
Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner Report



Title: Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report 2021-2022

Date: 19 July 2022

Originating Officer: Community Engagement Officer

Executive Summary:

This report presents the text for the Police and Crime Commissioner's sixth Annual Report, covering the period from 1 April 2021 to the 31 March 2022. As per last year's annual report, we have used the user-friendly format again this year, with accessibility in mind, so that a member of the public can easily understand how the Commissioner has carried out his role during the year. Further details are also provided within the public documents of the Chief Finance Officer's Narrative statement in the final accounts and the Annual Governance Statement.

Recommendation:

That the Panel notes the Annual Report.

1. Detail

- 1.1. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act (2011) requires Police and Crime Commissioners to produce an Annual Report for each financial year. The report must cover how the Commissioner has carried out his statutory functions, such as setting the budget, developing a Police and Crime Plan and holding the Chief Constable to account.

Throughout the year, there has been numerous general and specific updates to the Panel on how the Commissioner has delivered the Police and Crime Plan. The Annual Report for Cumbria's Commissioner therefore highlights key areas of work undertaken in the time period, as well as details of priorities for the future in the Police and Crime Plan. The report includes:

- Looks at the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan, a summary of progress to date
- Sections such as listening to the voice of the public, the effects of Covid19 on recorded crime, visible and effective police presence and tackling crime in Cumbria

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- A summary list of accountability and statutory duties, including Public Accountability Board, Joint Audit Committee, Ethics and Integrity Panel, and the Police and Crime Panel

1.2. The Annual Report has been set out in a way, and to a level of detail, which aims to be interesting and informative for the public, with more infographics and less text than in the past.

1.3. The proposal is to publish the Annual Report on the Commissioner's website and to print a limited number of copies, which would be available on request and available at surgeries, events and to partners.

1.4. This approach builds on the experience of what has worked well in the past and is felt to provide the best value for money. There will be an option of a translated version of the Annual Report for non-English speakers, Braille and large print versions will be available. For those not able to access the report online, printed copies can be requested.

1.5. It is intended that a media release will be issued when the Annual Report has been approved.

2. Supplementary information

2.1 The Annual Report is appended to this covering report.

3. Implications

3.1 Financial

The cost of printing the Annual Report has been included in the OPCC budget

3.2 Legal

The Police and Crime Commissioner has a statutory responsibility to produce an Annual Report.

3.3 Risk

None

3.4 HR / Equality

None



ANNUAL REPORT

2021 - 2022

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Photo taken before social distancing restrictions



Welcome to my annual report, which highlights areas of work that has taken place during 2021-2022, my sixth year in office. Over the last 12 months, as Covid19 restrictions started to ease, we have made a return to a semblance of pre-pandemic 'normal'. However, I must note that throughout the last two years, the Police have put the needs of others first. They have been

working with increased pace, with much uncertainty and frequently changing guidance, with unprecedented effects on our freedom of movement. This has been a change for us all, not least for the Police who, without the thought of their own safety, have worked tirelessly to keep us all safe. I would like to thank them for their relentless commitment and hard work.

Following my re-election in May 2021, we have developed a new Police and Crime Plan, drawing on the results of a public consultation, a strategic analysis of crime and partner agencies feedback. The Plan was launched in early December 2021. It contains the police and crime objectives for the next four years, which together, contribute towards achieving my overall aim of 'Keeping Cumbria Safe'.

In my last annual report, I noted that due to the pandemic, there had been a sustained fall in recorded crime nationally, which was reflected here in Cumbria. We also correctly anticipated as we recovered and moved into the post covid mobilisation phase, that crime figures would rise. Put simply, it's all about opportunity - when we reduce opportunities for crime to take place, crime goes down and when we return back to the normal ways of living, sadly, so do criminals and crime returns to pre-pandemic levels.

The Constabulary has continued to exceed their targets for recruiting new officers and police officer numbers currently

stand at 1266. I am pleased that we have made significant increases, although recruitment, training and deployment does takes time. However, our latest recruits are now beginning to emerge onto our streets and I am keen that the public begins to see and feel their effect.

It is thanks to your contributions via the council tax precept, that we have maintained and invested in our policing service to help keep people safe. At the time of writing, I am very conscious of the effect that the war in Ukraine is having on world economies including our own and the subsequent impact on household budgets. I can assure the public that this reinforces my focus to ensure that you get the very best value for your council tax contribution to policing.

