



## SELECT (CRIME AND DISORDER) COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 9 December 2020 at 6.30pm  
(Online meeting)

**Committee Members:** The Chairman (Councillor Staveley) and Councillors Brockbank, Brown, Harbron, Hull, Jaquin, Mercer, Moorby, Shuttleworth, Solloway and Sutcliffe.

### AGENDA

Please note that due to Covid-19, this meeting will be held remotely and will be livestreamed here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdfb6ZRbYnZ1-rRiiLmjUwg>

1. **Apologies for Absence** – To receive any apologies for absence.
2. **Minutes** – To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2020.
3. **Public Participation** – In the event that questions are received, the Chairman will conduct the public participation session for a period of up to fifteen minutes. Where questions are asked, one related supplementary question may be permitted at the Chairman's discretion.
4. **Declarations of Interest** – All Members are invited to declare at this point any interests they have on items appearing on this agenda, including the nature of those interests and whether they wish to apply the exception below.

**Note:** Declarations should be in the form of either:

- a “**disclosable pecuniary interest**” under Appendix A to the Code of Conduct, in which case the Member must leave the meeting room; or
- an “**other interest**” under Appendix B of the Code. For these interests, the Member may stay in the meeting room, although they must leave if membership of the organisation results in a conflict of interest.

**Exception:** Where a member of the public has a right to speak at a meeting, a Member who has a disclosable pecuniary interest or an other interest and must leave the room, has the same rights and may make representations, answer questions or give evidence, but at the conclusion of that, must then leave the room and not take part in the discussion or vote.

5. **North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel** – To receive an update from the Panel Secretariat on the work of the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel.
  - County Councillor Les, Chair of the Panel, will be in attendance for this item to respond to Members' questions and comments.
  - Councillor Foster, Craven District Council representative on the Panel has also been invited to attend for this item.
6. **Local Policing – Local Crime Overview and Priorities** – Inspector Steve Breen, North Yorkshire Police to provide an update on local policing in the Craven area.
7. **Community Safety Partnership** – The Community Safety Officer to provide an update about the work of the Community Safety Partnership in the Craven area.
8. **Any other items** which the Chairman decides are urgent in accordance with Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972.
9. **Date of Next Meeting** – To be advised.

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**Present** – The Chair (Councillor Staveley) and Councillors Brockbank, Brown, Hull, Jaquin, Mercer, Moorby, Shuttleworth, Solloway and Sutcliffe.

**Officers** – Democratic Services Manager, Community Safety Officer and Democratic Services and Scrutiny Officer.

**Also in Attendance** – Inspector Lorraine Crossman-Smith.

**Apologies for Absence** – An apology for absence was received from Councillor Harbron.

Start: 6.30pm

Finish: 7.40pm

**Confirmation of Minutes** –

**Resolved** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2020 were approved as a correct record.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes** – One Member expressed concern that no response had been received in relation to road safety issues. The Chairman advised that he had contacted the Executive Member at North Yorkshire County Council, County Councillor Don Mackenzie and a formal response was to be provided.

**Public Participation** –

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**Declarations of Interest** –

There were no declarations of interest.

### **Minutes for Report**

OS.452

### **Community Safety**

The Community Safety Officer presented an update on the recent work undertaken by the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership and Craven's Community Safety Hub.

The key points of discussion were:

- North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership – Members were pleased to note the formation of the Task and Finish Group and the priority areas for the NYCSP.
- Craven Community Safety Hub – One Member queried the advertisement of a PC to support the PCSO role of Child Sexual Exploitation/Child Criminal Exploitation and the increase in the type of work. Inspector Crossman-Smith explained that the additional staffing resource was due to an increase in self-generated work which was considered to be positive. Members acknowledged the 'high' and 'good' ratings received by the Community Safety Hub from the partner agencies.

- Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) – The annual review of the PSPO (Town Hall Car Park) was presented to Members including the proposal to continue with an extension of the order for a further three years. Members highlighted the success of the PSPO in place and supported the extension. One Member raised concern about the condition of some lighting in council car parks, particularly in anticipation of winter months. It was suggested that this issue was referred to Asset Management for a response.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the update in relation to Community Safety is noted.
- (2) That the extension of the PSPO for a further three years is approved.

OS.453            **Local Policing - Local Crime Overview and Priorities**

Inspector Crossman-Smith presented an update on local policing within the Craven District, which included crime figures for the previous six months.

The key points of discussion were:

- Rural Crime – Members noted the three Rural Watch Volunteer Schemes in Craven (Wharfedale, Settle and South Craven) and the continued success of the private WhatsApp group.
- Covid-19 – Members noted the 198 locally issued tickets during the lockdown period. Members were pleased to note the ‘Problem Solving Plan’ introduced to support local communities with an increased number of visitors.
- Crime Figures – Inspector Crossman-Smith provided the latest crime figures. One Member raised concern about off-road motor biking and drug paraphernalia in Cononley. Inspector Crossman-Smith confirmed that the issue had already been raised and patrols had taken place in the area. One Member requested a breakdown of the crime figures for the Gargrave area which Inspector Crossman-Smith undertook to provide. One Member emphasised the need to tackle speeding and HGVs in Wigglesworth.
- Members were advised that it was Inspector Crossman-Smith’s final Select (Crime and Disorder) Committee before taking up a new role. Members wished to place on record their thanks to Inspector Crossman-Smith for all her hard work and support to the Committee and wished her well in her new role.

**Resolved** – That the update in relation to ‘Local Policing – Local Crime Overview and Priorities’, is noted.

OS.454            **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**Resolved** – Wednesday, 9 December 2020 at 6.30pm.

