

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Report

Date considered:	21 July 2023
Title:	Police and Crime Commissioner – Effective and Efficient Policing
Contact:	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Purpose of this report

1. The purpose of this paper is to present an update against the Commissioner's statutory responsibility to secure an effective and efficient police service across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Recommendations

2. That the update on effective and efficient policing is noted.

REQUIRED LEGAL INFORMATION:

Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

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H A M P S H I R E & I S L E O F W I G H T

Police & Crime Panel Meeting
21st July 2023

Donna Jones – Police & Crime Commissioner

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Police & Crime Plan - Delivery

- More Police
- Tackle Anti-Social Behaviour
- Prevent Young People From Committing Crime
- Youth Engagement
- Improved Outcomes For Victims

Jul 22

Oct 22

Current Focus

- Youth Engagement (Cont)
- Community Crimes That Matter – Tackling Traffic Issues
- Crackdown On Unauthorised Encampments
- Targeting Rural Crime

Jan 23

Apr 23

Jul 23

Current / Medium Term Results 2022 → 2023

- Improve Police Visibility
- Easier Reporting Through 101
- Zero Tolerance On Knife Crime
- Violence Against Women & Girls
- Crimes That Hurt You The Most – Murder & Serious Violence

Oct 23

Jan 24

Apr 24

Longer Term Results 2023 → 2024

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Police & Crime Plan Dashboard

2022-23 Q4 (Mar)

Objective RAG Status

Evidenced 74

Current 47

Outstanding 1



2023-24 Q1 (Jun)

Objective RAG Status

Evidenced 98

Current 24

Outstanding 0



The Police & Crime Plan Dashboard is used to monitor the status of delivery derived from monthly highlight reports, and provides oversight of change within the projects with access to a closer level of detail via hyperlink to each individual project.

- Reporting months can be selected to identify the status of delivery at each period
- All 122 project objectives are tracked using a RAG rating for “Evidenced”, “Current”, and “Outstanding”
- The delivery of the plan is measured as a percentage of all objectives that are “Evidenced”

Work Programme – Police & Crime Panel

+ **Effective & Efficient Police Service** - An overview of responding to the outcomes and recommendations of the police effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy (PEEL) inspection 2021/22

○ **Performance and Delivery** against the Police & Crime Plan:

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HMICFRS PEEL Grading's

Outstanding	Good	Adequate	Requires improvement	Inadequate
	Recording data about crime	Investigating crime	Preventing crime	
	Treatment of the public	Protecting vulnerable people	Responding to the public	
	Developing a positive workplace	Managing offenders		
		Good use of resources		

18 Areas For Improvement (AFIs)
6 instances of innovative practice

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National Context – HMICFRS 21/22 PEEL

HMICFRS no longer provide an overall grading for each force.

Direct comparisons are difficult to make but Hampshire & IOW are not an outlier.

Hampshire & IOW



HMICFRS website:
 “In previous iterations of PEEL, HMICFRS published judgments at the pillar level (for example, ‘How effective is the force?’) and at the core question level. We now provide judgments at the core question level only. This best serves the aim of promoting improvements in policing and highlighting where a force is doing well and where it needs to improve.”

Nine or more areas with Adequate, Good or Outstanding grading's	Eight areas with Adequate, Good or Outstanding grading's	Seven areas with Adequate, Good or Outstanding grading's	Six areas with Adequate, Good or Outstanding grading's	Five areas with Adequate, Good or Outstanding grading's	Four areas with Adequate, Good or Outstanding grading's	Forces Placed in Engage
11	7	7	4	5	2	7

HMICFRS – Local Context

“The force has one of the lowest amounts of funding per head of population in England and Wales, which influences the decisions leaders have to make about where to focus resources.”

“The force has conducted some promising work to understand capability and capacity. It has invested heavily in bringing forward its recruitment through the Police Uplift Programme. But this does negatively affect the force’s capacity during times of high demand because of the amount of protected learning time new officers must complete. The force has shown it has plans to address capacity problems, but it will take time to put these plans in place.”

In response, the PCC has funded an additional 50 officers in 23/24

In response to the PCC request, the CC has removed the mandatory requirement for new officers to join the degree entry schemes and enabled existing officers on the scheme to opt out. This has freed up 100,000 hours of additional policing capacity.