We have received results of our PEEL inspection, conducted by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary, Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS). The report praised the hard work and dedication of our officers, staff and departments. We were rated as 'Outstanding' in one area and the report highlighted many positive ways of working, but we should never be complacent. There are always areas where we can make improvements, and the Force remains relentless in striving to provide the highest level of services for residents and visitors in Cumbria. I am pleased that Cumbria Police are one of the best rated forces in the country by the Independent Inspectorate and we are fortunate to have a highly effective and professional Police Service in the county.

Policing in Cumbria is a shared responsibility. It is by continuing to work together, with members of the public, volunteers, partners and key stakeholders, that we secure safer neighbourhoods, maintain personal safety and help make Cumbria one of the safest counties to live in and visit.

With my very best wishes.

Peter McCall

Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria

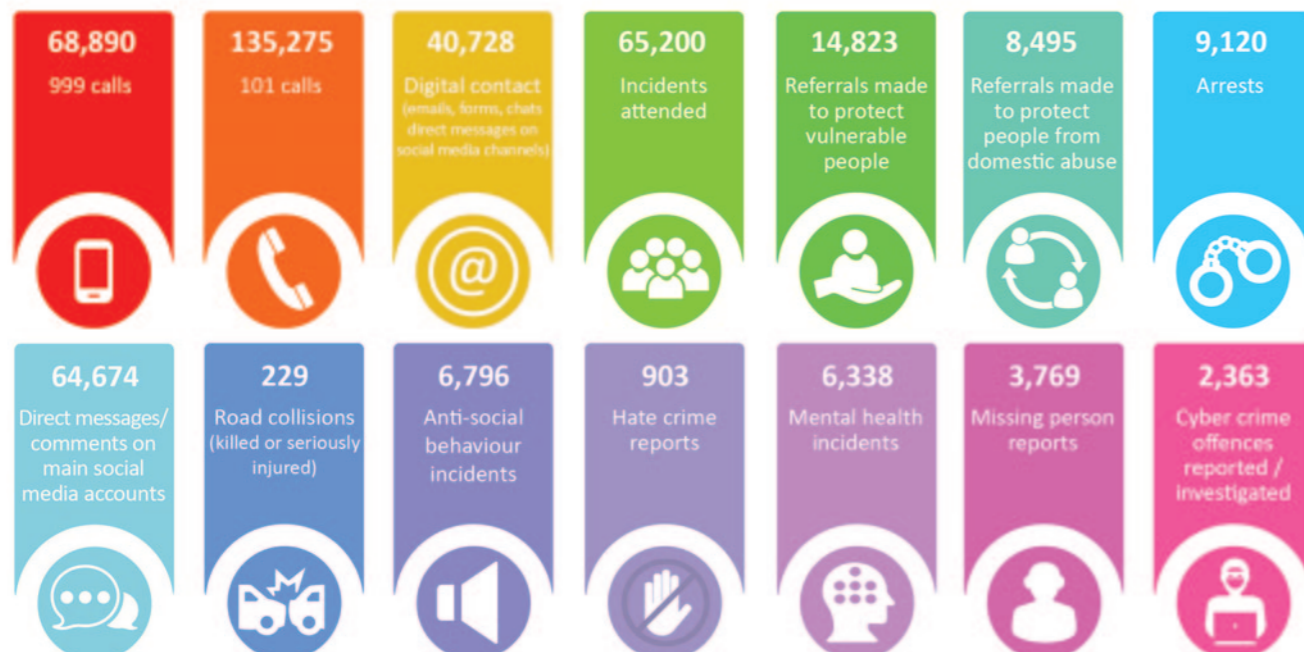
POLICE AND CRIME PLAN OBJECTIVES

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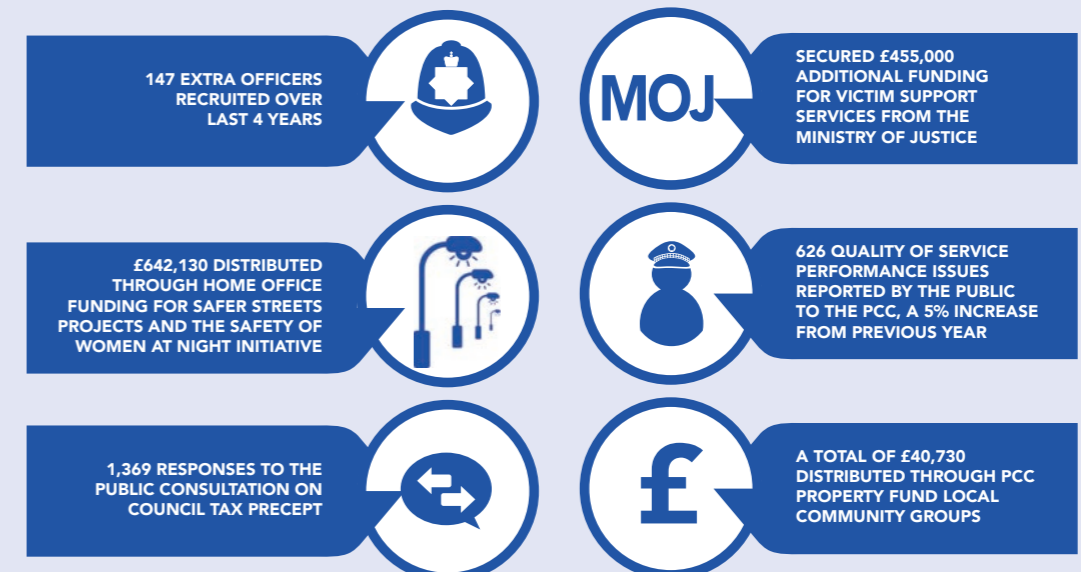


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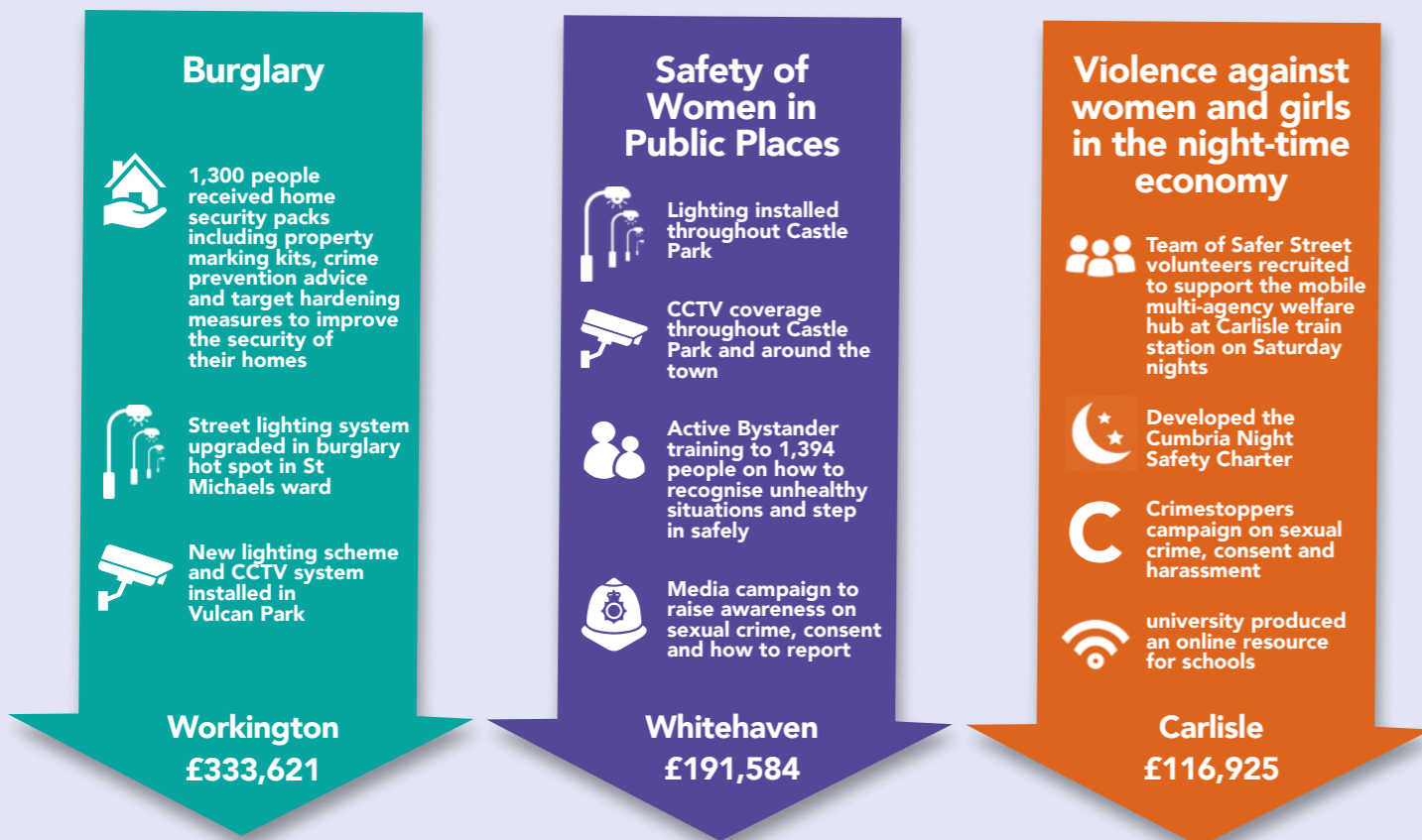
1ST APRIL 2021 - 31ST MARCH 2022



