and council leaders are still appealing for people to stay away from the Dales. PICTURE: JONATHAN GAWTHORPE

Yorkshire and the National Rural Crime Network's chairwoman, said the guidelines were "hugely unhelpful".

David Butterworth, the chief executive of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, encouraged people to exercise locally and not make "special journeys to access the countryside".

However, North Yorkshire Po-

lice's Assistant Chief Constable Mike Walker said the CPS guidance about what constitutes a reasonable journey still required police officers to use their judgment and discretion to assess each situation.

He added: "In some circumstances, we may have to use enforcement as a last but necessary resort, to keep the public safe."



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## Police guidelines over rural trips 'unhelpful'

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**P**OLICE guidelines suggesting the public can visit the countryside to exercise are "hugely unhelpful" and could undo efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus across rural Britain, it is claimed.

The National Rural Crime Network (NRCN), which represents more than 30 police and crime commissioners who oversee countryside areas, has called for an "urgent review" of the latest advice issued to officers by the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) and the College of Policing (CoP) which used examples compiled by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS).

The document, which emerged on Thursday and was sent to forces last week amid concerns some officers were misunderstanding the new powers, lists a string of scenarios which were likely to be considered reasonable under coronavirus lockdown rules.

These included driving to the countryside and walking, when far more time is spent walking than driving, and stopping to rest or eat lunch while on a long walk.

It also made clear to officers that it is "lawful" to drive somewhere to exercise.

But the NRCN warned the advice has prompted a "real risk" that more people will travel to rural towns, villages and the countryside.

Julia Mulligan, pictured, the police and crime commissioner for North Yorkshire and NRCN chairwoman, said: "The main message from government and scientists is that to tackle coronavirus we need to stay at home.

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"Saying individuals and families can travel long distances into the countryside has alarmed many for whom that is their home - it has the potential to strain services in already struggling communities, stretches police resources and even adds strain to the NHS which is working so hard to keep us all safe.

"We need an urgent review of these new guidelines and I will be having discussions with ministers, the College of Policing, police leaders and my fellow commissioners in the days ahead."

The document gives more advice to officers on how to interpret the lockdown restriction laws.

When details emerged, the CoP insisted it was not "new national guidance and the messaging for the public hasn't changed".

Although described as a "really useful practical guide" the examples given are not set out specifically in law under the regulations and the document says each case must be considered individually.

It adds: "Some public statements made soon after the adoption of the regulations suggested that members of the public could only leave their homes if 'essential' to do so.

"However, this is not the test set out in the regulations and there is no legal basis for a requirement in those terms to be imposed."

According to the document, incidents also likely to be reasonable include buying luxury items and alcohol; exercising more than once a day; moving to a friend's address for several days to allow a "cooling-off" following arguments at home; and buying tools and supplies for repairs and maintenance.

Incidents not likely to

be considered reasonable include someone who can work from home choosing to work in a nearby park; a short walk to a park bench when the person remains seated for a much longer period; buying paint and brushes simply to redecorate a kitchen; and driving for a prolonged period with only brief exercise.

A spokesman for the NPCC said: "While there is nothing in the legislation that prevents people from driving to exercise, police forces and the Government have rightly continued to advise the public not to travel long distances in the car to exercise.

"Therefore forces who have advised this are not out of step with the CPS guidance.

"Officers should continue to use discretion and judgment in deciding what is and what isn't 'necessary' and 'reasonable' in the circumstances being mindful of the purpose of the regulations - to prevent transmission of infection."

■ **Martin Hesp: Page 23**



## Selected Newspaper & Online Coverage – Summary

### **Communities playing vital part fighting rural crime, police say**

*Yorkshire Post, Main, p. 8, Sophie McCandlish, 04/03/2020*

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### **The National Rural Crime Network - Coronavirus & Rural Communities**

*Rural Services Network (Web), Main, Unattributed, 14/04/2020*

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**Police guidelines suggesting the public can visit the countryside to exercise are "hugely unhelpful" and "could undo efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus across rural Britain", Rural Crime Network warns**

*Mail Online UK (Web), Main, Unattributed, 17/04/2020*

Rural Crime Network (NRCN), which warned it presents a 'real risk' of more people travelling to rural towns and villages and a possible spike in cases in Britain's countryside. Julia Mulligan, the police and crime commissioner for North Yorkshire and NRCN chairwoman, said the guidelines, produced by the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) and College of Policing (CoP), 'go

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*Prestwich & Whitefield Guide (Web), Main, Unattributed, 17/04/2020*

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*Western Daily Press (Late City), Main, p. 6, FLORA THOMPSON, 18/04/2020*

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*Birmingham Live (Web), Main, Unattributed, 19/04/2020*

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*Liverpool Echo (Web), Main, Unattributed, 19/04/2020*

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### **Police guidance slammed for saying it is ok to drive to countryside for exercise**

*Newcastle Evening Chronicle (Web), Main, Unattributed, 20/04/2020*

can drive to rural areas to go walking, as long as they spend more time walking than they do driving to and from the rural destination. National Rural Crime Network chair Julia Mulligan, who is police, fire and crime commissioner for North Yorkshire, fears there is a real risk that people will travel from towns to the countryside. The National Rural Crime

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### **New police rules "an open invitation" for the virus to come to the Yorkshire Dales**

*The Huddersfield Daily Examiner (Web), Main, Unattributed, 20/04/2020*

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### **Network urges rethink of Coronavirus policing guidelines**

*Rural Services Network (Web), Main, Unattributed, 20/04/2020*

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### **Exercise rule still in place, say police**

*Western Morning News (Devon), Main, p. 4, Unattributed, 21/04/2020*

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*The Herald (Plymouth), Main, p. 4, Unattributed, 21/04/2020*

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**Rural organisations call for lockdown travel guidelines to be reviewed**

*AgriLand (Web), Main, Unattributed, 21/04/2020*

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*NFU Online (Web), Main, Unattributed, 21/04/2020*

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### **Rural residents call for tighter lockdown restrictions over driving to the countryside for exercise**

*Yorkshire Post (Web), Main, Unattributed, 21/04/2020*

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*Yorkshire Post, Main, p. 6, Unattributed, 22/04/2020*

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### **Channel 4 programme hit by 388 Ofcom complaints as most controversial show of the year**

*Daily Star (Web), Main, Unattributed, 22/04/2020*

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*Forestry Journal (Web), Main, Unattributed, 23/04/2020*

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### **Confusion over police's lockdown guidance**

*Farmers Guardian, Main, p. 4, Unattributed, 24/04/2020*

National Rural Crime Network has called for urgent clarification on Covid-19 lockdown conditions, believing the guidance is unfair and harmful to rural communities. North Yorkshire police, fire and crime commissioner, Julia Mulligan, said: "There is a real risk many more people will travel to rural towns, villages and countryside because of the National Police Chiefs Council and College of Policing

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### **Guidelines are not an open invitation to hills**

*Darlington And Stockton Times, Main, p. 3, Unattributed, 24/04/2020*

countryside. Revised guidelines issued by the National Police Chiefs Council, the Police College and CPS asserted that it may be legally permissible to drive to rural areas to take exercise. Julia Mulligan, North Yorkshire's Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and chairman of the national Rural Crime Network, has written to the Justice Secretary, Robert Buckland, asking him to urgently review

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### **Coronavirus lockdown: Rise in car journeys prompts new appeal to obey the rules**

*The Times Online, news, p. 1, Unattributed, 24/04/2020*

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*Mail Online UK (Web), Main, Unattributed, 24/04/2020*

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### **Rural families "alarmed" by lockdown exercise advice**

*Farmers Guide (Web), Main, Unattributed, 24/04/2020*

who fear they may be put at risk by an influx of walkers. The National Rural Crime Network (NRCN) called for urgent clarification, describing the advice as "hugely unhelpful". Chair Julia Mulligan, the police, fire and crime commissioner for North Yorkshire, believes there is now a real risk that many more people will travel to rural towns, villages and countryside.

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**New appeal to stay indoors as sunshine proves too tempting**

*The Times, Main, p. 12, Steven Swinford ;john Simpson; Andrew Ellson ;will, 25/04/2020*

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*Scottish Sun Online, News, p. 1, Unattributed, 26/04/2020*

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*The Guardian, Main, p. 19, Simon Murphy, 27/04/2020*

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*The Daily Telegraph Online, News, p. 1, Unattributed, 27/04/2020*

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#### **Police Remind Coronavirus Vigilantes it's Still Not OK to Murder Cyclists**

*Gizmodo UK (Blog), Main, Unattributed, 27/04/2020*

villages and some police forces have logged complaints of cars "driving aggressively at cyclists" who the drivers perceive as being unwelcome outsiders, because as everyone knows, showing knees spreads disease. Julia Mulligan, chair of the National Rural Crime Network, said: "People have been making it clear that people coming from long distances to enjoy our local beauty spots that are

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#### **Calls for a review of lockdown rules**

*Dorset Echo (Weymouth), Main, p. 19, Bradley White, 28/04/2020*

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#### **Rural crime and fly-tipping on the rise during coronavirus crisis**

*Country Smallholding, Main, p. 8, Unattributed, 01/05/2020*

alert for livestock and machinery thefts as criminals take advantage of food shortages and the police being busy elsewhere due to the Covid-19 crisis, police and farming groups have warned. Julia Mulligan, chairman of the National Rural Crime Network, said: "We are receiving increasing feedback from the rural community that criminals are capitalising on police attention being diverted to target

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*Somerset County Gazette (Web), Main, Unattributed, 01/05/2020*

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**`Be kind to cyclists": Cycling UK and British Cycling call for end to hostility**

*Cycling UK (Web), Main, Unattributed, 04/05/2020*

exercise habits, including how long they're cycling for and where. That's led to careless language, including by some who are now concerned about threats of vigilante action against cyclists."Last month, Julia Mulligan, the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire and chair of the National Rural Crime Network, told the BBC that cyclists were " a real worry ", saying

**Keyword:** Julia Mulligan

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**Forces working to better tackle thefts**

*Farmers Guardian, Main, p. 5, Unattributed, 15/05/2020*

later intercepted by West Yorkshire Police, were released without charge and only received a conditional caution." Responding, North Yorkshire police, fire and crime commissioner and National Rural Crime Network chairwoman Julia Mulligan highlighted in order to crack down on the issue it was now 'vital' for police dealing with crimes of this nature to 'establish relationships' with other agencies, such

**Keyword:** Julia Mulligan

**Barbed wire "booby trap" is found on public footpath at woodland beauty spot**

*Mail Online UK (Web), Main, Unattributed, 26/05/2020*

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### **Cyclist is left bloodied and bruised after smashing into wire booby trap**

*Mail Online UK (Web), Main, Unattributed, 27/05/2020*

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**Keyword:** Julia Mulligan

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### **Horror as cyclist injured after crashing into wire trap - warning over lockdown incidents**

*Daily Express (Web), Main, Unattributed, 27/05/2020*

the UK begins to ease coronavirus lockdown measures, the National Police Chiefs Council warned about an increase in vigilante attacks in beauty spots. Chair of the National Rural Crime Network Julia Mulligan previously told the Guardian: "We've had small-scale vigilantism, if you like, so communities blocking off roads, people driving aggressively at cyclists. "People have been making it clear that

**Keyword:** Julia Mulligan

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### **Want to have your say on policing and crime in rural areas?**

*Shooting UK (Web), Main, Unattributed, 11/06/2020*

which has already attracted more than 11,000 responses, explores how crime and ASB, as well as the threat of potential crime, affects individuals, both financially and emotionally. Chair of the NRCN, Julia Mulligan, who is also North Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, commented: "We commissioned this survey to help build a more comprehensive picture of what a widespread but often misunderstood

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# North Yorkshire Covid 19 Fixed Penalty Notices issued to BAME

Scrutiny report

Published July 2020 (*work undertaken May / June 2020*)



# Foreword

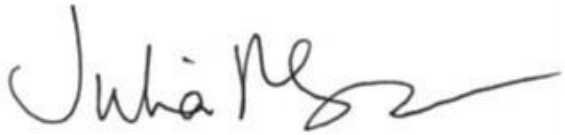


Policing is rightly reflecting on itself at the moment, asking difficult but important questions about race, equality, policies and process, bias and whether policing is institutionally racist. This report does not answer those in the round, but does focus specifically on how COVID-19 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) have been issued locally. This is set in the context of North Yorkshire Police having issued the most FPNs in England and Wales during the lockdown.

In our area, there is evidence of a clear bias in the data, showing young Asian males were far more likely to have been issued a FPN than our demographics would suggest. This is concerning, but we recognised the issue quickly and have undertaken a number of steps to understand the situation. These include raising our concerns at a national level, including with the Policing Minister, questioning the data, and undertaking a comprehensive and independent piece of local scrutiny work to understand the issue in detail.