PCC

**CHIEF
CONSTABLE**

DCC / Chief Exec MONTHLY 1-1 REVIEW
(includes progress against AFIs)

HIOWC PEEL STEERING GROUP
CHAired BY DCC / HELD EVERY EIGHT WEEKS

ACC OWNERS OF AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT (AFIs)

ACC Local Policing

- Engaging with and treating the public with fairness and respect
- Preventing crime and anti-social behaviour
- Strategic planning, organisational management and value for money

ACC Crime and Criminal Justice

- Providing a services to victims of crime
- Investigating crime
- Protecting Vulnerable People
- Managing Offenders and Suspects

ACC Joint Operations

- Responding to the public

Preparing for the Next Assessment



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Crackdown on Unauthorised Encampments

Project Objectives

Progress

Work with partners from each council area, Hampshire Constabulary and landowners to tackle unauthorised encampments.

Q3 (Dec 2022) Q4 (Mar 2023) Q1 (Jun 2023)

Challenge and support Hampshire Constabulary to review the operational response to unauthorised encampments.

Challenge and support Hampshire Constabulary to take swift and appropriate action when an unauthorised encampment is reported.

Support councils and landowners to reduce opportunities for unauthorised encampments.



Evidenced: Deliverables have been successfully achieved and the relevant objectives have been successful.
Current: Project objectives are being actively tracked and delivery is in progress, however cannot yet be fully demonstrated.
Outstanding: Project deliverables have yet to be fully scoped and/or product delivery has not been started.

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Tackling Unauthorised Encampments (UE's)

Police & Crime Plan 2021 to 2024

Activity:

- ✓ Working with partners across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, including local councils and landowners, to tackle and reduce opportunities for unauthorised encampments.
- ✓ Data showing the number of unauthorised encampments, by local authority area
- ✓ Demonstrating the impact of activities undertaken

- Partner engagement via presentations to Local Authorities (LA's) and Parish Councils regarding Police Powers and the responsibilities of LA's when engaged as the lead agency
- Canvassing for some of our most frequent locations for UE's such as Stockheath common, Park and ride Winchester and New Forest car parks to be target hardened with enhanced locks, barriers, with some changes to the area
- Changes to legislation came in at the height of the UE season in 2022 with limited guidance, threshold for damage/disruption /distress was set high with 'operational' challenges on the key term of "significant"
- Training given to all Neighbourhood and District Policing Teams. All District Commanders were contacted to ensure that they felt their command team knew what to do and were confident in their approach, considerations and any resulting action

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Tackling Unauthorised Encampments (UE's)

Reported Incidents (2021 – 2023)

72
UE's in
2021

83
UE's in
2022

45
UE's
(YTD)
2023

UE Reports by District

	2021	2022	Jan-23 to Jun-23
Fareham/ Gosport	3	2	6
Havant/ Waterlooville	11	14	6
East Hants	2	2	1
Portsmouth	11	15	3
Southampton	7	6	2
Winchester	6	9	4
New Forest	0	12	11
Hart & Rushmoor	19	5	4
Test Valley	2	6	5
Basingstoke	4	2	1
IOW	0	0	0
Eastleigh	7	10	2

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Tackling Unauthorised Encampments (UE's)

Case Study: (example)

Police use of powers to clear unauthorised encampment

PCC oversight:

Use powers where deemed necessary, appropriate and proportionate to disperse unauthorised encampments across the HOIW area.

Legislation:

Criminal Justice & Public Order Act (CJPO) 1994 enables senior officers to direct those in an unauthorised encampment to leave land if they are in an encampment that consists of six or more vehicles; any member of the encampment has "caused damage, disruption or distress"; or their encampment is on (or partly on) a highway.

Action:

An unauthorised encampment emerged in Gosport in June-23 at a recreation ground at Nobes Avenue, Bridgemary, which led to police action being undertaken. The presence of the UE impacted on the business of three pubs - the Green Dragon, the White Horse and the Carisbrooke Arm, as well as a wider impact upon the local community.

Following a number of assessments of the changing circumstances surrounding the encampment, police utilised powers under the CJPO Act, leading to the group leaving the site. The force works closely with landowners and partners to ensure that a robust approach is taken against UE's within legal parameters.