THE OPCC's YEAR IN NUMBERS



SAFER STREETS FUNDING



£642,130 FUNDING ON CRIME PREVENTION IN AREAS WITH HIGH LEVEL OF NEIGHBOURHOOD CRIME

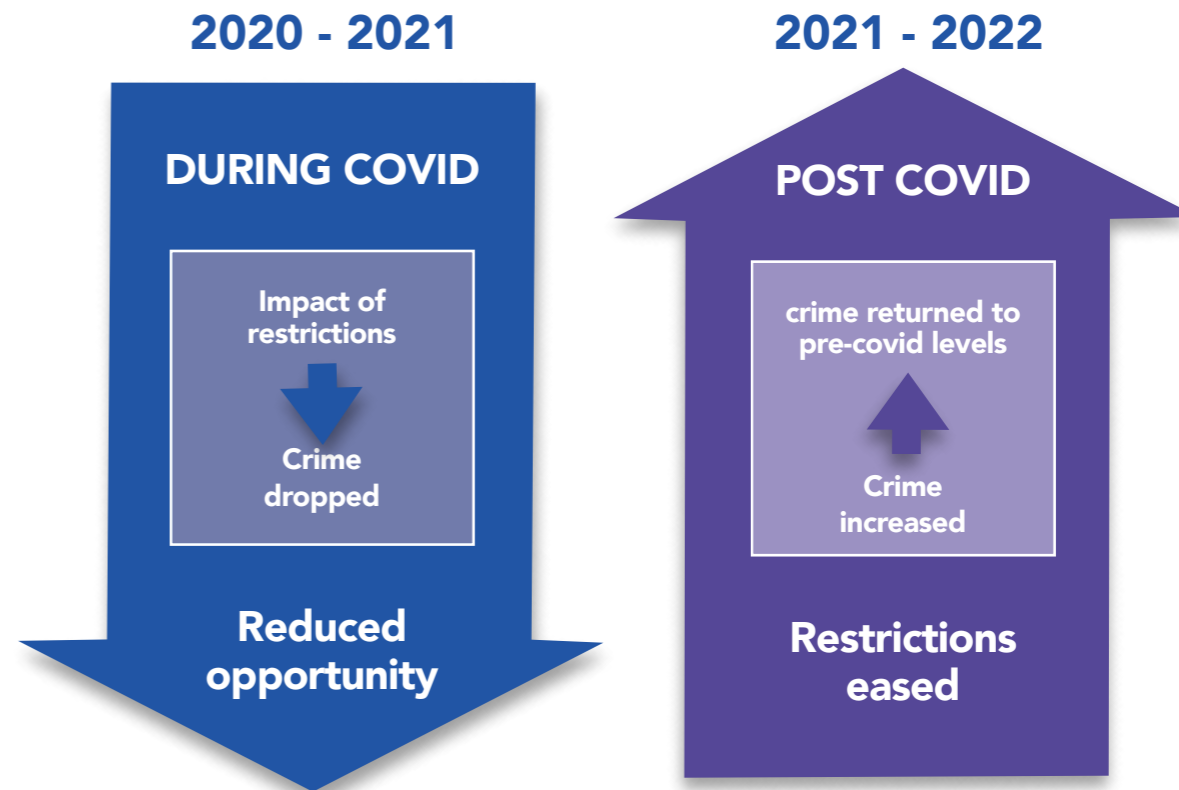
ENSURING THE POLICE ARE AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE RESPONSE

- Supported recovery by working with partner agencies and the Police as the county moved from lockdown, into the post-covid phase
- Deal with potential threats, such as civil emergencies, organised crime, terrorism, cyber-attacks, natural disasters and public order