In doing this, we found no evidence of any bias or discrimination in the individual issuing of FPNs, indeed all appear to have been issued fairly and appropriately in and of themselves. However, I remain very concerned that the sheer scale of FPNs issued to young Asian males is unfair and likely to be biased. This requires further work to understand; not only how the bias manifests in other places, but the policies and processes which can lead to activity of this kind. My office is working with the Deputy Chief Constable on this matter, treating it with the seriousness it deserves, and will be scrupulous in uncovering any conscious or unconscious bias in policing.

We must all do everything within our power to root out discrimination of any kind, and I am committed to doing so. Moreover, as the national lead for Police and Crime Commissioners on Integrity and Accountability, I am part of a working group of PCCs looking at the issue of race discrimination at a national level, working alongside senior policing colleagues in the National Police Chiefs Council.



Julia Mulligan  
North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner



# Executive Summary



The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) and North Yorkshire Police (NYP) have maintained a close watch on the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) against the Coronavirus regulations to understand any trends that may need to be addressed. It was identified early on that there seemed to be a higher than proportionate number of FPNs being issued to BAME members of the public and scrutiny was conducted urgently to review this. On 5<sup>th</sup> May the PFCC requested an analytical assessment of the data and on 14<sup>th</sup> May convened an extraordinary meeting of the Independent Out of Court Disposal Scrutiny Panel to review and assess the findings. Following on from this, recommendations have been provided to NYP for further work to review and understand these findings which will be subject to a Public Accountability Meeting later in the year. This work has progressed at speed, and is forming best practice nationally, being adopted by other policing areas.

In summary, it was found that there was a disproportionate number of FPNs issued to BAME individuals. This particularly affected young Asian males from West Yorkshire, mainly issued in the Craven district. Questions remain as to why BAME numbers are so high. Without a fuller picture of the total numbers of people present on each day or over the period, or the total number of stops and interactions by police, it is not possible to establish overall levels of engagement or to draw definitive conclusions as to whether specific discrimination took place. However, we find it difficult to believe that BAME individuals would be particularly more likely to contravene the regulations or be substantially more antagonistic or to refuse to follow guidance from officers, in a way which would lead to this outcome.

Our summary conclusions are:

- FPNs issued to local people (North Yorkshire residents) are proportionate to the local demographic.
- BAME visitors are disproportionately represented.
- BAME numbers have remained steady over time while White numbers have increased.
- Young Asian men travelling in groups feature prominently amongst BAME FPNs.
- There over representation of young people and males more generally may also be worth of further consideration.

We recommend that NYP conduct a further review into the results from Craven for the following reasons:

- They are a major factor in the high number of BAME FPNs.
- A significant proportion were issued to Asian visitors.
- There are periods when FPNs were only issued to BAME.
- While there is no evidence that any one officer or group of officers was particularly targeting BAME, indeed dip sampling would suggest all FPNs in and of themselves were issued appropriately, there is also no definitive explanation as to why BAME feature so significantly. A focus on the restriction of movement may have unconsciously biased against those who do not fit the local profile at beauty spots frequented by visitors living in relatively close proximity in north Bradford/Leeds.



# Introduction





The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/350) empowered the police to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to any person in contravention of the regulations. From the start NYP made a conscious decision to manage FPNs centrally before submitting them for processing nationally, rather than their being sent direct from the officer or local station. Therefore consistent and substantial data was available for review. It was identified and raised early on that there seemed to be a disproportionate number of FPNs issued to BAME individuals and the Commissioner requested that scrutiny work be conducted to understand why and see whether the Service were in any way acting discriminatorily.

North Yorkshire has a BAME population of 3.4%. High level analysis showed that 20% of FPNs had been issued to BAME individuals, almost entirely visitors, with a significant proportion being Asians traveling into the Dales from Bradford. Anecdotal evidence suggested that an element of this was their tendency to travel in large groups, raising the number of FPNs issued in one incident. Anecdotal evidence also suggested that they were generally being stopped at destination, and not necessarily at any road check. The PFCC was also aware that each FPN was being triaged centrally before submitted, so the validity of the FPN was likely to be made out.

The aim of the scrutiny was therefore to understand whether any underlying reason for the disproportionality could be found, and to provide public assurance on whether there was any bias in NYP enforcement. We set out to confirm our high-level and anecdotal findings, considering the proportion, place of origin and geographical spread, movement in groups, rate of FPNs over time, proportionality and method of stop/issue, and any bias in enforcement.



# Data limitations

We analysed 891 FPNs issued between 02 April 2020 (the first FPN to be issued by NYP following the introduction of the regulations) and 11 May 2020 when the regulations changed. We recognise the following limitations of the data we were analysing:

- The data provided can say who was given FPNs.
- The data cannot say who was stopped by police but not given an FPN, or who was seen by police but not stopped.
- The data cannot tell us the level of engagement/use of 4E model prior to FPN being issued.
- Ethnicity was not stated on 11% of FPNs.

It is therefore not possible to conclude whether certain ethnicities were more or less likely to break the rules, more or less likely to be stopped or engaged, or more or less likely to comply with police instruction. It is also not possible to definitively conclude if they were more or less likely to be issued an FPN as we do not know the ratio of persons in the area on the day. We can only assess the proportionality of FPNs issued against general population statistics.



# Glossary

For the purpose of this report the following terms are understood to mean:

## **BAME**

Unless otherwise stated, includes Black, Asian, Mixed race, Other minority (including Chinese, not including white minorities), and White minorities other than British.

## **White**

White British (code W1) only

## **NS**

Not stated (ethnicity not recorded)

## **FPN**

Fixed Penalty Notice

## **Local/Visitor**

Resident/Non-resident of North Yorkshire

## **Group**

2+ people of different households unless otherwise stated

## **4Es**

National Police Chiefs Council's recommended approach to ensuring compliance of the regulations – Engage, Educate, Encourage, Enforce.



# Conclusions and Recommendations



Questions remain over why BAME numbers are so high. There is insufficient evidence to determine what factors may have been at play. It is difficult to believe that there were so many more BAME compared to White who contravened the restrictions or who were substantially more antagonistic or refused to follow guidance by officers.

However, without evidence as to numbers of all stops/interactions by police to establish overall levels of engagement, it is not possible to draw definitive conclusions other than what the data tells us related to FPNs actually issued.

- FPNs issued to local people are proportionate to the local demographic.
- BAME visitors are disproportionately represented.
- BAME numbers have remained steady over time while White numbers have increased.
- Young Asian men travelling in groups feature prominently amongst BAME FPNs, and are particularly frequent amongst FPNs issued in Craven.

We recommend that FPNs in Craven require further investigation by NYP.

- They are a major factor in the high number of BAME FPNs.
- A significant proportion were issued to Asian visitors.
- There are periods when FPNs were only issued to BAME.
- While there is no evidence that any one officer or group of officers was particularly targeting BAME, there is also no definitive explanation as to why BAME feature so significantly. A focus on the restriction of movement may have unconsciously biased against those who do not fit the local profile at beauty spots frequented by visitors living in relatively close proximity in north Bradford/Leeds.

We also recommend that work should be done by NYP to review and reduce the number of FPNs (11%) where no ethnicity was recorded.



# Findings

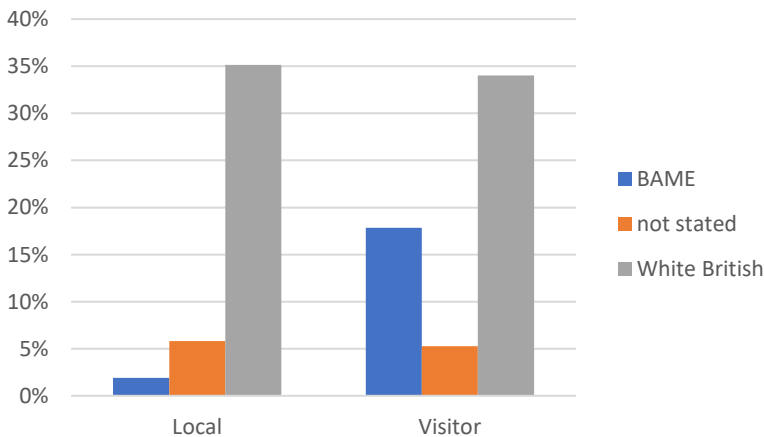


# BAME as a proportion of all FPNs

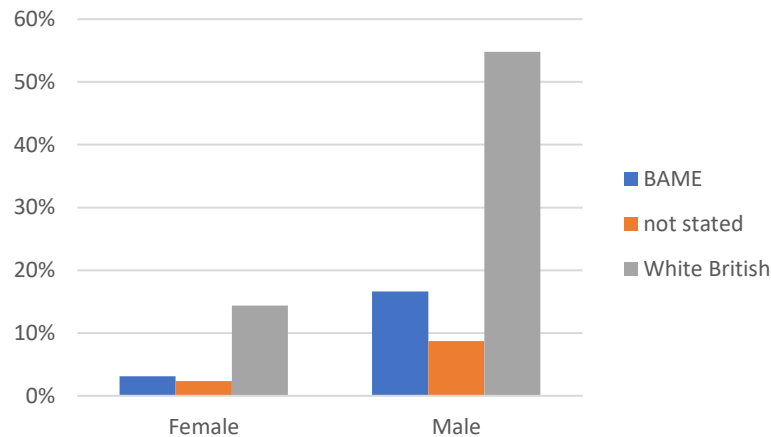
BAME account for 19.75% of all FPNs issued (White – 69.14%, NS – 11.11%)

- 18% of all FPNs have been issued to BAME visitors (white - 34%). Visitors account for 90% of BAME FPNs (white - 49%).
- 2% of all FPNs have been issued to BAME residents of North Yorkshire (white – 35%).
- 17% of all FPNs have been issued to BAME men (white men – 55%).
- 16% of all FPNs have been given to BAME in groups (white in groups – 43%). 14% to BAME men in groups (white men in groups – 33%). 17% of all groups are BAME (white – 62%).

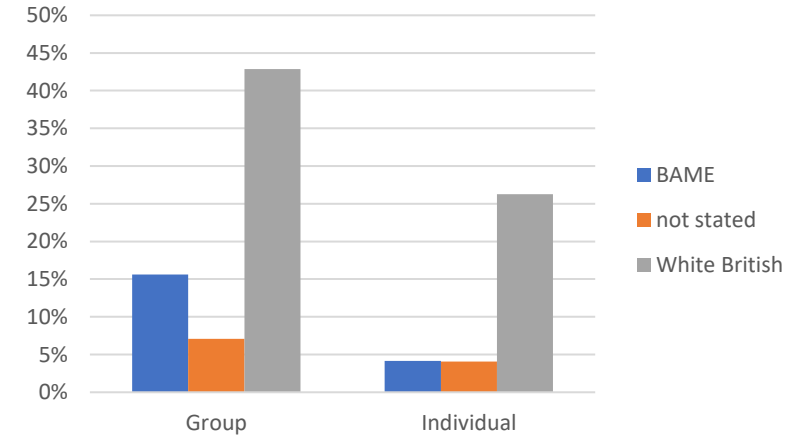
Local/visitor by ethnicity as proportion of all FPNs



Gender by ethnicity as proportion of all FPNs



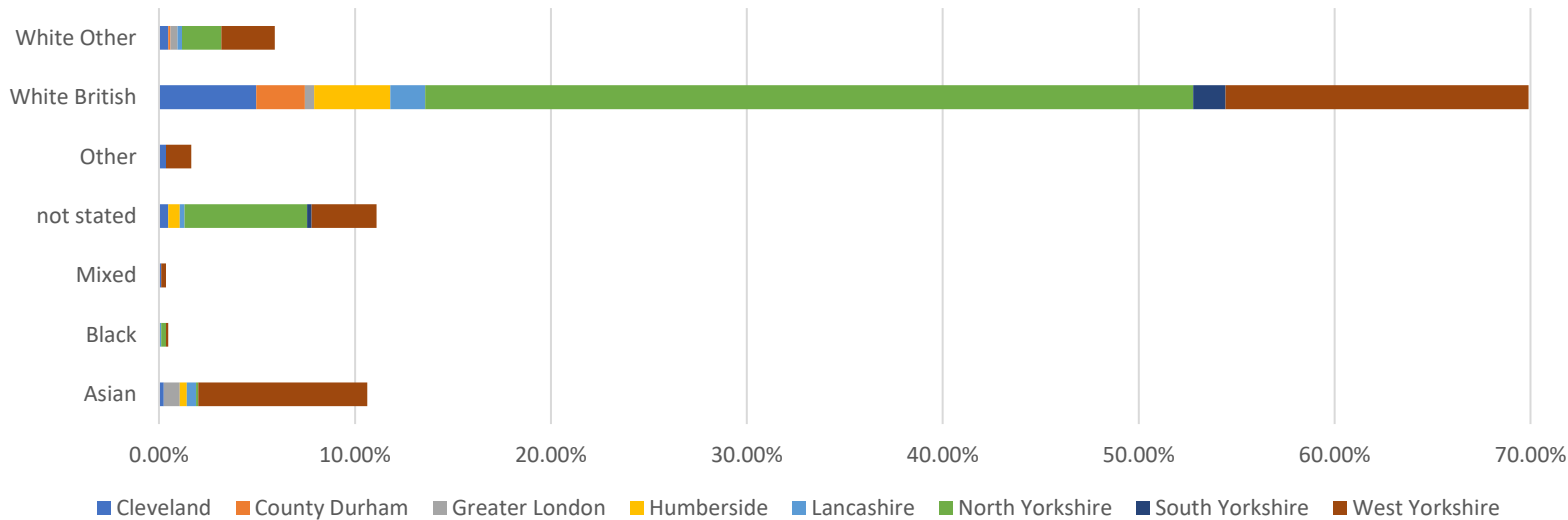
Group by ethnicity as proportion of all FPNs