Chairman.

## NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME PANEL

### Report to Craven Select (Crime and Disorder) Committee

9<sup>th</sup> December 2020

#### 1 Summary

1.1 In November 2018, governance of the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (“the FRS”) transferred to the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, rendering that role as police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (“PFCC”) for North Yorkshire. Consequently, the role of the Police and Crime Panel was also extended to become the Police, Fire and Crime Panel (“the PFCP”).

1.2 The aim of this briefing is therefore to provide a flavour of the key business for the PFCP around its policing, crime and FRS scrutiny remit over recent months, in addition to looking ahead to future areas of interest for the PFCP.

1.3 Clearly this year has been unprecedented due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on all of our communities. This has also resulted in changes to the way that scrutiny work has been undertaken and how the PFCP has been able to continue functioning over the last eight months. The PFCP has been able to meet formally, via live broadcast, in August and October 2020, in addition to informal meetings – held remotely – of the wider PFCP and its finance sub-group, over summer/early autumn, to ensure that the PFCP is continuing to discharge its support and challenge role.

1.4 Comments are welcomed from the Committee in relation to the issues reported herein, as indeed are any strategic issues you would like the Panel to take up with the PFCC. Councillor Carl Les (PFCP Chair) and the PFCP support officer (Diane Parsons) will be at the meeting to help answer any questions you may have. In addition, Councillor Richard Foster is the Craven District Council representative to the PFCP and as such also able to direct any strategic issues through the PFCP.

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## 2 Introduction – Purpose of the Panel

2.1 The PFCP's key function is to maintain checks and balances in relation to the performance of the PFCC. Essentially, once a PFCC is elected, the PFCP provides the key mechanism for checking the PFCC's performance for the remainder of the term. It is also a key vehicle for enabling access to the public to relevant information regarding how the PFCC is fulfilling the commitments made to local residents.

2.2 There are some specific responsibilities which the PFCP has, including reviewing the PFCC's precept proposals annually (for policing and fire and rescue) and considering the PFCC's proposal for the appointment of a new Chief Constable and Chief Fire Officer. The table at Appendix A highlights the key statutory responsibilities for the PFCP.

2.3 The PFCP can request reports from the PFCC and, if it wishes, call the PFCC to attend its meetings.

2.4 The North Yorkshire PFCP comprises: one elected representative from each of the district authorities, one from the County Council and two from the City of York. In addition, two independent co-opted ("Community") members have been appointed.

2.5 The North Yorkshire PFCP receives around £64k of funding from the Home Office to support its operation. The County Council, as host authority, provides administrative and support services. The PFCP received a one-off uplift from the Home Office of around £10k to support the PFCP transition to taking on fire and rescue scrutiny in November 2018. However, the annual grant has now reverted to the level received by the PFCP pre-transfer of governance and the Home Office has made it clear that no increase will be made to the standard grant going forward to support PFCPs in this extended role.

2.6 This is not a sustainable financial position for the PFCP and over the last few years, costs have increased significantly for NYCC as the host authority. A protocol was agreed by Leaders of the constituent authorities when setting up the PCP in 2012, whereby additional resources could be allocated to the PCP. A proposal seeking additional funding support was put to Leaders last year but was rejected by a number of authorities' Leaders. As such, the work of the PFCP in scrutinising the PFCC's performance has had to be scaled back in order to reduce costs and align with the financial envelope provided.

## 3 Response to Covid-19 and Impact of the Pandemic on Domestic Abuse and County Lines

3.1 At its remote meeting in August 2020, the PFCP requested information from the PFCC about the response by both North Yorkshire Police ("NYP") and the FRS to the pandemic and how the pandemic had impacted on specific issues such as domestic abuse and County Lines.

3.2 Members praised the excellent partnership work which had come out of the response to the pandemic from a range of partners; in particular the FRS involvement in a national tripartite agreement which enabled the FRS to undertake additional duties such as supporting the ambulance service. The PFCC highlighted the pilot

underway in Craven district for two tri-service officers, whose focus is on prevention and early intervention on health, fire and crime issues. Once this pilot has been formally evaluated, the PFCP has requested that it sees the report.

3.3 In considering the policing response, the PFCC advised that she was reassured that while NYP had at that point issued the highest number of fines nationally for breaches of the regulations, this reflects the robust approach NYP has taken to protecting communities. The PFCC outlined further that a review had been undertaken to monitor whether those fines were consistently legitimate and fair. Early on, this review highlighted a disproportionality in fines being issued to ethnic minorities. The PFCC undertook further scrutiny of these fines to understand whether there was a bias in how they were being issued. The PFCP were provided with the report on this review. While there was no evidence that any officer has 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 PFCC outlined for the PFCP how NYP has responded proactively with a programme of work to understand and counter where bias has developed.

3.4 The PFCC has a national lead role for victims and during the first wave of the pandemic, she lobbied government to make additional funding available through PCCs to ensure enhanced support could be put in place for victims. As a result, the PFCC won £345,000, which was distributed, to 12 providers supporting North Yorkshire victims. The PFCP commended the PFCC for her work in this respect and for more broadly advancing work in place with commissioned providers of support services to expand helplines and promote the support available.

3.5 Of particular concern to the PFCP following the PFCC's update was the considerable backlog of cases still to go to court as a result of the lockdown; a backlog which the PFCC advised could be as long as two years. The PFCC has outlined a range of actions being undertaken on this issue but that she remains uncertain that the government fully appreciates the scale of the problems and what would constitute adequate measures to deal with this. The PFCP followed up further enquiries on this matter at its most recent meeting in October 2020, when it was established that significant progress has been made through the Magistrates Courts. However, there remains a considerable backlog through the Crown Courts, which the PFCC continues to work to ameliorate with partners.