The partnership work also seeks to identify repeat locations where there has been criminality or disorder in order to target and harden these sites.

Officer awareness around the new legislation and recognition of the vulnerabilities in this space further enhance the policing response to UE's.

"Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary will always ensure we balance the needs and rights of all our communities with actions that are proportionate, lawful and necessary."

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Targeting Rural Crime

Project Objectives

Progress

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	Q3 (Dec 2022)	Q4 (Mar 2023)	Q1 (Jun 2023)
Increase the number of police officers in rural areas.	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Increase the number of drones used to tackle rural crimes and invest in equipment to support Rural Policing Teams.	Green	Green	Green
Introduce more beat surgeries in rural communities, for example at local community shops and during market days.	Green	Green	Green
Challenge Hampshire Constabulary to improve response times in rural areas.	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Increase police visibility in rural areas, including increased use of the Special Constabulary.	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Support the increased use of equine rangers.	Green	Green	Green

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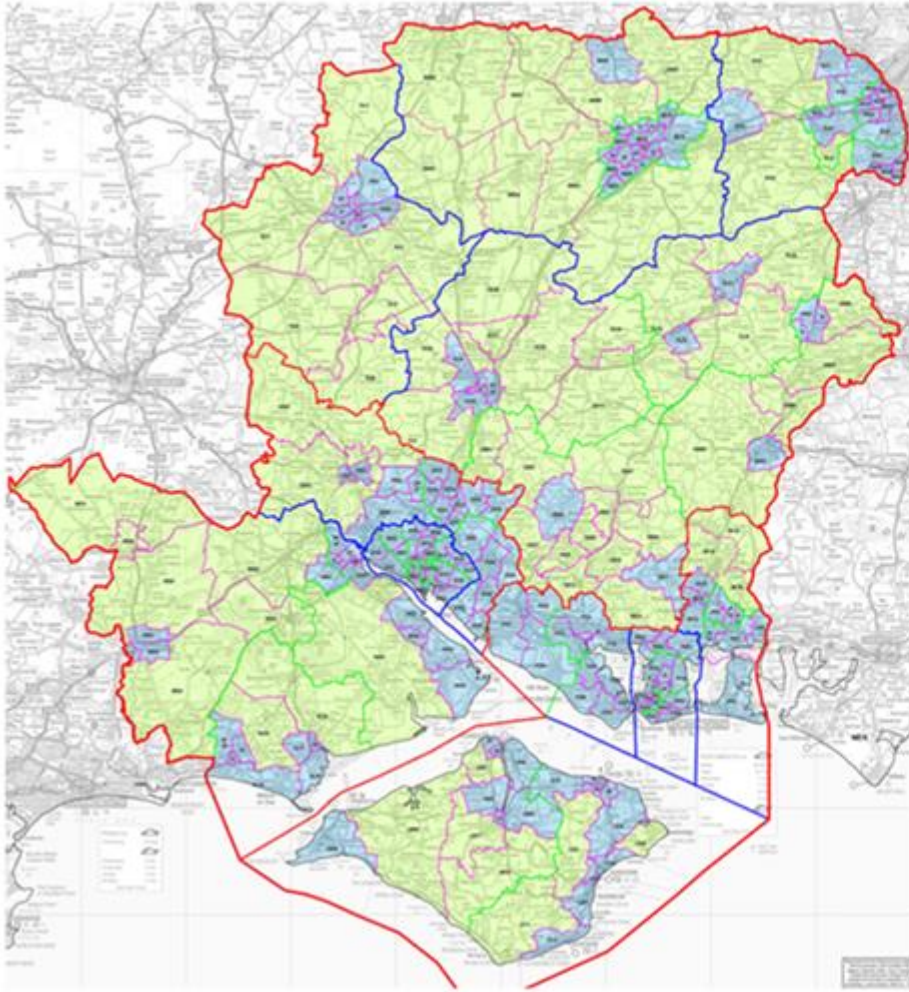
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Rural policing



Rural Beats

Rural Districts
New Forest
Test Valley
Winchester
East Hants
Hart &
Rushmoor
Basingstoke
Isle of Wight