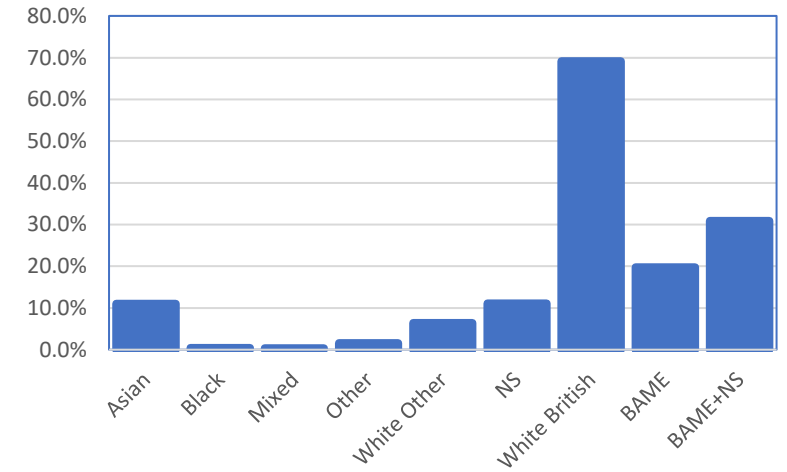
# Ethnic breakdown of all FPNs

- 11% of all FPNs have been issued to Asians.
- 10% of all FPNs have been issued to Asian males
- 9% of all FPNs have been issued to Asian males aged 18-34.
- Asians from Bradford account for 5.7% of all FPNs, the third highest proportion after White British from York (13.4%) and Scarborough (10.55%)

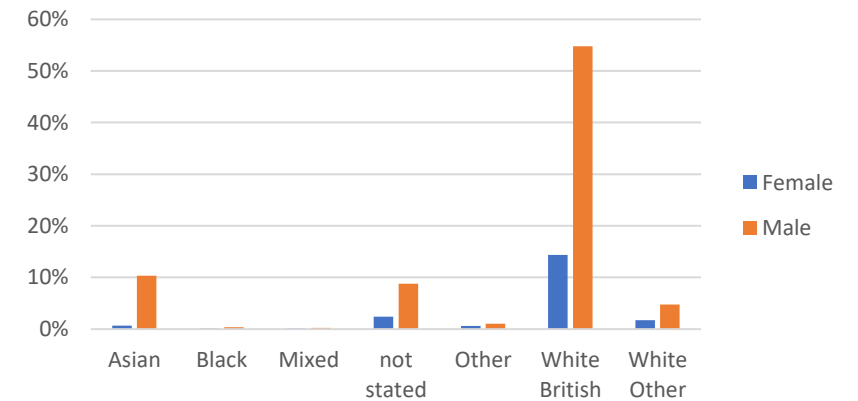
Ethnicity and point of origin (% shared between top 8 origins)



All FPNs by Ethnicity



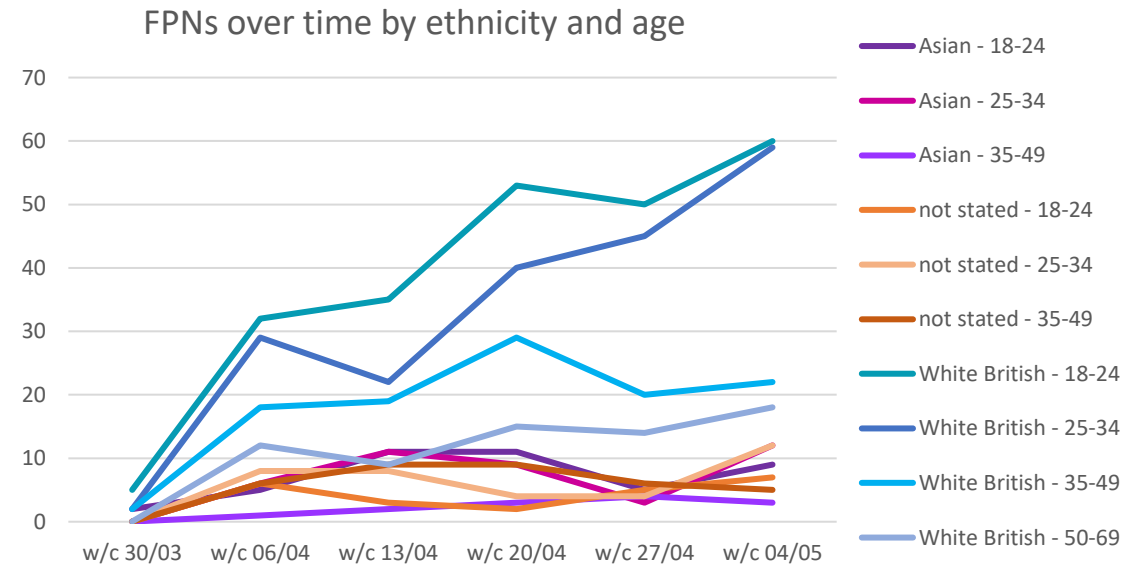
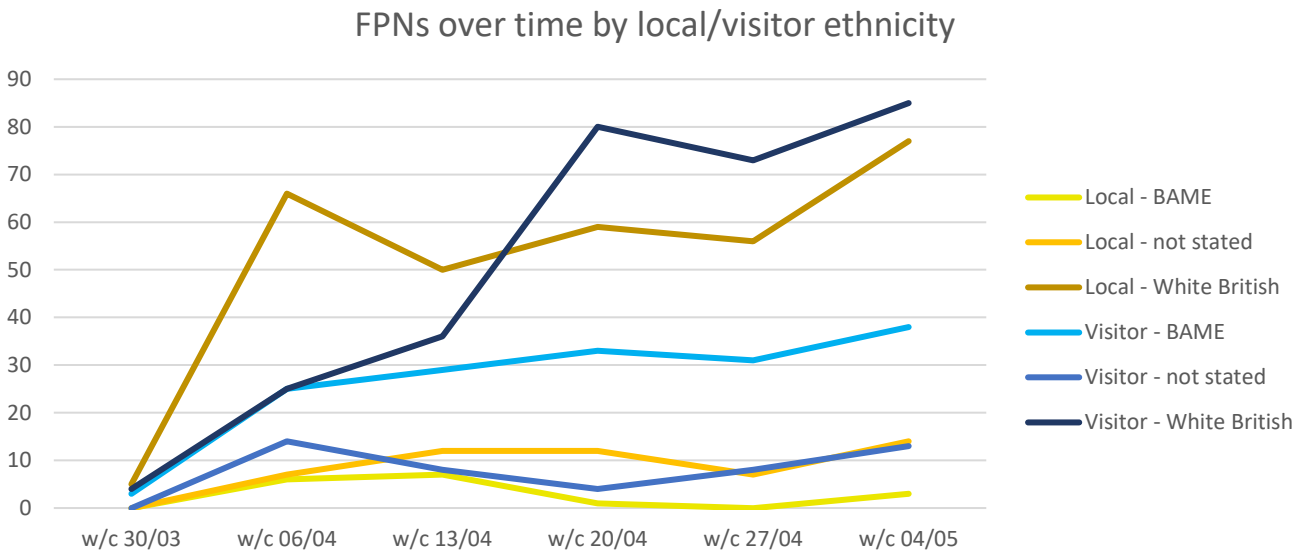
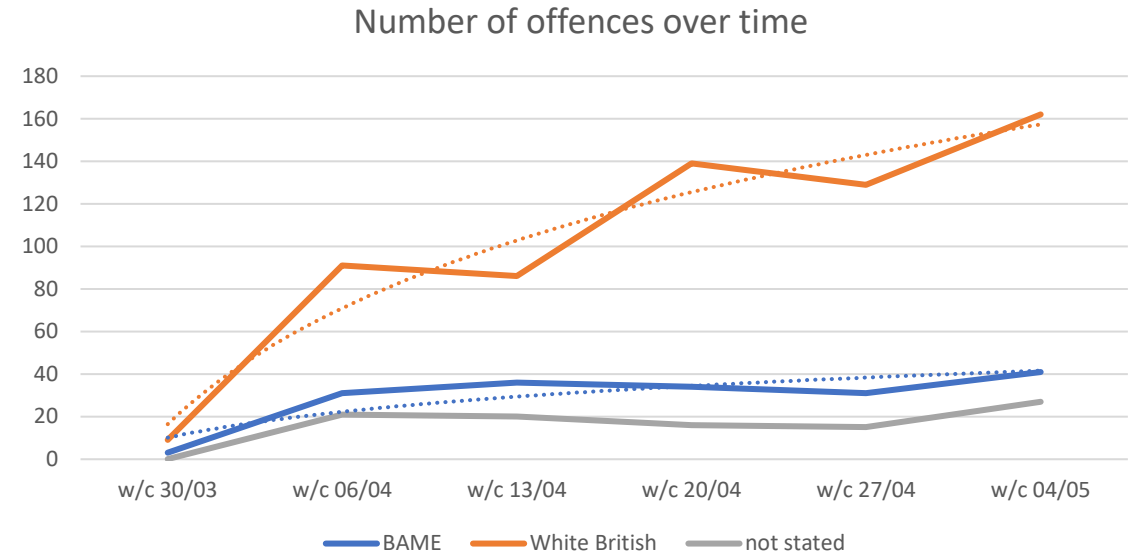
All FPNs by ethnicity and gender





# Offences over time

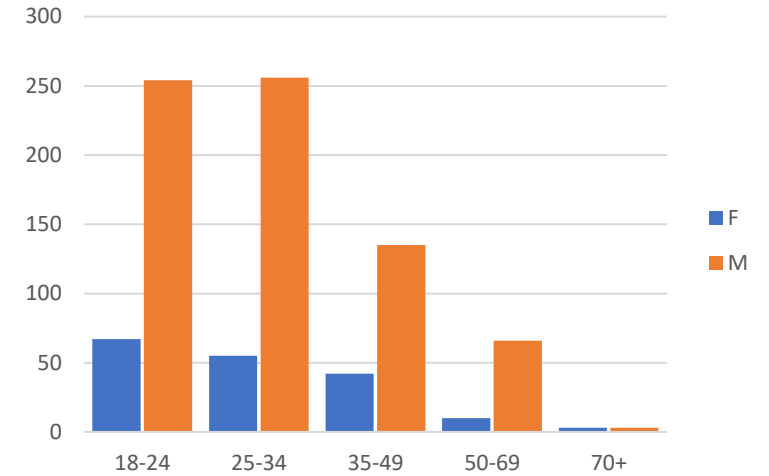
- The number of White British individuals given FPNs has continued to increase over time, whereas BAME FPNs levelled out since mid-April.
- It is possible that joint comms with West Yorkshire around the weekend 11-13 April may have been a factor in this.
- It is notably White British individuals aged 18-34 driving the sustained increase.



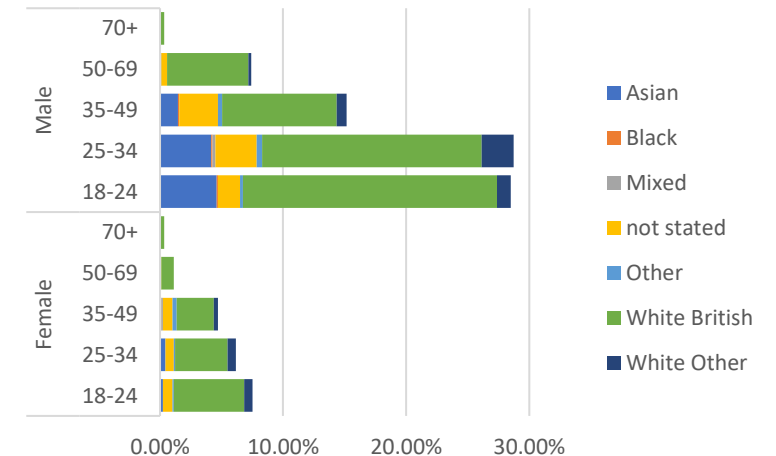
# Age and gender

- Of all FPNs, Males aged 18-34 account for 58%, Males 35-49 15% and Females 18-34 14%.
- The top 5 groupings by ethnicity/gender are White British(WB) Male(M) (54.8%), WB Female(F) (14.4%), Asian(A) M (10.3%), Not Stated(NS) M (8.8%) and White Other(WO) M (4.7%).
- The top 5 groupings by ethnicity/age are WB18-34 (48.5%), WB35-49 (12.3%), A18-34 (9.4%), WB50-69 (7.6%) and NS18-34 (6.6%).
- The top 5 groupings by ethnicity/gender/age are WBM18-34 (38.5%), WBF18-34 (10%), WBM35-49 (9.3%), AM18-34 (8.8%) and WBM59-69 (6.6%).
- To compare between WBM18-34 and AM18-34:
  - Of WBM18-34, 53% came from North Yorkshire, 23% from West Yorkshire. 29% were given an FPN in Scarborough, 20% in York and 19% in Craven. 66% were travelling in a group. 16% were travelling in a group of 5 or more.
  - Of AM18-34, 77% came from West Yorkshire, 9% from London, none from NYorks. 64% were given an FPN in Craven, 10% in Harrogate, 6% in both Richmondshire and Scarborough. 91% were travelling in a group. 37% were travelling in a group of 5 or more.