3.6 The PFCP has asked the PFCC to keep the Covid-19 response efforts as a standing item on its agendas for at least the next few months while the situation remains at such a critical stage.

#### **4 Performance of the Force Control Room**

4.1 The PFCP has continued to ensure that it receives a biannual update on the performance of the Force Control Room ("FCR") in relation to calls for service to the 101 and 999 emergency lines. While it isn't the PFCP's role to hold the Chief Constable to account over performance for these services, the PFCP does have a role in ensuring the PFCC's due oversight of improvements. Reports were taken formally in February and August 2020.



4.2 As would be expected, the Covid-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the FCR, both in terms of the function of its operation and the nature and volume of calls handled. Some FCR staff have had to self-isolate at home and therefore have only been able to provide specific support roles. Staffing numbers have been down generally due to the inability to undertake full recruitment and training of call handlers. NYP have tried to mitigate this by bringing in additional staff such as PCSOs.

4.3 The demand for the 101 service peaked in July 2020 when restrictions had been eased and the weather was warm. At this point, the FCR took on average 5 minutes and 20 seconds to answer a 101 call. However, this average then dropped down to 2 minutes 40 seconds in July. The critical issue remains a high rate of call abandonment. The increased demand in July led to an abandonment rate of nearly 25%. The PFCP has continued to express its concern at the abandonment rate; a concern shared by the PFCC, who acknowledges the need to identify a solution to this.

4.4 In terms of the 999 service, a similar surge in demand was seen in July 2020 and was due to a range of factors including concerns about spikes in criminal activity.

4.5 The PFCP has continued to challenge the PFCC that while a lot of positive work has been underway to improve performance overall, it does not appear to be fully sustained. The PFCP has recently responded to the concerns raised in the PFCP by issuing a briefing note on the FCR to all councillors in the force area. Further work is also underway to develop Single Online Home; an alternative means for the public to contact the police, without needing to call 101.

## **5 Council Tax Precepts for Policing and Fire 2020/21**

5.1 A key statutory role for the PFCP is to consider the PFCC's precept proposal each year. On 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020, the PFCP reviewed the PFCC's proposals to increase Council Tax for both the policing and fire and rescue budgets.

5.2 In relation to fire and rescue, the PFCC proposed setting this at £72.69, thereby representing a 1.99% increase (or £1.42) over the 2019/20 level for a Band D property. The PFCP noted that the proposal would achieve a balanced budget with no unfunded shortfall for 2020/21. Savings programmes underway had made this possible. However, the PFCP is alive to the fact that the national settlement and the curtailing of the precept limit does not provide the ability to invest in the service, and that this will present a challenge for the FRS in the next few years. The PFCP supported the PFCC's proposal for the fire and rescue precept.

5.3 In relation to the policing precept, the PFCC's proposal for 2020/21 was to set this at £265.77, which represented an increase of £10 (or 3.91%) over the 2019/20 level for a Band D property. The PFCP were advised of the particular pressures on the policing budget, including the national uplift in police officers. While a government grant is being provided, this does not cover all the associated costs for delivery of this recruitment and as such the PFCP recognised that the proposed precept and grant would be needed to ensure successful implementation.

5.4 The key area of challenge from the PFCP to the PFCC around the precept setting lay in the reported £600,000 ‘underspend’ from precept monies raised by the PFCC following a considerable increase in 2019/20. The PFCC explained that the funding has been fully allocated, as directed, to the recruitment of officers to ‘reinforce the front line’ but that the PFCC must retain the money until the Chief Constable has ensured that the posts have been fully deployed. The PFCP challenged whether the monies should be retained for an incoming PFCC to direct towards their priorities, but the PFCC outlined a number of prevention and early intervention projects which she felt were critically in need of funding.

5.5 The PFCP considered whether – as in 2019/20 – to use its power of veto due to ongoing concerns about the use of funding levied in the previous tax year. However, a majority view could not be reached on this point and the PFCP also recognised the critical need for funding to go into the force in 2020/21. As such, the PFCP supported the proposed increase.

## **6 Postscript to the Precepts – Panel Review of Budgets and Impact of Covid-19**

6.1 The PFCP has continued to keep a close eye on budgets for policing and fire services; in particular through its finance sub-group. This comprises a small group of Panel members who meet informally with the PFCC’s Chief Financial Officer and supporting officers from NYCC Finance, to review and discuss the budget position. This process helps to inform key lines of enquiry for the PFCP and also ensures that close scrutiny is undertaken of spend of the precept. The latest sub-group meeting took place in October 2020, prior to the full meeting of the PFCP.

6.2 The PFCP considered the budget position for both services at both of its meetings in August and October 2020, conscious that the Covid-19 pandemic will have a significant impact. A broadly break-even position is forecasted for the policing budget this year. However, the difficulty for both policing and the FRS will be more around tackling a deficit in Council Tax next year and thereafter. Scenario planning for next year and beyond is already underway and the PFCP has asked for some of the modelling around likely impact of the pandemic to be shared in the New Year.

6.3 The position for the FRS is slightly more positive this year in that the FRS has received some Covid-19-related funding from government so the additional costs incurred from the pandemic are fully funded. A key concern expressed by the PFCP is the ability of the FRS going forward to invest in its estate; particularly as the state of repair of some of its estate has been identified by the inspectorate as an issue. The FRS will be developing its Risk and Resource Model following a public consultation next spring and this process will be used to review where spending will need to be focussed. The PFCP has asked to be engaged during this process.