INTEGRATING BLUE LIGHT SERVICES

- Dedicated structure in place, led by the PCC, to monitor areas of joint collaborative working between Cumbria Police, Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service and Northwest Ambulance Service
- Considerations at daily tasking meetings that require a tripartite response
- Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service and Northwest Ambulance Service assistance in the search for extremely vulnerable missing persons (where operational capacity allows)

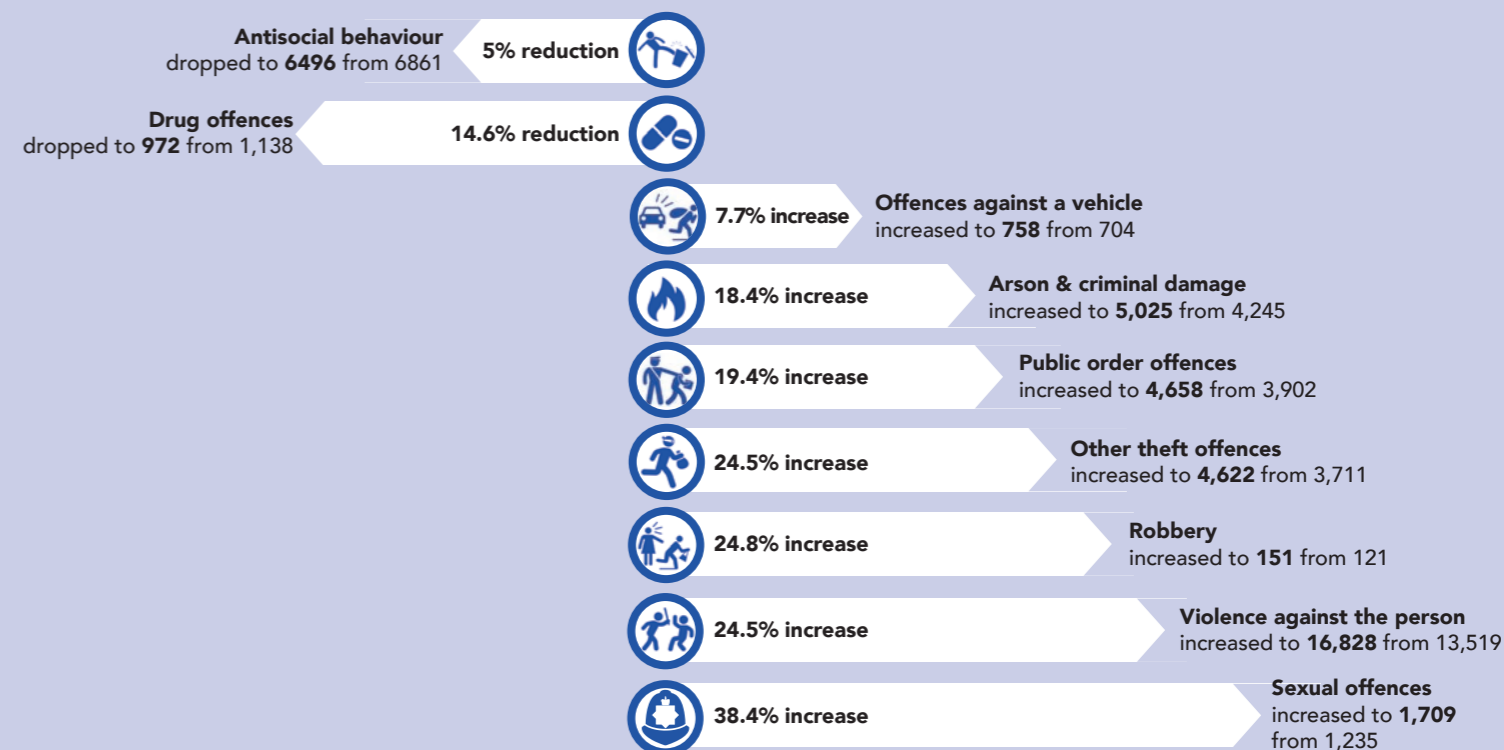
THE EFFECTS OF COVID19 ON RECORDED CRIME



RECORDED CRIME IN CUMBRIA

FROM APRIL 2021 TO MARCH 2022 COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