Age and Gender as a % of all FPNs



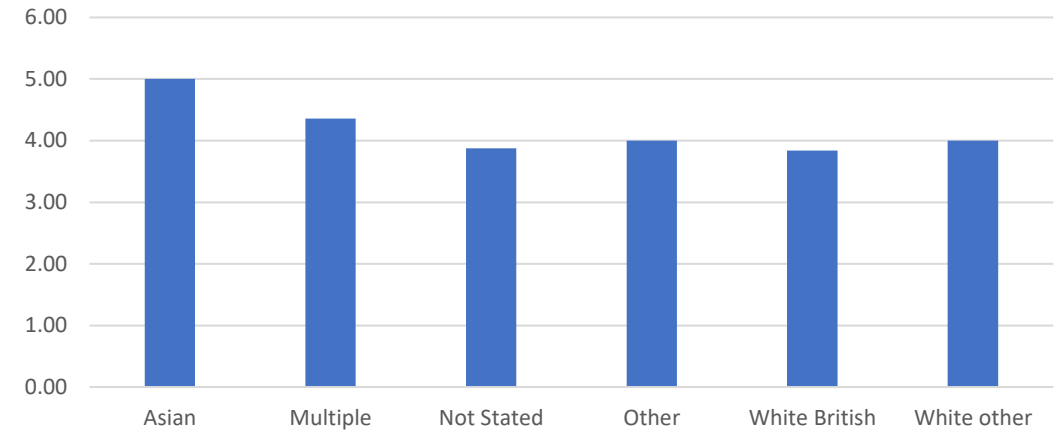
Ethnicity by Gender and Age Range



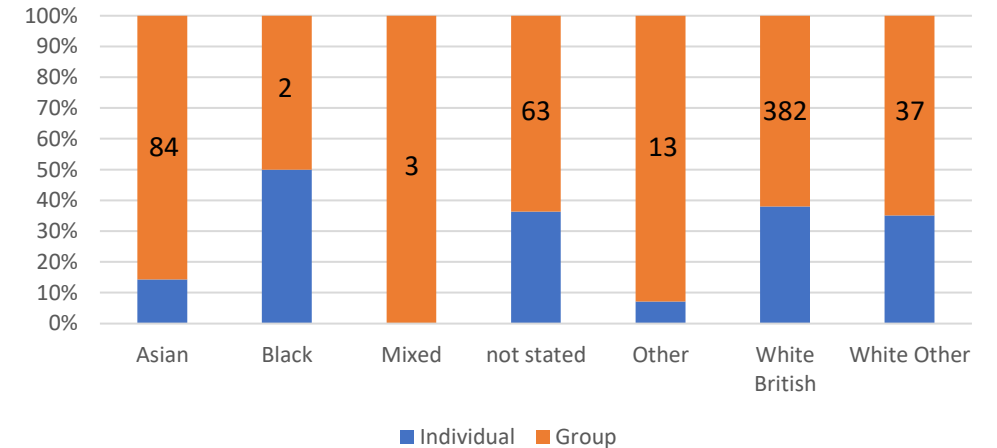
# Groups

- 16% of all FPNs have been given to BAME in groups (white in groups – 43%). 14% to BAME men in groups (white men in groups – 33%). 17% of all groups are BAME (white – 62%).
- 79% of BAME given FPNs were in a group, compared to 62% of White British and 64% not stated.
- The average group size is 2.97 for BAME groups compared to 2.72 for White British.
- Of all groups (2+), Asian groups had the largest average group size – 3.09.
- Excluding pairs (which account for 59% of groups) the average group size goes up to 4.62 for BAME, 3.84 for White British and 5.00 for Asian groups.
- Comparing group sizes, 84% of White British and 78% of Asian groups were 2 or 3 people. 14% of both WB and Asian groups were 4 or 5. 4% of WB groups were 6-9 people compared to 10% of Asian.

Average Group Size (where a group is defined as 3 or more people)



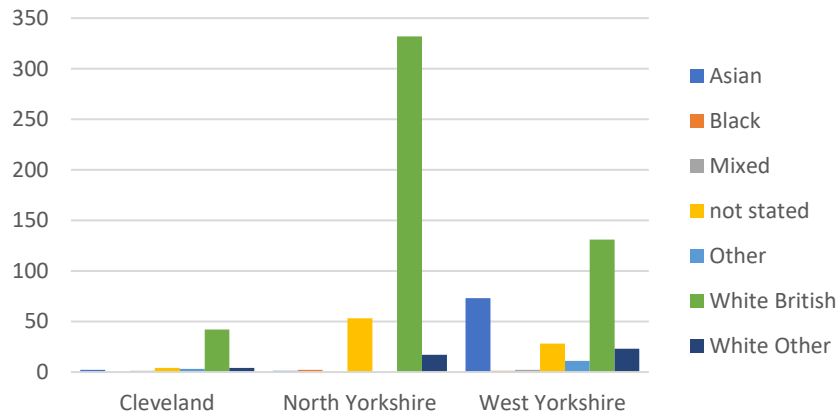
Proportion of each ethnicity to be given an FPN as part of a group or as an individual



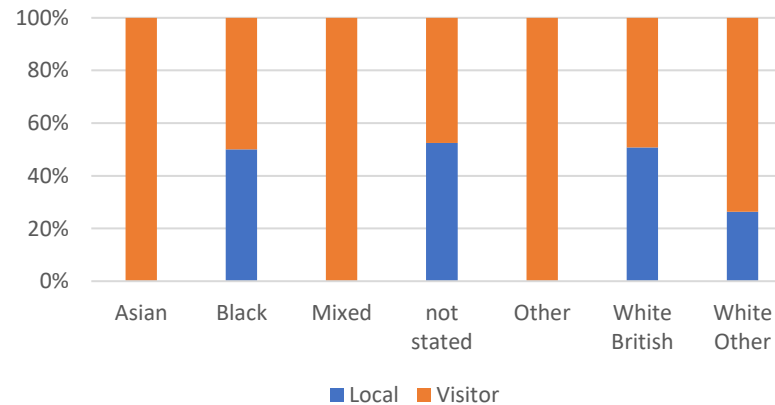
# Ethnic breakdown of local/visitor FPNs

- Of local FPNs, 4.5% have been issued to BAME people (White – 82%, NS 14%)
- Of visitor FPNs, 31.2% have been issued to BAME people (White – 60%, NS – 9%)
- 100% of Asians receiving FPNs were visitors (98 FPNs).
- Main origins for BAME were West Yorkshire (62.5%), North Yorkshire (11.4%), Cleveland (5.7%) and London (5.7%).
- Main origins for White were North Yorkshire (53.9%), West Yorkshire (21.3%), Cleveland (6.8%) and Humberside (5.4%).
- Of FPNs given to West Yorkshire residents, 41% were to BAME, 27% to Asians.
- Bradford accounts for 54% of WY BAME FPNs, 70% of WY Asian.

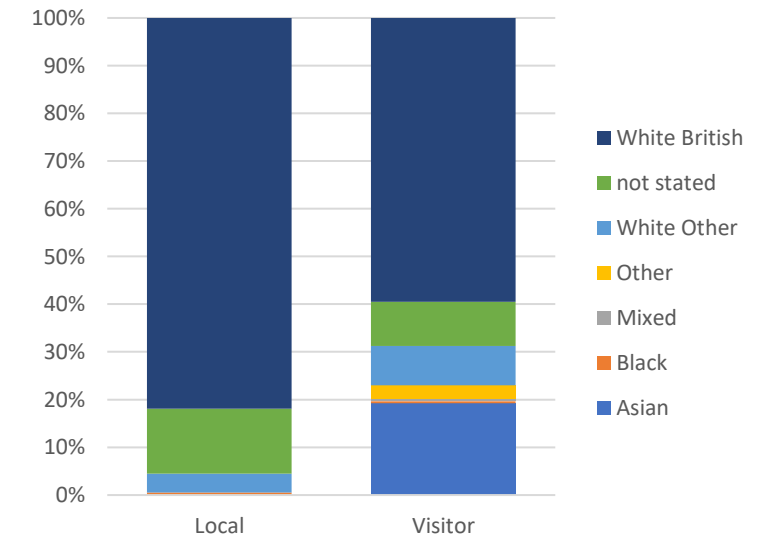
Top 3 origins by ethnicity



Ethnicity by local/visitor



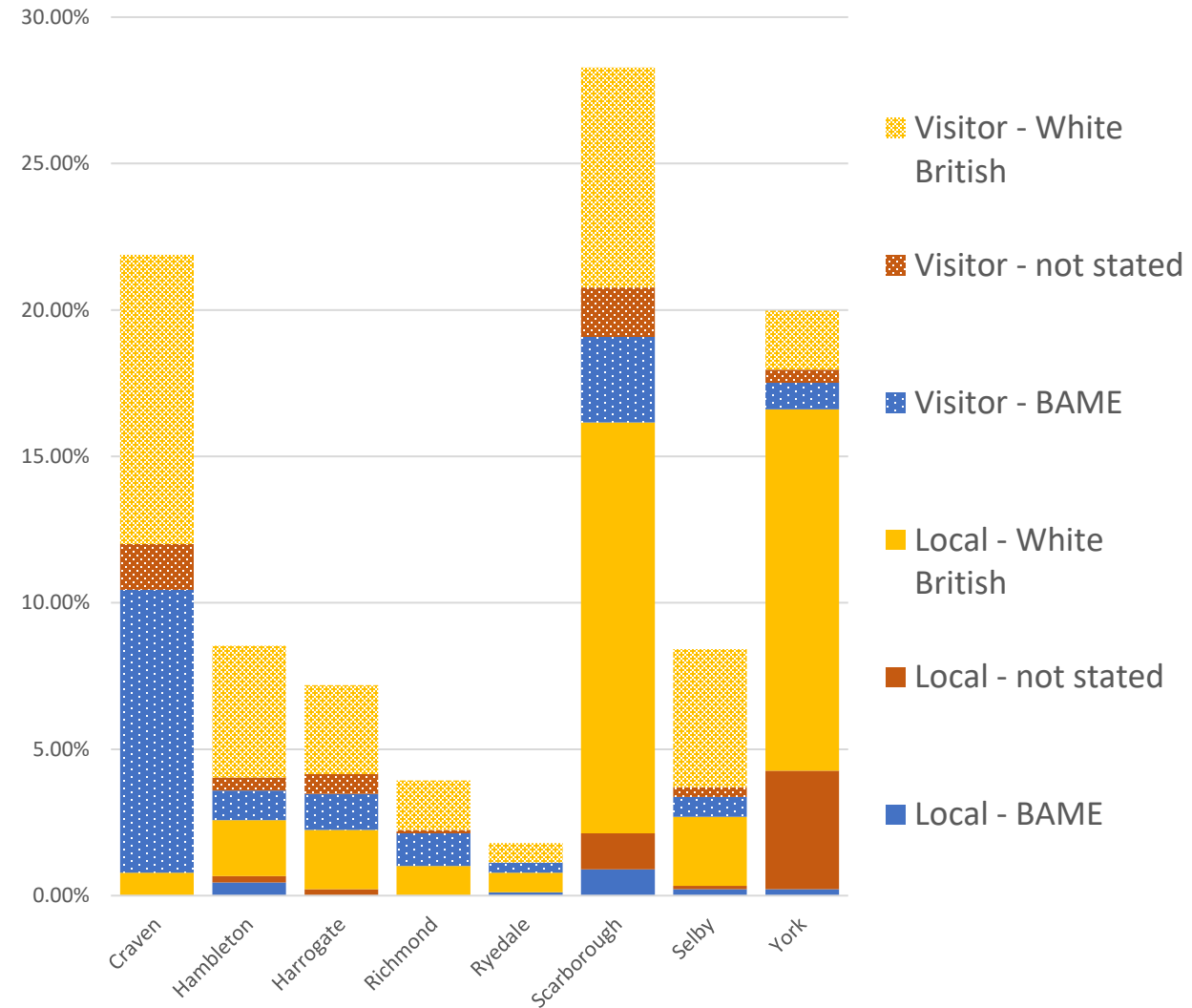
Local/visitor by ethnicity



# Offence location and type

- No notable trends in offence type.
- Most FPNs were given out in Scarborough, Craven and York.
- Of these Craven stands out for the following reasons:
  - 9.7% of all FPNs were issued in Craven to BAME individuals. 6.9% of all FPNs were issued in Craven to Asians.
  - 49% of FPNs issued to BAME persons were issued in Craven, followed by 19% issued in Scarborough.
  - Visitors to Craven make up 21% of all FPNs. Of these, 44% are BAME (31% Asian) and 45% White.
  - Of Craven FPNs, 26% were issued to Asian men 18-34, 33% to White men 18-34.
  - 74% of FPNs in Craven were given to people from West Yorkshire, compared to just 3% to people from North Yorkshire.