## **7 County Lines**

7.1 An issue that has come into increasing focus generally and in particular on the PFCP’s agenda last year has been the reported increase in County Lines activity across the county.

7.2 A number of key measures have been put in place to tackle the issues, including increased oversight through the Serious Organised Crime Board, and significant increases in resources and activity to prevent and disrupt drug crime. A recent peer review highlighted good practice within NYP but also areas for improvement needed around partnership work and developing a better understanding of demand.

7.3 The PFCP has challenged the level of understanding of the extent of the problem by NYP, with members feeling that the current assessment may only be “scratching the surface”. Work has been underway via NYP to try to educate the public and partners about County Lines in order to assist with their local intelligence picture and a major piece of work underway to assess demand.

7.4 The PFCP has also been keen to understand whether and how lockdown impacted on County Lines activity. The PFCC has reported that the decrease in travel during lockdown generally, particularly on public transport, has rendered County Lines more ‘visible’ and a number of linked arrests were made in North Yorkshire in the early stages of the pandemic. The PFCP will return to this issue next year.

## **8 Annual Reports for Policing and Crime and Fire and Rescue 2019/20**

8.1 The PFCP has a statutory role to review the PFCC’s draft Annual Reports each year for both Policing and Crime and Fire and Rescue, and to make any recommendations as it sees fit. The OPFCC is obliged to give consideration to any recommendations.

8.2 Both reports received the PFCP’s support and they have recently been published on the PFCC’s website – see <https://www.northyorkshire-pfcc.gov.uk/content/uploads/2020/11/PFCC-Fire-and-Rescue-Annual-Report-2019-20.pdf> and <https://www.northyorkshire-pfcc.gov.uk/content/uploads/2020/11/PFCC-Policing-and-Crime-Annual-Report-2020.pdf>

8.3 The PFCP’s reports to the PFCC on these drafts can be viewed online at <https://nypartnerships.org.uk/pcp2020>

## **9 Reform of the Police Complaints System**

9.1 The Committee will recall that in our report last year, we highlighted that legislative reform to the police complaints system had enabled P(F)CCs to take on responsibility for the handling of a number of complaints made about the police. In North Yorkshire, the PFCC opted to take the fullest level of responsibility legally available to her. This model includes recording, triage of complaints, acting as single point of contact and providing an adjudicator function in order to process appeals. The PFCC is the only PCC in the country to take on this full role.

9.2 The PFCP requested a report to its meeting in October 2020, to understand how this work is progressing and whether any lessons have been learned from complaints handled in order to improve service within NYP. A small team has been in place at the OPFCC since March 2020 and has been responsible for handling the majority of police complaints. More serious complaints still go through the Professional Standards Department at NYP.

9.3 The PFCC reported that the anticipated level of demand for the new service fell far short of the actual demand since March 2020, largely due to Covid-19. The team has also managed to service recover 87% of all cases. This means many complainants are getting an issue resolved without the need for it to go on to Professional Standards at NYP. Feedback from the public using the service has been good and a customer satisfaction survey will be conducted later in the year. Due to the pandemic, it is too early to take a view on lessons learned which could help improve the force, but the PFCP will return to this issue next year.

## 10 Looking Ahead to 2021 – Elections for Commissioner and Home Office Review

10.1 Elections for P(F)CCs were due to have taken place in May 2020 but were postponed for a year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. At the time of writing, it is still expected that an election will be held in May 2021 for the North Yorkshire PFCC.

10.2 The role of P(F)CC has been under review nationally in recent months as the Home Office launched a review into their role during August 2020. The first tranche of this review focussed on the following:

- The profile of P(F)CCs among the public – how to improve engagement with the public and accountability;
- Resilience of the current arrangements whereby P(F)CCs can no longer undertake their role, e.g. considering the role played by Deputies;
- How to improve scrutiny of P(F)CCs through the current model;
- The effectiveness of the oversight of dynamic between P(F)CC and Chief Constable;
- Accountability and clarity of mayoral P(F)CC model and learning from the transfer of FRA functions to mayors;
- The longer-term ambition of the Home Office around extending fire governance reform (looking at the benefits and challenges of transfer of powers to P(F)CCs).

10.3 It is hoped that outcomes from this first tranche will be shared with Panels, P(F)CCs and other stakeholders in the next few months. Part 2 of the review will commence after the 2021 elections and will consider further ways to strengthen and expand the role of P(F)CCs, including the role P(F)CCs play in tackling re-offending to help reduce crime. It will focus on longer-term reforms and the potential for wider efficiencies to be made within the system with a view to implementation ahead of the 2024 elections.

Presented by:

Cllr Carl Les,  
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30<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**Background documents:**

Appendix A - Functions of the Police, Fire and Crime Panel

### The role of Police, Fire and Crime Panels (PFCPs)

<b>PFCP scrutiny of the PFCC's Policing, Crime and Fire role</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the draft Fire and Rescue Plan, or a draft variation of it, and make a report or recommendations on it to the PFCC.</li> <li>• Review of the Police and Crime Plan, or a draft variation of it, and make a report or recommendations on it to the PFCC.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold a public meeting to question the PFCC on the fire and rescue statement, review the statement and subsequently make a report or recommendations on the statement.</li> <li>• Review the PFCC's draft Annual Report and make a report or recommendations on it to the PFCC.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review or scrutinise any decisions or actions by the PFCC in connection with their functions, and make reports or recommendations to them regarding these functions.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrutinise the appointment of the PFCC's Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer. This process involves conducting a public confirmation hearing and subsequently making a report and recommendation to the PFCC. The PFCC can accept or reject this recommendation.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrutinise the appointment of Chief Fire Officer and Chief Constable. The PFCP must hold a confirmation hearing and legislation gives the PFCP a power of veto over the original proposed appointment from the PFCC. The PFCC must have regard to any report and recommendation made by the PFCP.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrutinise the proposed fire and policing precepts. PFCPs legally have a power of veto over the original proposal and the PFCC is required to have regard to any report and recommendation made by the PFCP.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deal with non-criminal complaints against the PFCC and Deputy PCC in relation to their conduct and pass more serious conduct matters to the Independent Office for Police Conduct.</li> </ul>