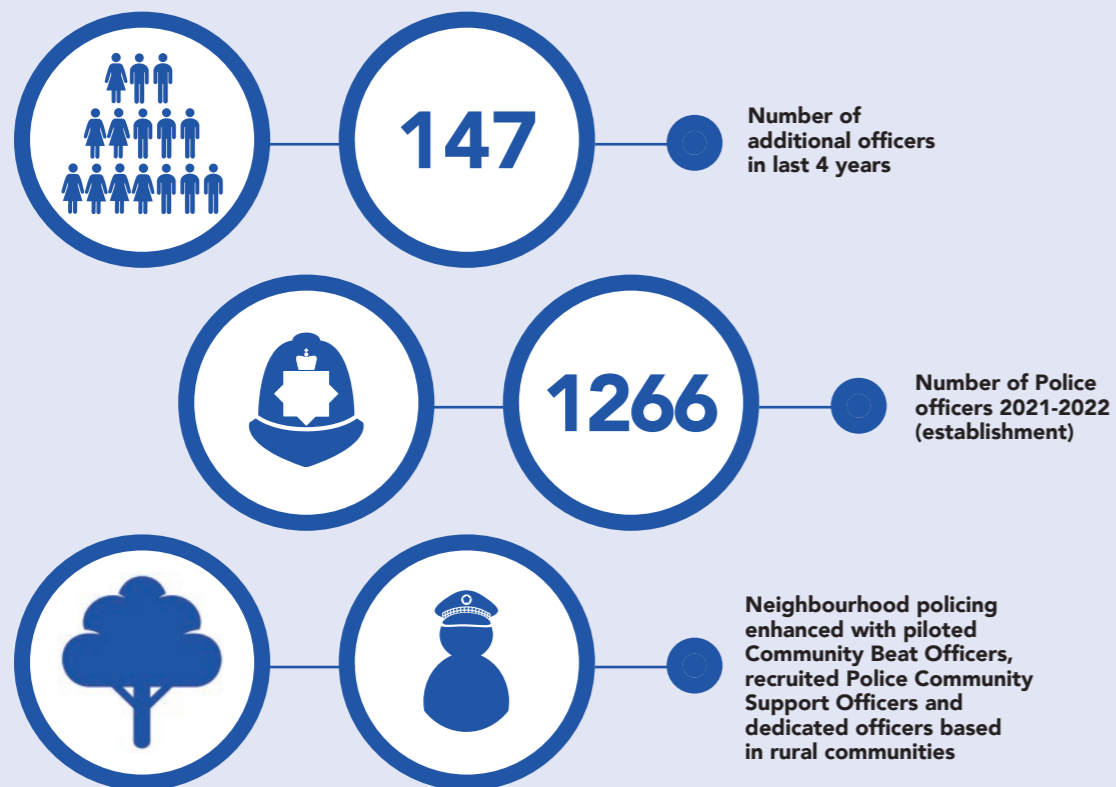
Overall crime increased by 20%
to 37,121 from 30,904



N.B. ASB figures do not include those marked as Covid19 related and overall crime figures are currently comparable to pre-Covid19 levels

VISIBLE AND EFFECTIVE POLICE PRESENCE

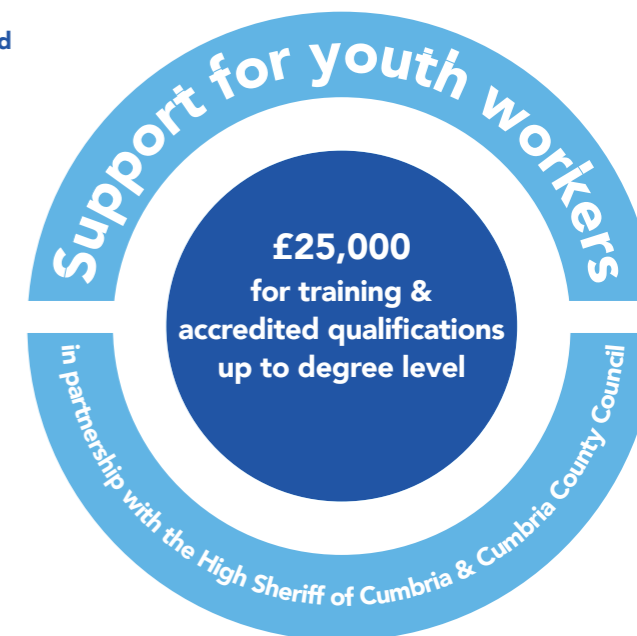
The PCC has monitored the Constabulary to ensure they achieved:



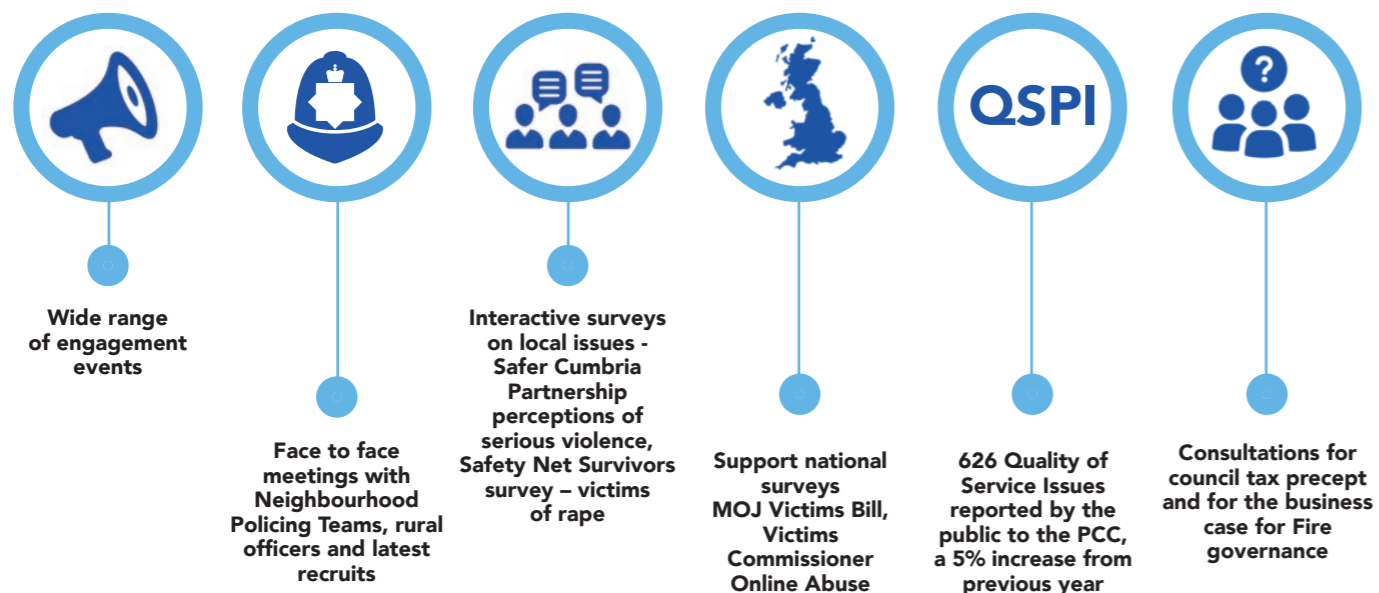
PROPERTY FUND SUPPORTING LOCAL PROJECTS, SOCIAL GROUPS, INITIATIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Breakdown of Property Fund awarded

- 21 local projects and community groups supported through the Property Fund
- £40,730 money seized from criminals re-distributed to community groups
- £32,993 to projects supporting young people
- Examples of protected characteristic groups support: Cumbria Deaf Association police desks with British Sign Language translators, Penrith Pumas wheelchair basketball equipment and AWAZ walkthrough refugee experience at the Barrow Unity festival



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ACCOUNTABILITY AND STATUTORY DUTIES

Independent Custody Visitors (ICV) Volunteer Scheme	Working closely with partners	Police & Crime Panel meetings and Joint Ethics & Integrity Panel	Risk management and governance
Joint audit committee for finance & governance	Public Accountability Conferences	Complaint case reviews	External inspections & auditors provide independent reviews

A FOCUS ON CRIME AND THE CAUSES OF CRIME

- £642,130 Home Office – Safer Street fund in Copeland, Allerdale and Carlisle
- Safer Cumbria Partnership in collaboration with the 3rd sector, developed the Serious Violence Needs Assessment
- Launched 1CLIC (County Lines Informed Cumbria) in partnership with the Force and The Well Communities, to help prevent young people becoming involved with illicit drugs in South Cumbria
- Developed pilot intervention with NHS England, working with children who have created and shared nude images and their support network i.e. families/friends and school
- Delivered restorative justice anti-social mediation services to 2,201 individuals
- Consent and sexual harassment campaign
- In its third year, the Cyber and Digital Crime Unit (CDCU) has investigated 271 offences, made 98 arrests and prosecuted 50 different criminals for 178 offences
- CDCU have investigated 204 online child sex offences and, as a result, 168 children have been safeguarded
- Funded Keep Safe initiative to provide a bespoke crime prevention and target hardening service for 587 victims of crime and anti-social behaviour
- Commissioned intervention for young people at risk of committing hate crimes, to help prevent further incidents