Proportion of all FPNs by offence location by local/visitor ethnicity



# Craven Deep Dive Summary

- Craven was identified as having a disproportionately high number of FPNs given to BAME individuals, including a large number of Asians from West Yorkshire.
- In total, 43% of FPNs given in Craven were to BAME individuals. In April, there were 61 FPNs given to BAME individuals compared to 50 given to White British individuals and 11 not stated.
- Between 8<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April, there were no FPNs given to White British individuals, but 14 given to BAME individuals and 5 not stated.
- There were 3 later dates (15 April, 19 April, 2 May) with a notably high number of BAME FPNs compared to White British FPNs.
- Review of officers giving FPNs found no notable trends, primarily due to the small number of FPNs each officer gave out. Indications are that the large number of FPNs given to BAME individuals was spread across a number of officers rather than being driven by the behaviour of a smaller subset of officers.
- While there is no evidence of conscious bias, questions remain as to the reasons why BAME feature so prominently.
- That this trend is driven by the whole officer cohort suggests evidence of unconscious bias given the obvious difference to the local population. Without further data as to all stops/engagement it is not possible to draw definitive conclusions.
- This requires further investigation and assessment by NYP.

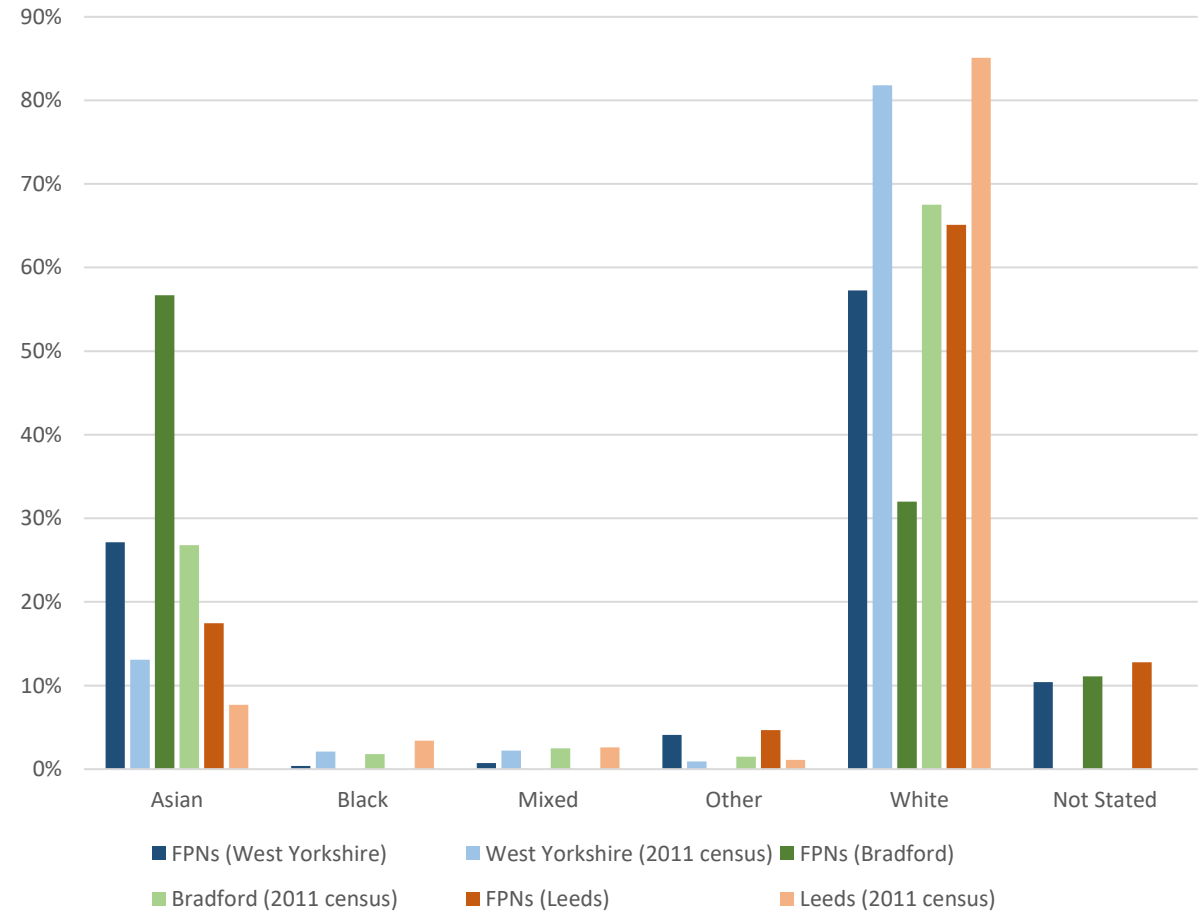




# Ethnic breakdown of West Yorkshire

- 63% of BAME individuals given FPNs were from West Yorkshire, of which 67% were given FPNs in Craven.
- Of FPNs given to West Yorkshire residents, 27% were to Asians. According to the 2011 census, 13% of the West Yorkshire population are Asian.
- Of FPNs given to West Yorkshire residents, 33% came from Bradford and 32% came from Leeds.
- 27% of the population of Bradford and 8% of the population of Leeds are Asian.
- There were nearly twice as many FPNs given to Asian residents of Bradford as were given to White residents of Bradford, despite the Bradford population having over twice as many White residents as Asian.
- In all cases the proportion of FPNs issued to Asians is double the demographic and consistently below the demographic for White.

Comparison of FPN Ethnic Breakdown to Population Ethnic Breakdown (based on 2011 census data)



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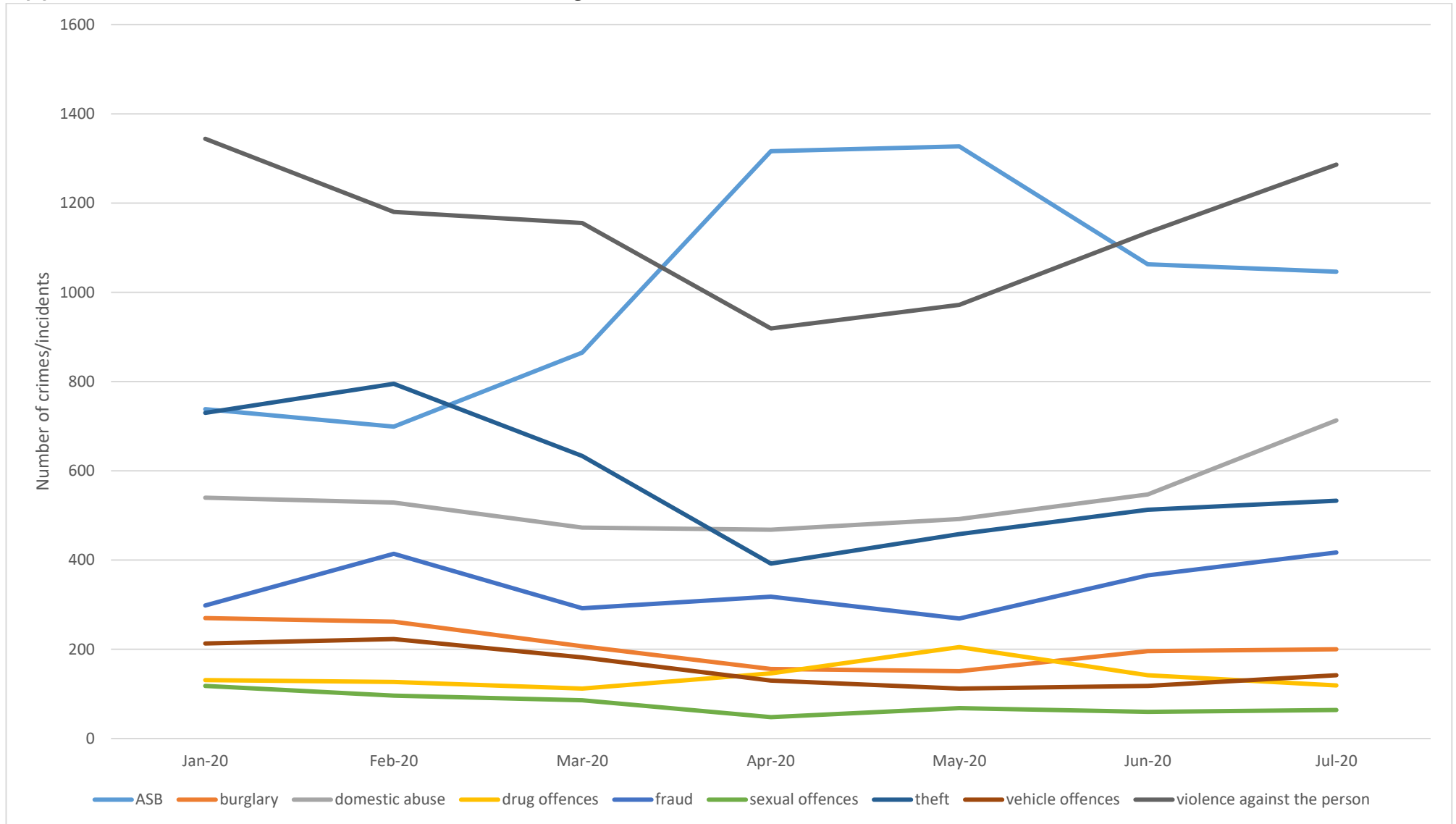
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### Appendix 3 – Crime and incident rates during Coronavirus



Note: ASB and DA are incident rates while all others are crime rates

# Police, Fire & Crime Panel Report

August 2020



## Q1 Finance Update - Police

### Introduction

In February 2020 the PFCC agreed the revenue Budget for 'Policing' for 2020/21 which was based on the receipt of income totalling £177,212k. In addition to the Revenue Budget the PFCC also agreed a Capital Programme that was initially set at £9,471k for 2020/21.

This report is to provide the Panel with an update on progress in relation to the finances of the 'Policing' budget based on the position to the end of June 2020. The report includes a forecast of the finances across the remainder of the financial year and considers any significant changes that have impacted during 2020/21 so far. The report also provides the Panel with an indication of some of the potential future challenges from a financial perspective that are likely to impact across the medium term and will therefore need to be taken into account during the 2021/22 budget and precept setting process.

### Revenue Budget 2020/21

The £177,212k of revenue funding, that was forecast to be received by the PFCC in 2020/21, was allocated to the following areas:

- £1,150k to run the Office of the PFCC
- £4,101k for Commissioned Services and Community Safety Initiatives
- £3,544k for Investment and Policing Priorities
- £689k for Asset Management Costs
- £165,227k to the Police Force
- £2,715k to the Capital and Revenue Development Programme

This was to be supported with a transfer of £202k from Earmarked Reserves.

### Forecast Revenue Outturn as at the end of June 2020 for 2020/21

At this early stage of the financial year, when many plans have been significantly impacted by the many challenges presented by covid-19, there is a significant amount of work being undertaken to deliver a budget position that is as close to breakeven as possible.

A tentative overall **forecast for a relatively small overspend of £220k** is therefore predicted at this point in the year. The following sections cover off those areas of most note within the overall financial plans and an overall summary is provided at Appendix A.

## Income Budgets

Early indications are that there will be **pressures of around £1.6m on the income budget** as a result of reduce income from a number of areas:

- Safety Camera Van Income - £1,400k less income due to less traffic initially, training courses being postponed and less speeding detections.
- Police Led Prosecutions - £125k less income due to closure of courts.
- Special Service Income - £75k less income due to no public attendance and therefore Policing at sports events.

## OPFCC Budget

It is likely that an underspend will develop as the year progresses. Almost all of the work of the Office is being undertaken remotely therefore no spend is being incurred on areas such as travel, accommodation, subsistence, training and conferences.

Added to this a couple of vacancies currently exists within the office structure.

An initial **forecast for an underspend of £50k** is factored in at this stage.