# North Yorkshire Police Report for December 2020 Crime and Select Committee

## New Leadership at Craven

Craven welcomes Inspector Steve Breen who has moved over from a role as a Neighbourhood Inspector for Outer Harrogate. Steve has previously worked in Craven for a number of years and is delighted to be posted, on request, to Craven.



## Project Servator

Twelve Craven Officers have now successfully completed and passed the National Disruptive Effects Officer training delivered through the Home Office.

Project Servator aims to deter, detect and disrupt a range of criminal activity, including terrorism, while providing a reassuring presence for the public. Our officers are experienced and specially trained to spot the tell-tale signs that someone is planning or preparing to commit an act of crime.

The officers are being supported throughout the roll out by officers from across North Yorkshire Police to ensure accreditation and deployments have started within Craven.

## Operation Talla (COVID response)

Officers have been working with partners to gather information, conduct patrols and assist in the efforts to control the pandemic attending weekly, locality meetings chaired by Public Health.

Our effort has been primarily directed at South Craven and our secondary schools within Skipton, focusing on businesses and transport hubs. Prior to the recent lockdown the focus was on our local beauty spots and licensed premises and again this has been a partnership effort. This is subject to regular reviews and will of course continue for the foreseeable.

## Operation Burn – Aggravated Burglaries in Craven

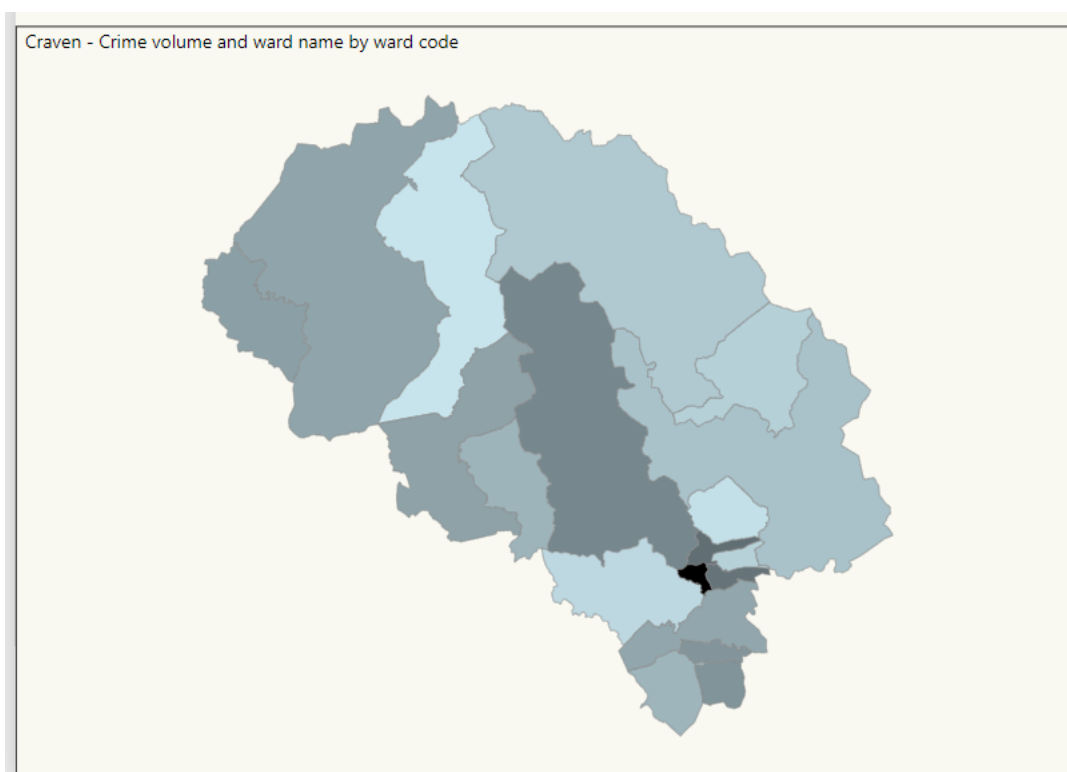
South Craven, bordering West Yorkshire and Lancashire, have recently suffered several 2 in 1 burglaries in August and September which resulted in the launch of Operation Burn in response. The majority of offences were within cross border, within West Yorkshire. The burglaries often involved several males, in pursuit of vehicles, entering properties and when challenged threatening the occupants with a knife.

Our response has included a combination of actions: including deployment of specialist traffic and operational staff with pursuit capability, development of trigger plans, delivery of crime prevention leaflets to identified locations, work with corporate communications and a social media release, target hardening work with community members at risk, funding application to provide security items to the public, as well as some confidential work behind the scenes.

Whilst offences have continued over the border our work appears to have had the desired impact and we have not had a suspected linked offence since early October. This is an ongoing piece of activity and remains a priority for the County District.