Urban Districts
Southampton
Eastleigh
Fareham
Gosport
Portsmouth
Havant

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Targeting Rural Crimes

Police & Crime Plan 2021 to 2024

Activity:

- ✓ Data evidencing the increase in Police Officers and beat surgeries within rural areas, during your term in office, to include the baseline figures from April/May 2021, and an explanation of how this has made a measurable improvement on policing visibility
- ✓ An update outlining the support to the Constabulary to increase the use of drones and equine rangers

Police visibility & Response

- 5 Barn Meets in 2022: Basingstoke; New Forest; Test Valley North; Hart; IOW
- Barn meets are built into the engagement plan of districts
- Feb-23 Yarn in the Barn: Lyndhurst
- Full time Country Watch Coordinator
- Rural survey: 1,226 responses with a 100% completion rate from our rural communities
- Quarterly updates into publications – What the PCC is doing...
- Training all new recruits in the contact management centre and student officers as well as local & response officers on rural crime

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Tackling Rural Crime

Case Study: (example)

4x4 Rangers used to tackle crime, increase visibility and support officers and staff

Aim:

Tackle rural crime, rural criminality and contribute to disrupting rural OCG activity across Hampshire

Outcome:

The OPCC funded two new 4x4 rangers in 2022. These vehicle are fully kitted out with ANPR technology along with other lighting upgrades which means that they are fit for purpose within a rural setting.

The Country Watch and rural policing teams rely heavily on ranger vehicles in order to access hard to reach areas. ANPR technology is vital when tackling rural criminality and disrupting rural OCG activity which results in large scale plant, machinery and vehicle theft in our rural communities.

Patrols and deployments also contribute to visible policing and can be used as a platform for drone deployments and incident support vehicles

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Tackling Rural Crime



SCAN THE QR CODE
TO VIEW THE BOOKLET

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RURAL CRIME BOOKLET

The prevention and investigation of rural, wildlife and heritage crime has been identified as a key priority by the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable. As such, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary have created an electronic Rural Crime Prevention Booklet for those who live and work in rural areas of our counties.

We have included information on how you could join neighbourhood schemes to help minimise the risk of property and other crime in your neighbourhood.

Scan the QR code for helpful information, such as, how to preserve a crime scene and how to better protect yourself from crime as well as providing readers with useful information on hare coursing, wild birds and heritage crime.



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Equine

- 13 Mounted Patrol Volunteers across the constabulary: x3 in Basingstoke; x5 in Portsmouth; x2 in Hedge End; x3 in the New Forest
- Application into OPCC for funding to increase this by an additional 17 volunteers

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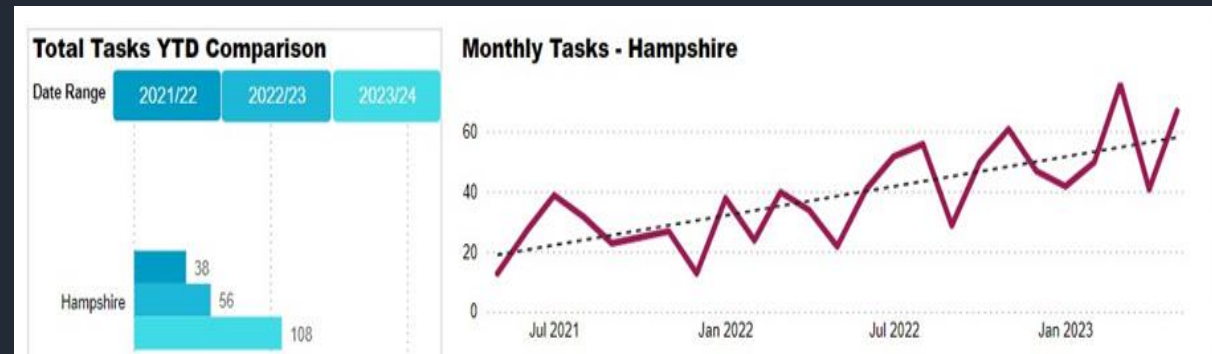
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Drones



21 JOU drones with a split of 10 HC and 11 TVP.

Country Watch: 2 drones

Force Operation: May-23 23hrs, 42mins of flying time

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