## Commissioned Services Budget

This budget is due to increase in future reports as the following areas are added to be overall budget position:

- £345k has been bid for and secured in relation to COVID-19 extraordinary grant funding in relation to local commissioning of domestic violence and sexual violence services.
- £549k of Safer Streets funding was bid for and secured to prevent crime, put off criminals and protect homeowners, their homes and communities while building the evidence needed to strengthen the case for future investment in targeted crime prevention. The community to benefit from the pilot project is 1,700 properties in the Whitley ward of Selby. As a rural area at the southern tip of North Yorkshire, it is particularly exposed to cross-border criminal activity.

At this stage **the budget is forecast to breakeven** but will be closely monitored as the year progresses.

## Police Force Budget

The vast majority of the funding available to the PFCC has been provided to the Chief Constable, this provides the budgetary constraints in which the PFCC expects the Force to work within, in delivering against the Police and Crime Plan. The initial budget allocation provided to the Force for 2020/21 was £165,227k. The main areas of spend for the Force are considered below:

### Police Pay

As part of the National Uplift programme, which aims to recruit an additional 20,000 Police Officers by March 2023, North Yorkshire Police has a target to reach 1,509 by the end of March 2021. The budget for 2020/21 reflects this position and the Force are currently on target to deliver this.

Current forecasts are that the Force will have 1,522 FTEs by the end of the current financial year which is higher than planned. As a result there is a **small forecast overspend in this area of £155k.**

### PCSOs Pay

The 2020-21 establishment for PCSO's is 221 FTEs after taking into account the new resourcing proposed for the Public Safety Pilot. Current recruitment and leaver plans forecast that PCSO numbers will reach 224 by March 2021 with the average number of PCSOs expected to be employed during the year forecast to be 227 FTEs.

This is 6 FTEs over budget and **is forecast to result in a small overspend of £185k.**

### Staff Pay

The original budget for Staff pay for 2020/21 was set based on 1,095 FTEs. An allowance was built in for 50 vacancies meaning the budget has sufficient funding to support a core staff establishment of 1,045 FTEs. This has since increased to 1,105 FTEs (net 1,055 FTE) as a result of additional approvals from investment monies and secondments.

At the end of June 2020 the Force has had on average 57 FTE vacancies compared to the budget of 1,055 FTE. In real terms this is 107 vacancies as a result of the budget carrying a vacancy factor of 50 FTE. Recruitment has increased during July and therefore the forecast allows for an overall increase of staff employed across the year.

In addition to this a number of roles are covered on agency staff terms, especially within the ICT area.

A combination of the volume of additional vacancies, offset by the agency staff costs, results in a **forecast underspend by the year end, in this area, of £855k.**

## Non-Pay Budgets

The **Estates budget is currently forecasting an overspend of £100k** predominantly relating to COVID-19 which has required the purchase of cleaning consumables above and beyond what is budgeted. This may alter as we move through the recovery phase and guidelines are published.

The increase in working from home, staff attending more meetings remotely and the Emergency Services free fuel initiative during COVID-19 has resulted in a reduction in spend across **transport costs and a projected underspend of £90k**. This could increase subject to the Force's recovery plans and any longer term working from home arrangements.

The current area of most challenge within the overall Force budget is within the Supplies and Services area, which has a total budget of in excess of £20m and includes the in-year savings required from the Transform 2020 programme of nearly £2.7m.

This does not necessarily mean that all of the savings are expected to be delivered from within the budget area, some, for example, might be delivered within the staff pay budget – which is currently underspending. A lot of work continues in this area and further updates will be provided as the year progresses.

This budget area has also picked up the costs of covid-19 that don't fall naturally into other areas of the budget. The total costs relating to Covid-19 are collated and returned to the Home Office on a monthly basis. Costs incurred in the first 3 months of the year, including lost income, totals £773k and is broken down in months as follows:

- April - £284k
- May - £232k
- June – £257k

So far, the Government have only committed to provide a formal guarantee to reimburse all additional medical grade personal protective equipment (PPE) purchased by the police to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic between March and July. The reimbursement will be made by the Department for Health and Social Care via the Home Office.

Taking all of the various factors into account and reflecting the early stage of the financial year then an **initial forecast is for this area to overspend by £2,065k**.

## Investment Fund

In recognition of the challenges elsewhere within the overall budget, in terms of lost income due to Covid-19, additional costs relating to Covid-19 and some uncertainty across both these areas and the deliver of all of the Transform 2020 savings then the Investment Fund budget will remain predominantly unspent until it becomes clear that additional investments can be made without an overspend materialising. At this stage **the forecast is that we will not spend £2,895k from this budget which is resulting in a forecast underspend** in this area.

## Capital Budget 2020/21

The Capital Budget of £9,471k has been revised down to £8,863k at the end of June primarily as a result of factoring in the actual outturn from 2019/20, versus estimates, and some early review work on the programme.

Clearly most areas within the programme have been impacted by covid-19, whether that be through suppliers/manufacturers not being available and/or the focus and attention of the organisation being elsewhere. Spend to the end of June is therefore much lower than was originally forecast across all areas.

Whether this can be 'caught up' in the remainder of the year is something that will be worked on over the coming months, however it is likely that there will be slippage into next year. The table below summarises the expenditure to the end of June. While the forecast suggests that all funds will be spent this in lieu of further work and not a specific forecast at this time.

Details	Original 2020/21 Budget	Revised 2020/21 Budget	Budget to June 2020	Spend to June 2020	Over/(Under) spend to date	Forecast spend by year-end
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
ICT	3,058	3,032	1,011	724	(287)	3,032
Fleet Rolling Programme	2,158	1,730	577	104	(473)	1,730
Estates Rolling Programme	2,738	2,187	729	351	(378)	2,187
General Equipment Rolling Programme	962	1,044	348	3	(345)	1,044
Other Schemes	555	870	290	2	(288)	870
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,471</b>	<b>8,863</b>	<b>2,954</b>	<b>1,183</b>	<b>(1,771)</b>	<b>8,863</b>

## Future Impact of Covid-19 from a Financial Perspective

The biggest financial challenge, resulting from COVID-19, for the organisation is likely to materialise in 2021/22 with a likely recurring, but smaller impact in the years thereafter. The impact is expected to come from a reduction in Council Tax income.

In 2020/21 the budget is built on the receipt of £81.1m from the 8 local councils in North Yorkshire who collect the Police Precept, as part of the council tax bill, and pay this over to the PFCC in line with the legislation that dictates how this happens. The £81.1m equates to around 46% of the total income budget for 2020/21 and therefore is a significant contributor to funding 'Policing' services in North Yorkshire. The £81.1m is a product of the agreed level of Police Precept – which is £265.77 for a Band D property - multiplied by the calculated level of Band D properties in North Yorkshire – which is 303,774.

The calculated level of Band D properties is made up from a number of assumptions including house building in year, households entitlement to council tax support, which leads to lower council tax bills, and collection rates (i.e. the ability of the councils to actually collect the amount of tax owed from all households).

While the actual amount paid to the PFCC will be £81.1m in 2020/21, as per the budget set, it is likely that those factors referred to above will reduce the amount that the Councils collect on behalf of the PFCC. The result of this is that in setting the Precept for 2021/22 the Councils will determine whether the amounts they paid to the PFCC in 2020/21 equated to the amounts that they collected from council tax payers.

This assessment of the Council Tax Collection Fund happens each year – and in each of, at least, the last 13 years there has been a collective surplus on the fund – i.e. the councils have collected more than was included within the budget – this surplus is then paid to the PFCC in the following year as per the legislation.

Similarly, if there was a collection fund deficit then the PFCC would have to pay this deficit back to the councils in the following year. Given the current circumstances then it is very difficult to imagine a scenario where there isn't a significant deficit on the collection funds across the councils that will need to be re-paid by the PFCC.

## What is the likely Financial Impact

While it is clearly too early to be precise, and much can, and will, change over the coming months it is important to start to plan for the financial impact. Most of the national work would seem to indicate that collection rates are between 5% and 6% lower across Council Tax than would otherwise be expected, with further concerns that this might increase as current levels of support are reduced.

A 6% deficit across Council Tax equates to approximately £4.8m for Policing.

The Government have recognised the challenge and have provided the flexibility to all billing and major precepting authorities (including police and fire authorities) to phase the deficit over a fixed period of three years.

- The phased amount will be the entire collection fund deficit for 2020-21 as estimated on the 15 January 2021 for council tax and in the 2021-22 NNDR1 for business rates.

- The deficit will be phased in three equal and fixed amounts across the financial years 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24.
- The amounts to be paid off during 2021-22 will therefore be only 1/3rd of each authority's share of the estimated 2020-21 deficit.

We therefore are currently estimating a £1.6m charge in each of the next 3 years. Which equates to a £2m reduction against our planning assumption as we forecast a £400k surplus each year.

In addition to this impact it is also likely that the calculated number of Band D properties in 2021/22 will be lower than currently forecast, which was for an annual growth of 1% from the previous year's base. All of the same reasons that will impact in 2020/21 are likely to continue into, at least, 2021/22 in terms of assessing the calculated number of Band D properties in North Yorkshire.

A 3.0% reduction in the council tax base in 2021/22 (as opposed to a 1% increase) would result in a further reduction in income, versus our previous planning assumption, of an additional £3.3m.

**Leaving a potential gap of around £5.3m in the 2021/22 budget versus our balanced plans set out in February 2020.**

Even allowing for some pick up in the overall economy thereafter and therefore a reduced need for Council Tax Support and a return of house building, it would not be unreasonable to expect that future Council Tax receipts, from a Policing perspective, being **circa £4m lower than the current financial plans assume in 2022/23, £3m lower in 2023/24 and £2m lower per annum thereafter.**

The financial plans will be kept under review and as more information is available will be updated – this will include scenario planning. At this stage however no changes have been made to the current plans.

The PFCC has general reserves of £5.6m and earmarked reserves of £5.9m and therefore very limited capacity, if needed, to help support the organisation during these unprecedented times.



APPENDIX A

	Original Budget 2020/21	Current Budget 2020/21	Budget to June 2020	Spend to June 2020	(Under)/ Over Spend to June	Forecast (Under) / Over Spend by Year End
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
<b>Funding</b>						
<b>Funding for Net Budget Requirement</b>	<b>(163,355)</b>	<b>(163,355)</b>	<b>(40,847)</b>	<b>(42,263)</b>	<b>(1,416)</b>	<b>0</b>
Specific Grants	(5,887)	(5,936)	(1,494)	(1,858)	(364)	41
Partnership Income/Fees and Charges	(7,982)	(8,280)	(2,087)	(1,558)	529	1,559
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>(177,224)</b>	<b>(177,570)</b>	<b>(44,428)</b>	<b>(45,680)</b>	<b>(1,251)</b>	<b>1,600</b>
<b>Office of the PCC Planned Expenditure</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>
<b>Total Planned Expenditure</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>1,218</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>(41)</b>	<b>(50)</b>
<b>Commissioned Services</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>
<b>Total Commissioned Services</b>	<b>4,101</b>	<b>4,487</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>(354)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Investment Fund</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>
<b>Total Investment Fund</b>	<b>3,544</b>	<b>3,515</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(827)</b>	<b>(2,895)</b>
<b>Corporate Costs</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>
<b>Total Corporate Costs</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>(35)</b>	<b>(15)</b>
<b>Police Force Planned Expenditure</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>
<b>Pay</b>						
Police Pay	83,180	83,011	20,749	20,233	(516)	155
Police Overtime	2,101	2,101	711	668	(44)	0
PCSO Pay (incl Overtime)	7,651	7,322	1,892	1,927	35	205
Staff Pay (incl Overtime)	37,023	37,581	9,352	8,923	(429)	(855)
<b>Pay Total</b>	<b>129,956</b>	<b>130,015</b>	<b>32,703</b>	<b>31,750</b>	<b>(954)</b>	<b>(495)</b>
<b>Non-Pay Budgets</b>						
Other Non Salary	1,656	1,556	389	431	42	0
Injury and Medical Police Pensions	3,709	4,209	927	819	(108)	0
Premises	4,277	4,363	1,091	1,307	217	100
Supplies and Services	21,759	21,628	5,410	5,414	5	2,065
Transport	2,667	2,681	670	554	(116)	(90)
<b>Non-Pay Total</b>	<b>34,069</b>	<b>34,437</b>	<b>8,487</b>	<b>8,526</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>2,075</b>
<b>Projects</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>1,625</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>(197)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Planned Force Expenditure</b>	<b>165,227</b>	<b>166,077</b>	<b>41,588</b>	<b>40,477</b>	<b>(1,111)</b>	<b>1,580</b>
<b>(Surplus)/Deficit before Planned Reserves/</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>
<b>Contribution to Capital Programme</b>	<b>(2,513)</b>	<b>(1,570)</b>	<b>(394)</b>	<b>(4,013)</b>	<b>(3,619)</b>	<b>220</b>
Contribution to Capital Programme	2,715	2,740	685	685	(0)	0
Planned Transfers to/(from) Earmarked Reserves	(202)	(1,169)	(167)	(24)	144	0
<b>Final/Forecast Over/(Under) Spend</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>(3,352)</b>	<b>(3,476)</b>	<b>220</b>

# Police, Fire & Crime Panel Report

August 2020



## Q1 Finance Update - Fire

### Introduction

In February 2020 the PFCC agreed the revenue Budget for the Fire Service for 2020/21 which was based on the receipt of income totalling £35,261k. In addition to the Revenue Budget the PFCC also agreed a Capital Programme that was initially set at £2,352k for 2020/21.