## General Crime Figures

### Nexus Crime Figures 01/05/2020 – 31/10/2020 (previous 6 months)





Crime	Count	%
Violence Against The Person	332	29.62%
Theft	155	13.83%
Fraud	139	12.40%
Burglary	132	11.78%
Arson & Criminal Damage	125	11.15%
Public Order Offences	98	8.74%
Drug Offences	47	4.19%
Vehicle Offences	38	3.39%
Sexual Offences	29	2.59%
Misc Crimes Against Society	13	1.16%
Possession Of Weapons	10	0.89%
Robbery	3	0.27%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1121</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Council ward	Count	%
Skipton West	190	16.95%
Skipton North	102	9.10%
Skipton South	98	8.74%
Gargrave and Malhamdale	83	7.40%
Sutton-in-Craven	73	6.51%
Glusburn	72	6.42%
Bentham	64	5.71%
Settle and Ribblesbanks	62	5.53%
Ingleton and Clapham	60	5.35%
Aire Valley with Lothersdale	58	5.17%
Hellifield and Long Preston	48	4.28%
Cowling	47	4.19%
Barden Fell	37	3.30%
Upper Wharfedale	31	2.77%
Grassington	26	2.32%
Skipton East	25	2.23%
West Craven	19	1.69%
Embsay-with-Eastby	14	1.25%
Penyghent	10	0.89%
Unallocated	2	0.18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1121</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Below is the crime figures from 01/05/2019-31/10/2019 showing 1327 for 2019 compared with 1121 for 2020 in the same time period. This is a 15% decrease in crime from last year.

Crime	Count	%
Violence Against The Person	387	29.16%
Theft	245	18.46%
Burglary	172	12.96%
Arson & Criminal Damage	129	9.72%
Fraud	116	8.74%
Vehicle Offences	105	7.91%
Public Order Offences	59	4.45%
Sexual Offences	41	3.09%
Drug Offences	39	2.94%
Misc Crimes Against Society	26	1.96%
Possession Of Weapons	6	0.45%
Robbery	2	0.15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1327</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## Hate Crime – NYP Figures 01/05/2020-31/10/2020

Crime	Count	%
Violence Against The Person	12	52.17%
Public Order Offences	11	47.83%
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

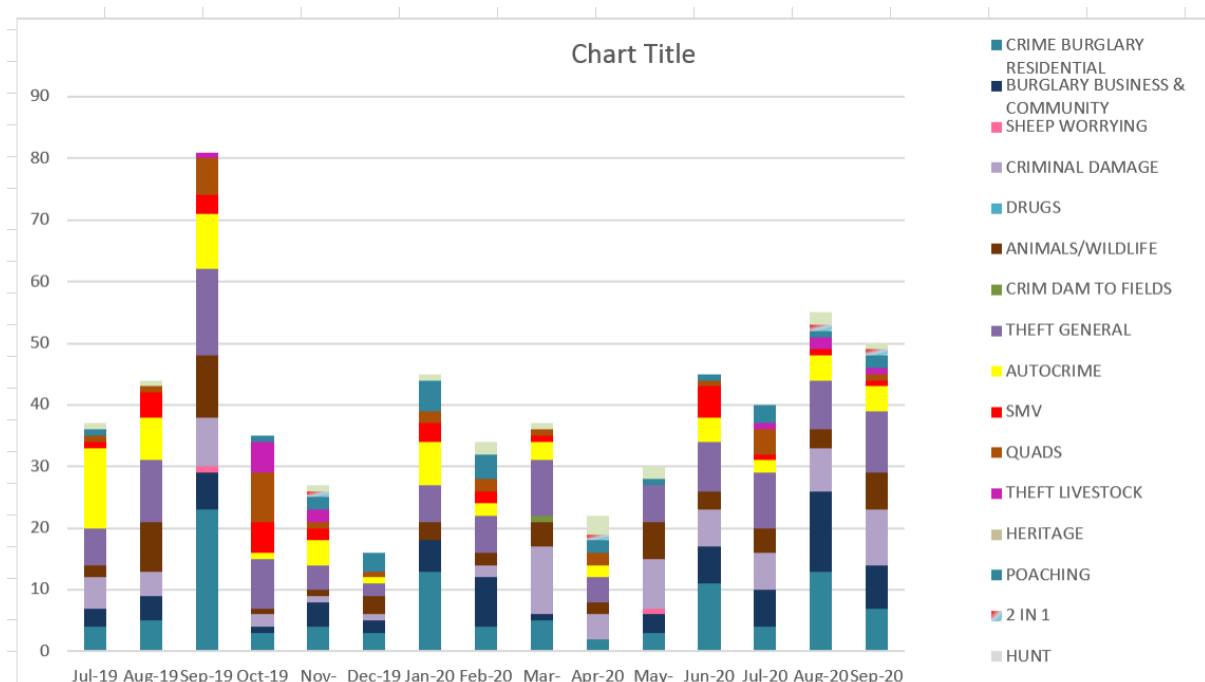
  

Hate crime sub category	Count	%
Racial	13	56.52%
Sexual Orientation	6	26.09%
Asylum seeker/Migrant worker	1	4.35%
Misogyny/Misandry	1	4.35%
Religion	1	4.35%
Transphobic	1	4.35%
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

The figures for the same time period in 2019 (01/05/2019-31/10/2019) was 13. This represents a significant increase (76%). There is no trends in terms of times, dates or locations with an increase of seemingly unconnected incidents. Incidents have been across 10 beats and evenly spread throughout the time frame.

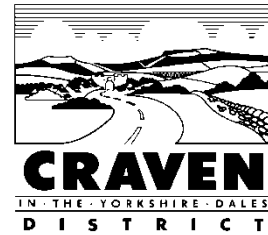


## Rural Crime (collated by Rural Task Force)



We continue work with our Rural Watches who do an amazing job. We remain vigilant to offences and at the time of writing have we have additional force resources working within Craven due to 3 offences in 48 hours early this week. This is an ongoing and continues to be a challenge.