A FOCUS ON VICTIMS

- Secured £455,000 additional funding for victim support services from the Ministry of Justice (MOJ)
- Developed co-commissioning agreement with National Probation Service for future Women's Centre Outreach programme
- £600,000 additional MOJ funding to launch tailor made service to support children who have witnessed domestic abuse
- In partnership with Cumbria County Council and Ministry of Justice, funded additional Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) posts
- The 11 strong ISVA team dealt with 895 referrals of victims of sexual assault or abuse
- Commissioned Safety Net/Cumbria University to consult with victims of rape, to assess the journey of survivors and support services they receive
- Developed in partnership, a Northwest Sexual Violence Online Directory of support services
- Victims Charitable Trust led a review of criminal justice organisations' compliance with the Victims Code of Practice
- Extension of Victim Support's Livechat service, now available 24/7

PREVENTING OFFENDING AND REDUCING REOFFENDING

- Launch of offender management programme Pathways that reduces re-offending through implementation of out of court disposal framework. In its first year supported 383 offenders of low level crime
- 233 victims engaged with Pathways restorative services, enabling victims to inform offenders of the impact the crime had on them
- 27 victim offender conferences and 89% of victims reported they are able to cope and recover
- Procured an early intervention child mentor programme for children - RISE, in collaboration with Child Centred Policing Team and Barnardo's, goes 'live' June 2022
- Implemented the 'They Matter' high risk domestic abuse perpetrator intervention programme
- Safer Cumbria Partnership (chaired by PCC) and 3rd sector organisations developed a Serious Violence Needs Assessment
- 94 independently selected cases were audited by the out of court scrutiny panel

BEATING CRIME PLAN

- Work aligning to the national Beating Crime Plan includes:
- Recruitment of 147 new officers in the last four years
 - Launched pilot of Community Beat Officers in West Cumbria
 - Safer Street fund in a supported Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) and residential theft projects in Copeland, Allerdale and Carlisle
 - Dedicated named local officers are contactable via the Constabulary's website

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS (VAWG)

Work aligning to the national VAWG strategy includes:

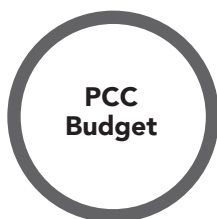
- Consent campaign in Copeland (Safer Street 3 Fund)
- Development of a Cumbria Night Safety Charter in Carlisle
- Development of night-time economy Charter in Carlisle
- Team of Safer Streets volunteers attend weekend welfare hub during the evenings at Carlisle train station
- Relaunch of the 'Ask for Angela' campaign countywide
- By-stander training delivered to 1,394 people
- Cumbria University developed an online production on the safety of women and girls as part of the school personal and social education (PSHE) programme





Overall Budget

There was an overall underspend of £578,000, which represents 0.5% of the overall budget.



PCC Budget

£205,000 underspend due to savings in the Office of the PCC and premises, combined with additional grant income.



Constabulary's Budget

£373,000 underspend due to savings on non staffing budgets, largely as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic, offset by increase expenditure on police pay from a combination of Operation Uplift and overtime.



Operation Uplift

Police pay almost £1m over budget as a result of re-structuring of ranks and early recruitment to support Operation Uplift (the Government's national programme to recruit 20,000 additional officers by 2023).



COVID19

The pandemic had a broadly neutral impact on the budget for 2021/22. However, the pandemic has delayed some activities. The underspend in 2021/22 will be used to support Covid 19 recovery.

The financial results for the Police and Crime Commissioner's revenue budget for 2021/2022 are summarised in the table below

Description	Budget £000s	Actual Expenditure £000s	(Underspend) / Overspend £000s
Constabulary			
Police Officer Pay	93,061	95,574	2,513
PCSO Pay	1,894	1,929	35
Police Staff pay	25,658	24,861	(797)
Non Pay Expenditure	19,185	18,150	(1,035)
Income	(6,192)	(7,281)	(1,089)
Total Constabulary	133,606	133,233	(373)
PCC			
Office Police Crime Commissioner	977	937	(40)
Other PCC	(20,406)	(20,571)	(165)
Total PCC	(19,429)	(19,634)	(205)
Overall Total	114,177	113,599	(578)



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