This report is to provide the Panel with an update on progress in relation to the finances of the Fire Service based on the position to the end of June 2020. The report includes a forecast of the finances across the remainder of the financial year and considers any significant changes that have impacted during 2020/21 so far. The report also provides the Panel with an indication of some of the potential future challenges from a financial perspective that are likely to impact across the medium term and will therefore need to be taken into account during the 2021/22 budget and precept setting process.

### Revenue Budget 2020/21

Significant progress has been made in stabilising the finances of the Fire Service over the last 18 months which resulted in returning the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) to balance when the 2020/21 budget was agreed.

This more robust financial position will become vital over the coming years as the financial impacts that are likely from Covid-19 become more apparent.

In terms of the 2020/21 financial year the current forecast, as at the end of June 2020, is that the Fire Service will underspend slightly in 2020/21 as a whole, with an early forecast underspend of £105k set out in appendix A.

### Impact of Covid-19 in 2020/21

Most of the variances highlighted within Appendix A, in terms of forecast overspends and underspends, are linked to Covid-19.

For example, the £356k forecast underspend on the Specifics Grant line is predominantly as a result of recognising £313k of additional Government Grant that, although not ringfenced to be spent on Covid-19 expenditure, was provided for this purpose.

The Fire Service has in total received 2 lots of additional funding in this respect. £108k that was received in 2019/20 and a further £615k that has been received in 2020/21. To date however only £313k of covid-19 related expenditure has been forecast for the year and therefore we have chosen to only recognise the same level of grant at this stage.

The Service therefore has capacity to absorb £302k of more than currently forecast expenditure before it will need to seek additional fund and/or need to absorb costs into its Core budget. If no further costs are incurred in year then this funding will be earmarked to help with the expected financial challenges that are likely to result in 2021/22.

The overall impact, in terms of additional expenditure to date and forecast, is shown in the table below:

			£	£
			YTD	Forecast
Staff Costs			89,000	154,000
Training Course Fees			0	2,400
Responsive Maintenance			851	851
Cleaning Materials			39,430	52,930
Specialist Equipment			295	295
Operational Equipment			6,089	6,089
Clothing, Uniform and Laundry			80,523	90,033
IT Hardware			5,631	5,732
IT Software			364	364
<b>Total COVID19 Expenditure</b>			<b>222,182</b>	<b>312,693</b>

As referred to above these costs are leading to a number of the overspends recorded within Appendix A, such as against Wholetime Firefighters Pay budget, Premises, and Supplies and Services.

## Other Areas of Note

In addition to the higher Wholetime Firefighter costs that are relating to Covid-19 the Fire Service is also incurring higher costs in this area as a result of currently being over establishment in this area. The Panel will recall that during 2020/21 that the Fire Service undertook the first external recruitment of Wholetime Firefighters in North Yorkshire since 2009/10 which has put the Service in a much stronger position to maintain firefighter numbers across the year, with the Service starting the 2020/21 year with 10 FTEs more than the budgeted number.

## Additional Protection Funding

The PFCC has been allocated £370k since April 2020 with three separate allocations of funding expected to be received in 2020/21.

- £60k for a Building Risk Review Programme – which will deliver a review of all high-rise residential buildings over 18 metres by the end of December 2021.
- £256k for the Protection Uplift Programme – which support initial improvements in local protection capability
- £54k has been allocated to support delivery of the lessons and relevant recommendations of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 1 report. The supporting correspondence from the HO states this is to deliver genuine change in increasing resilience in managing a major fire with a focus on communications infrastructure and the use of smoke hoods in all services.

Neither this above funding nor the corresponding expenditure is yet reflected in the financial summary at Appendix A, however plans are currently being developed in the line with funding terms which have only recently been received.

## Capital Programme 2020/21

Capital expenditure in the first quarter totals only £88k against a total programme of £2.5m. This is not however unexpected due to lockdown arrangements of some suppliers.

One of the largest areas of expenditure within the Capital programme – which is set out at Appendix B – in on vehicles and the Emergency One factory closed upon lockdown which is expected to have an impact on the build of the new Appliances which were expected in 2020/21. A revised build schedule in respect of Appliances is awaited however the current estimate suggests that only £500k of the £1,360k will be spent in 2020/21. Therefore, at this stage £860k is reported as being required to be carried forward in future years although this will be kept under review.

## Conclusion

The Fire Service now has a firm grip on the finances of the organisation and in normal times could start to consider some of the areas of significant investment that are needed in the service, which the PFCC has indicated are required in relation to the Fire Estate, the Kit and Equipment and the Work Force in line with the Fire and Rescue Plan and the Ambition 2025 vision. However, the likely impact of covid-19 on the finances of the organisation will need to be clearly understood before this can realistically happen.

## Future Impact of Covid-19 from a Financial Perspective

The biggest financial challenge, resulting from COVID-19, for the organisation is likely to materialise in 2021/22 with a likely recurring, but smaller impact in the years thereafter. The impact is expected to come from both a reduction in Council Tax payments and Business Rates.

In 2020/21 the budget is built on the receipt of £22.1m from the 8 local councils in North Yorkshire who collect the Fire Precept, as part of the council tax bill, and pay this over to the PFCC FRA in line with the legislation that dictates how this happens. The £22.1m equates to over 62% of the total income budget for 2020/21 and therefore is the most significant contributor to funding the services delivered by the Fire Service. The £22.1m is a product of the agreed level of Fire Precept – which is £72.69 for a Band D property - multiplied by the calculated level of Band D properties in North Yorkshire – which is 303,774.

The calculated level of Band D properties is made up from a number of assumptions including house building in year, households entitlement to council tax support, which leads to lower council tax bills, and collection rates (i.e. the ability of the councils to actually collect the amount of tax owed from all households).

While the actual amount paid to the PFCC FRA will be £22.1m in 2020/21, as per the budget set, it is likely that those factors referred to above will reduce the amount that the Councils collect on behalf of Fire. The result of this is that in setting the Precept for 2021/22 the Councils will

determine whether the amounts they paid to the PFCC FRA in 2020/21 equated to the amounts that they collected from council tax payers.

This assessment of the Council Tax Collection Fund happens each year – and in each of, at least, the last 13 years there has been a collective surplus on the fund – i.e. the councils have collected more than was included within the budget – this surplus is then paid to the PFCC FRA in the following year as per the legislation.

Similarly, if there was a collection fund deficit then the PFCC FRA would have to pay this deficit back to the councils in the following year. Given the current circumstances then it is very difficult to imagine a scenario where there isn't a significant deficit on the collection funds across the councils that will need to be re-paid by the PFCC FRA.

The rationale for Council Tax works in predominantly the same way for Business Rates. The Fire Service budget for 2020/21 expects to receive £3.1m from this source of income.

## What is the likely Financial Impact

While it is clearly too early to be precise, and much can, and will, change over the coming months it is important to start to plan for the financial impact. Most of the national work would seem to indicate that collection rates are between 5% and 6% lower, across both Council Tax and Business Rates than would otherwise be expected, with further concerns that this might increase as current levels of support are reduced.

A 6% deficit across both Council Tax and Business Rates would equate to approximately £1.5m for the Fire Service.

The Government have recognised the challenge and have provided the flexibility to all billing and major precepting authorities (including police and fire authorities) to phase the deficit over a fixed period of three years.

- The phased amount will be the entire collection fund deficit for 2020-21 as estimated on the 15 January 2021 for council tax and in the 2021-22 NNDR1 for business rates.
- The deficit will be phased in three equal and fixed amounts across the financial years 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24.
- The amounts to be paid off during 2021-22 will therefore be only 1/3rd of each authority's share of the estimated 2020-21 deficit.

We therefore are currently estimating a £500k charge in each of the next 3 years.

In addition to this impact it is also likely that the calculated number of Band D properties in 2021/22 will be lower than currently forecast, which was for an annual growth of 1% from the previous year's base. All of the same reasons that will impact in 2020/21 are likely to continue into, at least, 2021/22 in terms of assessing the calculated number of Band D properties in North Yorkshire.

A 3.0% reduction in the council tax and business rates base in 2021/22 (as opposed to a 1% increase) would result in a further reduction in income, versus our previous planning assumption, of an additional £1m. Leaving a potential £1.5m gap in the 2021/22 budget versus our balanced plans set out in February 2020.

Even allowing for some pick up in the overall economy thereafter and therefore a reduced need for Council Tax Support and a return of house building, it would not be unreasonable to expect that future Council Tax and Business Rates receipts, from a Fire perspective, being circa £1m per year lower than the current financial plans assume.

The financial plans will be kept under review and as more information is available will be updated – this will include scenario planning. At this stage however no changes have been made to the current plans.

The PFCC FRA has general reserves of £1m and earmarked reserves of £3.8m and therefore some limited capacity, if needed, to help support the organisation during these unprecedented times however this will only provide a short period of time to transition to a sustainable service delivery model based on the finances available.

## NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE, FIRE &amp; CRIME COMMISSIONER (FIRE &amp; RESCUE AUTHORITY)

## REVENUE BUDGET 2020/2021 as at 30th June 2020

	2020/21 Approved Budget £'000	Budget Year To Date £'000	Actual Year To Date £'000	Variance Year To Date £'000	2020/21 Forecast Outturn £'000	2020/21 Forecast Variance £'000
<b>Funding</b>						
Funding for Net Budget Requirement	(31,322)	(7,830)	(7,830)	0	(31,322)	0
Specific Grants	(1,682)	(421)	(648)	(227)	(2,038)	(356)
Pensions Mitigation Grant	(1,711)	(428)	(428)	0	(1,711)	0
General Income	(547)	(135)	(62)	73	(703)	(156)
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>(35,261)</b>	<b>(8,813)</b>	<b>(8,968)</b>	<b>(154)</b>	<b>(35,773)</b>	<b>(512)</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Wholetime Firefighters	16,721	4,970	5,106	136	16,997	275
Retained Firefighters	3,325	545	525	(20)	3,234	(92)
Administrative, Technical & Clerical	3,319	1,000	892	(108)	3,247	(72)
Control Room Staff	765	227	218	(9)	722	(43)
<b>Total Direct Staff Costs</b>	<b>24,130</b>	<b>6,742</b>	<b>6,742</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>24,199</b>	<b>69</b>
Indirect Staff Costs	429	11	16	5	432	3
PFCC Staff Expenses	74	18	18	(0)	74	0
Wholetime Recruitment	11	3	15	12	11	0
Premises	2,109	527	517	(11)	2,177	68
Transport	804	201	181	(20)	816	12
Supplies and Services	3,461	865	852	(13)	3,562	101
Operating Leases	75	19	27	8	75	0
External Service Agreements	196	49	38	(11)	193	(3)
PFI	1,485	371	379	7	1,485	0
<b>Total Indirect Staff and Non Staff Costs</b>	<b>8,644</b>	<b>2,065</b>	<b>2,043</b>	<b>(22)</b>	<b>8,825</b>	<b>181</b>
<b>Pensions</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE BEFORE CAPITAL CHARGES</b>	<b>33,686</b>	<b>8,999</b>	<b>8,979</b>	<b>(20)</b>	<b>33,951</b>	<b>265</b>
Provision For Debt Repayment	991	248	248	0	991	0
External Interest	526	132	132	(0)	521	(5)
Revenue Contribution to Capital	340	0	0	0	438	98
<b>Total Capital Charges</b>	<b>1,858</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>1,951</b>	<b>93</b>
Delegation to the Tactical Leadership Team	0	0	0	0	50	50
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>35,544</b>	<b>9,378</b>	<b>9,358</b>	<b>(20)</b>	<b>35,952</b>	<b>408</b>
<b>(Surplus)/Deficit before Reserve Transfers</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>(175)</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>(105)</b>
Transfer from Revenue Budget Support Reserve	(244)	0	0	0	(244)	0
<u>Other Transfers to/(from) Earmarked Reserves:</u>						
Asset Management System project	(38)	0	0	0	(38)	0
<b>Final Forecast Over/(Under) Spend</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>(175)</b>	<b>(104)</b>	<b>(105)</b>

## NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE, FIRE &amp; CRIME COMMISSIONER (FIRE &amp; RESCUE AUTHORITY)

## CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/2021 as at 30th June 2020

	2020/21 Approved Budget £'000	Additional Slippage from 2019/20 £'000	2020/21 New approved items and changes to budgets £'000	2020/21 Slippage/Carry forward to future years £'000	2020/21 Revised Estimate £'000	2020/21 Year To Date Budget £'000	2020/21 Spend To Date Budget £'000	2020/21 Variance Year To Date £'000	2020/21 Forecast Outturn £'000	2020/21 Forecast Variance £'000
<b>Vehicles</b>										
Fire Appliances	1,347	13	0	(860)	500	0	0	0	500	0
Aerial Appliances	0	4	0	0	4	1	1	0	4	0
Vans & Support Vehicles	52	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	52	0
4 x 4 Vehicles	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Incident Command Unit	200	0	0	0	200	0	0	0	200	0
Response & Pool Cars	193	0	0	0	193	0	0	0	193	0
<b>Sub Total Vehicles</b>	<b>1,792</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(860)</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Property:</b>										
Minor Works	355	55	0	0	410	0	41	41	410	0
<b>Sub Total Property</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Information Technology:</b>										
Mobilising, Telephony & Bearers	124	0	0	0	124	0	0	0	124	0
Major IT Schemes	35	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	35	0
Ancillary Hardware & Software	47	0	24	0	71	47	46	(1)	71	0
<b>Sub Total Information Technology</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>0</b>
Delegation to the Tactical Leadership Team	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	50	0
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2,352</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>(860)</b>	<b>1,590</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1,640</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>FUNDING</b>										
Revenue Contribution to Capital - Car Disposals	244				244				244	
Revenue Contribution to Capital - Other	96				194				194	
External Borrowing	2,147				1,287				1,287	
<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>	<b>2,487</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,725</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,725</b>	
<b>CAPITAL RESERVES CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>135</b>				<b>135</b>				<b>85</b>	



Police, Fire & Crime Panel  
Report

August 2020



FCR performance

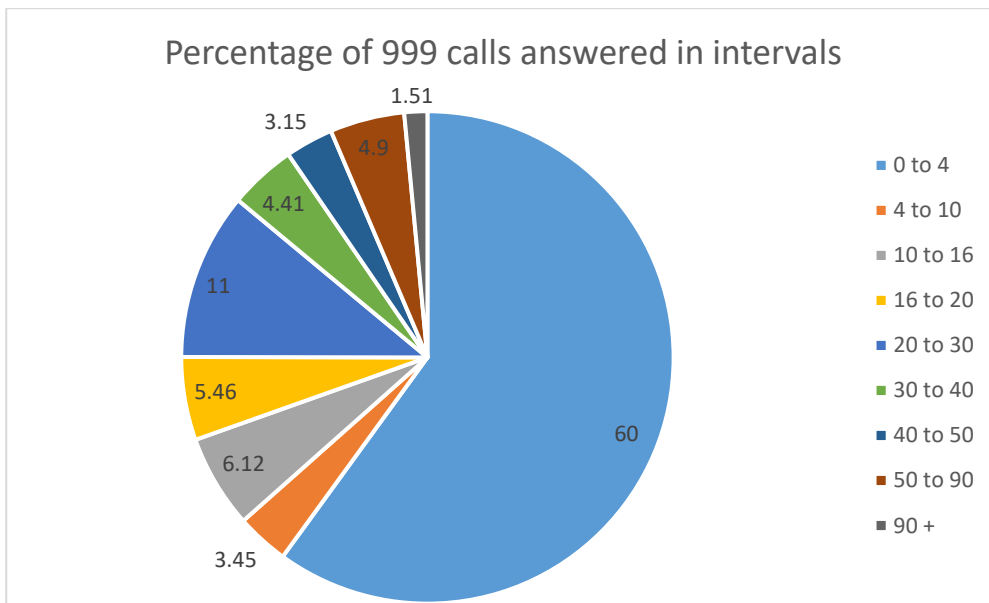
999 overview

999	Volume	Average time to answer (seconds)	Transferred to secondary /alternate lines
March	6622	16	1.887%
April	4699	10	0.85%
May	6198	14	0.85%
June	6890	20	1.17%
July	8704	24	2.34%

The reduction in volume of calls during April (37%) and May (18%) is COVID19 related due to lockdown. (Less traffic on roads/no night time economy impacting on behaviour) This is in line with the national trend.

July volumes are similar to July 2018 but not as high as 2019 when NYP received the highest ever volume of 999 calls.

The national guideline for calls transferring to secondary and alternate lines is 2% of total volume presented.

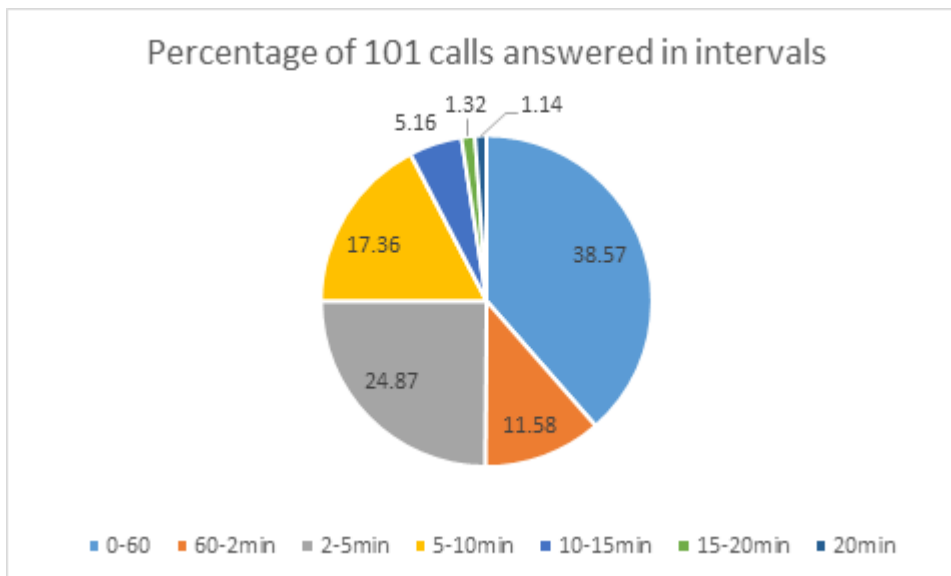


## 101 overview

101 Option 1	Volume	Average time to answer	Abandonment rate
March	14530	2:40	18.71%
April	14874	2:09	14.88%
May	15525	2:39	17.47%
June	15223	3:43	21.34%
July	14990	5:20	24.62%
March	14530	2:40	18.71%

Although calls for service on 999 have reduced due to COVID19, there has been no such reduction in 101 calls. Over 10% of the calls/incidents have been COVID19 related.

### 101 wait times



### 101 call backs

Queue Buster Call Back	Volume	Average time to call back
March	3862	12:19
April	3577	13:14
May	3898	12:45
June	3931	16:11
July	5567	17:07

## Operator calls

Front counters are now dealing with an average of 6800 operator calls per month between 08.00 and 20.00 daily. The answer time for these calls is on average 15 seconds. Between 20.00 and 08.00 next day, FCR are dealing with an average of 2046 calls per month with an average time to answer of 1 minute 18 seconds.

The call duration is increasing constantly and now stands at 6 minutes 29 seconds. There is also a 40% uplift for recording information, completing various checks, recording the THRIVE evaluation, in line with national and force standards following the call.

The total monthly average volume of calls from the public is 28225.

## Control room 'calls for service'

Between 1 March 2020 and 31 July a total of 81579 incidents have been logged. These are categorised below according to the national standard for incident recording themes.

Incident type	%
Anti - social behaviour	17.78%
Crime	20.18%
Public Safety & Welfare	33.63
Road related	11.52%
Administration	16.89%

- Over 10% of incidents logged have been COVID19 related.
- There has been a total of 1640 Hoax calls between 1 March and 31 July.
- Over 11,000 calls have had a link to mental health

## Staffing

### Staffing levels at end of July 2020

Role	Agreed T2020 FTE Budget	Actual FTE
Dispatchers	60	54.68
Communications	86	77.44

There are currently 4 dispatchers in training who will be effective to join their teams at the end of September.

There are currently 8 communications officers in training who will join their teams on 6<sup>th</sup> October.

A further course of 8 people will join FCR in training on 6<sup>th</sup> October.

Due to COVID19 social distancing reduced numbers of recruits are being trained. Twelve people would normally be recruited but this has been reduced to 8 per course.

A robust recruitment and training programme up to March 2021 is in place.

An average of 14 people at any time have been off work for COVID19 related issues. (Self - isolating/symptoms/maternity/underlying health conditions)

The majority of people who have not physically been in work have worked from home, and whilst not taking calls or dispatching they have dealt with over 20,000 crime and occurrence tasks.

FCR has continued to operate effectively throughout this period. The building is a safe and clean environment with 2m distancing being observed, increased cleaning and sanitising taking place.

# ITEM 12

## North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel

19 August 2020

### Panel Work Programme

#### **1 Purpose of Report**

1.1 To invite the Panel to:

(a) consider its future work programme, particularly where remote meetings are held; and

(b) agree to meet remotely for its next meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

#### **2 Background**

2.1 The Panel is responsible for setting its own work programme taking into account the tasks that the Panel must undertake and the priorities defined by the Commissioner within the context of the Police and Crime Plan and Fire and Rescue Plan.

2.2 The work programme at Appendix A highlights those issues which have been previously agreed or which have been added since the last meeting in discussion with the Chair or Vice Chairs. Members are invited to consider where there may be additional issues to schedule into the future programme.

2.3 As it appears likely that there will continue to be some level of restrictions to physical meetings of bodies such as the Panel for the foreseeable future, the Panel is invited to agree that it will meet remotely on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and that it will take a view on its approach for early 2021 (precept) meetings at that time.

2.4 Remote meetings, by their nature, necessitate a tight agenda with a couple of key substantive items. As such, Panel members are also asked to consider the agenda content for the next meeting in October 2020.

#### **3 Recommendation**

3.1 It is recommended that the Panel:

(a) agrees to meet remotely on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020; and

(b) agrees its work programme, in particular agenda content for the meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Diane Parsons  
Principal Scrutiny Officer  
North Yorkshire County Council

11<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**Background Documents:**

Appendix A – Police and Crime Panel Work Programme and Calendar of Meetings  
for 2020/21

## POLICE, FIRE &amp; CRIME PANEL WORK PROGRAMME AND MEETING DATES FOR 2020/21

<b>October 2020</b>	Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 10:30am Remote meeting using Microsoft Teams (tbc)	Commissioner's annual reports for policing and fire and rescue. Review of the new Complaints and Recognition process (police complaints and compliments handled by OPFCC). Mid-year budget review for policing and fire. PFC Panel annual budget and support (PFC Panel)
<b>January 2021</b>	Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 10:30am Grand Meeting Room, County Hall, Northallerton (tbc).	'Pre-precept' reports for policing and fire. FoIA compliance, to include benchmarking against other areas. Annual complaints report (PFC Panel)
<b>February 2021</b>	Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 10:30am Grand Meeting Room, County Hall, Northallerton (tbc).	PRECEPTS – policing and fire
	Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021 at 1:30pm Grand Meeting Room, County Hall, Northallerton (tbc).	Precept Reserve (if needed).
<b>April 2021</b>	Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2021 at 10:30am Council Chamber, Selby District Council, Selby (tbc).	Substantive issues tbc.

<b>Items for regular review by the Panel</b>		
<b>Drug crime in North Yorkshire / County Lines.</b>	Reports taken in September 2019 and February 2020. Next update scheduled as part of Covid-19 response paper (August 2020).	<i>To be kept under regular review by the Panel.</i>
<b>Force Control Room performance update</b>	Update on performance of the 101 non-emergency service and also 999 service. Latest update report = August 2020.	<i>To be taken bi-annually.</i>
<b>FoIA compliance (NYP and OPFCC)</b>	Update report on performance in handling of FoIA requests and progress against improvement action plan.	<i>Future report to include benchmarking of NY performance against other areas (as agreed July 2019) – currently scheduled for Jan 2021. To be kept under regular review thereafter.</i>

<b>Other items for future consideration</b>	
<b>Fire and Rescue Plan</b>	Accountability framework for monitoring the effectiveness of the Plan, as agreed by Panel.
<b>Integrated Risk Management Plan (FRS)</b>	Model for risk and resourcing for the NYFRS.
<b>Rural crime</b>	Crimes against the person in rural areas – to also draw on work to tackle modern slavery and sexual exploitation.
<b>Diversity in NYP</b>	Report on diversity within the police force, including developments around recruitment and retention.
<b>Criminal justice</b>	Report taken by Panel September 2019, providing an overview of the PFCC's work in this area. Further report to be brought (as agreed Sept 2019) to highlight: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- volumes of individuals engaging on interventions, particularly in respect of prevention and early intervention;</li> <li>- outcomes for those involved;</li> <li>- the range of partners involved.</li> </ul>



## POLICE, FIRE &amp; CRIME PANEL WORK PROGRAMME AND MEETING DATES FOR 2020/21

<b>Health and wellbeing within the police force and OPCC.</b>	Report to look at welfare of staff and officers within NYP and OPCC, particularly for more pressurised roles.
<b>Community safety partnerships</b>	Update report or briefing for Panel by the two CSPs.
<b>Fire and Rescue Plan</b>	Accountability framework for monitoring the effectiveness of the Plan, as agreed by Panel.