# Select Crime and Disorder Committee 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020



## Community Safety Partnership

Report of the Chief Executive

Ward(s) affected: All

1. **Purpose of Report** – To provide an update about the work of the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership and the Community Safety Hub within Craven District and North Yorkshire.
2. **Recommendations** – Members are invited to note the contents of the report.

### Background

North Yorkshire remains one of the safest places in England.

Official figures show North Yorkshire has the second lowest crime rate per 1,000 population despite a 4 percent increase in crime overall.

Annual crime statistics covering the period from April 2019 to March 2020 published by the Office of National Statistics, show recorded crime has increased by 4 percent in North Yorkshire compared to the same period last year.

However, the area still has the second lowest crime rate per 1,000 population when compared to the rest of the country.

The force has seen decreases in reported acquisitive crime, such as theft and burglary, but increases in violent crime and public order offences.

A rise of 15 percent in stalking and harassment recorded crime is seen as positive as we know this is under-reported and indicates that more victims have the confidence to come forward.

View the figures online

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/crimeandjustice/datasets/policeforceareadatatab>

Further NYP figures for Craven specific can be given if asked for beforehand to Insp Breen.

### 3. North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership (NYCSP)

North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership maintains strategic oversight looking at:

- Governance
- Framework
- Membership
- Performance
- 'Place Based' community policing principals

The NYCSP strategy and delivery plan 2019-2022 continues with a number of main priority areas for delivery as follows:

- Partnership development
- Community Safety Hubs
- Domestic Abuse (including scoping Sexual Violence and Trauma)
- Serious and Organised Crime (early intervention and prevention)
- Hate Crime and Community Cohesion.

Tackling anti-social behaviour, crime and disorder remain as statutory functions of the district council along with reducing re-offending, and is the focus of some of the work within the Community Safety Hub.

#### **Craven Community Safety Hub**

The Community Safety Hub is a collocated multi-agency partnership, which, through a problem solving approach, is designed to:

- Deal with **complex individuals** with a number of social risk factors in partnership
- Focus on **early intervention and prevention** proactively intervening at the earliest opportunity to support individuals and communities to be safe, happy and healthy
- Tackle **repeat demand** across agencies within Craven, looking to address **root cause**
- Facilitating the resolution of ASB matters & vulnerability within the community through **partnership led problem solving** through engagement and if proportionate enforcement, either as the lead or in support of the wider Craven partnership group
- Ensure we do not work in silos, recognising a single agency response is not an effective use of finite public resources; together we can achieve much, much more.

The Craven Community Safety Hub continually develops and staffing now consists of:

- 1 NYP Sergeant
- 3 NYP PCs (remit of CSE/CCE and Mental health)
- 3 NYP PCSOs (remits of CSE/CCE and Mental health)
- 1 CDC Community Safety Officer
- 1 NYFRS admin officer.
- 2 NYFRS Public Safety Officer's based at Bentham and Grassington
- 1 NYCC Mental health social worker

**Key Performance markers for Community Safety Officer over last 3 months** (also see more detailed spreadsheet attached as appendix A)

15 x PSPO letters

3 x Mediation/Anger management referrals.

2 x living well referrals

2 My wellbeing College referrals

2 x pending Criminal Behaviour Order's.

Various referrals to Food Bank/Christmas hampers

The hub receives several referrals every week meaning that over the last 6 months we have averaged approx. 200+ new cases. This is on top of the ones that we already hold that are ongoing, having a more intense and involved involvement alongside other agencies. This number has steadily increased over the last year.

We are seeing a big increase in referrals for mental health cases and our mediation/anger management provision has also seen a huge increase in referrals that would equate to 3 years' worth of work.

During lockdown Community Safety Hub Officers continued to work from home, holding virtual meetings/conferences, one to ones etc and this didn't have a negative impact on the service with attendance of multi agency meetings remaining high (in some respects higher than if held in the office.)

Agencies have embraced the new working practices and have adapted well. By planning ahead, we can now also do more home visits where maximum safety can be achieved for both officer and client.

Officers throughout the summer have supported the Town Councils in Skipton and Settle with proactive engagement on market days, to ensure that members of the public maintain social distancing and other safety measures to enable essential shopping and other requirements. Signposting visitors and advising them on what is on offer in relation to amenities that are open.

Working with the Environmental Health team businesses and shops have been visited to monitor queues and offer advice and support on how to manage them if they are obstructing others using the public highway.

Any concerns identified are then reported back to the Covid Locality meetings or EH/Trading standards teams.

### **Prevent**

We continue to hold quarterly Bronze meetings that are well represented by local officers from statutory bodies. We are currently preparing for our Prevent workshop in January which feeds into preparation of the North Yorkshire Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP).

### **Hate Crime Awareness Week**

Took place in October where we promoted messages around 'safe places' and how to report any hate crime/incidents through social media channels. Hate Crime is believed to be hugely under reported throughout NY so raising awareness of how to report incidences is key.

During the week there were two webinars held 'Understanding and challenging anti minority narratives' and 'Creating a perfect storm – the local dynamics of anti-minority protests'. Both were well attended.

### **Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO)**

The PSPO for the Town Hall car park was extended for a further 3 years starting from 16<sup>th</sup> November following the statutory consultation.

The Hub continues to send out letters to any registered vehicles found to be in the area outlining that the order is in place, and how they are being monitored for breaches.

### **Target Hardening Funding**

Funding allocated for 2020-21 from Office of the Police Fire Crime Commissioner currently stands at approx. £1400 after licences were purchased for the Orcuma case management system. Most of this funding is used for crime prevention initiatives. We have recently purchased a couple of noise calibration devices to monitor sound levels from motor vehicles and a number of home safety devices in response to dwelling burglaries particularly in the South Craven area. Future initiatives will look to support the purchase of a marking kit for equipment and machinery in response to various thefts from rural areas.

1. **Financial and Value for Money (VFM) implications** – All activities are contained within allocated budgets.
2. **Legal Implications** – None.

3. **Contribution to Council Priorities** – Promoting Community Safety in the District, by contributing directly to Craven District Council's priority of Resilient Communities, by making Craven's public spaces cleaner, safer and greener. This work also supports North Yorkshire County Council's and the PFCC's wider crime reduction initiatives.
4. **Risk Management** – N/A
5. **Equality Analysis** – N/A.
6. **Consultations with Others** – North Yorkshire Police, and the Community Safety Hub.
7. **Access to Information : Background Documents** – None
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Note: Members are invited to contact the author in advance of the meeting with any detailed queries or questions.

Appendices –

Appendix A – Hub interventions spreadsheet Sept-Dec 2020

Appendix B – Hub leaflet for members of the public



	<u>Intervention 1</u>	<u>Intervention 2</u>	<u>Intervention 3</u>	<u>Current status / Outcome</u>
Case 94	NYFRS visit	Fire proof letter box installed		Open
Case 95	Home visit	ABC		Closed
Case 96	MAPS	ABC	ABC extention	Closed
Case 97	First Response	CMHT		Open
Case 98	First Response	ABC		Open
Case 99	Early help			Open
Case 100	Home visit	CSE referral	site re-visit	Closed
Case 101	ASC referral	CMHT		Open
Case 102	MH referral			Open
Case 103	Fire safety check	Living well		Open
Case 104	MH referral			Open
Case 105	Anger Management			Closed
Case 106	ASC referral	GP	MH referral	Open
Case 107	MH referral	First response	GP	Open
Case 108	ABC	Mediation	PSP	Open
Case 109	ASC referral	Mental health referral		Open
Case 110	CSE/CCE	PPN		Open
Case 111	GP	Professionals meeting	Home visit	Open
Case 112	Home visit	NY Horizons referral		Open
Case 113	ASC referral	RTIT	MH referral	Open
Case 114	ABC	CBO		Closed
Case 115	MH referral			
Case 116	MH referral			Closed
Case 117	Living well referral	Warm and well referral	Food bank	Closed
Case 118				
Case 119	CBO			Open
Case 120	NY Horizons	CMHT		Open
Case 121	Food bank	Housing referral	NYFRS	Open
Case 122	MH referral			Open
Case 123	ASC referral			Open
Case 124	Housing referral	PPN	NHS support	Open
Case 125	ASC referral	CDC other		Open

Case 126	Warning letter			Closed
Case 127	Warning letter			Closed
Case 128	Warning letter			Closed
Case 129	Warning letter			Closed
Case 130	Warning letter			Closed
Case 131	Warning letter			Closed
Case 132	Warning letter			Closed
Case 133	Warning letter			Closed
Case 134	Warning letter			Closed
Case 135	Warning letter			Closed
Case 136	Warning letter			Closed
Case 137	Warning letter			Closed
Case 138	Warning letter			Closed
Case 139				Closed
Case 140	MAPS	Mediation		Open
Case 141	MAPS	Mediation		Open
Case 142	MAPS	Professionals meeting	Site visit	Open
Case 143	MAPS	Professionals meeting		Closed
Case 144	Home visit	Food bank		Closed
Case 145	Home visit	GP	Food bank	Closed
Case 146				
Case 147				
Case 148				
Case 149				
Case 150				
Case 151				
Case 152				
Case 153				

**Key to Abbreviations**

NPT - Neighbourhood Policing Team

ABC - Acceptable Behaviour Contract

MH Referral - mental health services

MAPS - Multi Agency Problem Solving Group

CAWN - Child abduction warning notice

MARAC - Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (domestic abuse)

IDAS - Independent Domestic Abuse Service

YJS - Youth Justice Service

CBO - Criminal Behaviour Order

CPW - Community Protection warning

CPN - Community Protection Notice

CMHT - Craven Mental Health Team

PPN - Public Protection Notice



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# Craven Community Safety Hub



# Craven Community Safety Hub

Craven Community Safety Hub is a collaboration of several different organisations – Craven District Council, North Yorkshire Police, and North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue.



We also work closely with organisations like social services, health services, social landlords, probation services, youth provision, voluntary services and other local agencies.

We work together to provide extra support, services and signposting for individuals and/or their families.

During periods of stress, upset and confusion, officers at the Craven Community Safety Hub are here to offer you extra help when you may need it the most.



## What does the Hub do?

Our focus is mainly on early intervention and prevention.

That means we look at the underlying root cause of whatever the issue may be and try to attempt to prevent it from happening again.

We can help with issues including:

- Referrals to specialist agencies such as:
  - Mental Health
  - Early Help
  - Fire Setter Programme
  - Living Well
- Anti-social behaviour contracts
- Criminal Behaviour Orders for persistent anti-social behaviour
- Tenancy warnings
- GP letters

If an officer from the Craven Community Safety Hub contacts you, we will explain how we can help prevent any further problems.

We will also explain any enforcement that may be undertaken where needed, with respect to any crime and anti-social behaviour issues.



## How can you contact us?



You can call us on 01609 643172

Or you can email us on [cravencsh@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:cravencsh@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)

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