

Quarterly Performance Newsletter



Foreword from the PCC Philip Wilkinson

Welcome to my Quarterly Performance newsletter from September to November where I'll be highlighting some of the projects, initiatives and policing performance that were delivered towards the end of last year.

We have seen some great progress this quarter, with the launch of the Safety at Night Charter and our Restorative Justice Volunteers receiving a regional award being two of many great achievements.

All of these highlights have been delivered in line with the priorities within my Police and Crime Plan and which you helped to shape

with your valuable input and engagement during my Use Your Voice consultation.

During this quarter I have attended a total of 41 public engagements including area boards, public meetings and forums.

Phil Wilkinson OBE

Police and Crime Commissioner



PRIORITY 1: A police service that meets the needs of the community

Includes increasing public confidence, trust and our policing engagement with communities, providing a quality of police service to all our communities and giving the Police the right tools for the job.

“We are making progress in areas of delivery; however our focus remains on sustainable performance improvements over time.”



QUARTERLY UPDATES

- Recruitment of new Chief Constable commenced with candidates shortlisted.
- Safer South Wilts public consultation event held at Salisbury Guildhall on 31 October which 100 people attended in person to discuss a new Salisbury Police Station. Various sites continue to be under review.
- Two mobile police stations were purchased with the primary focus being community engagement in rural, isolated communities that may not have a regular police presence. These will be used daily with a deployment map to inform the public of their whereabouts.
- Work has begun on the new Tidworth Community Policing Hub following the PCC's £1.8million investment. The joint funding model with Tidworth Town Council offers value for money and enables a fully formed community policing team, both neighbourhood and response to look after the local community.

- Within the last 12 months, 151 officers have been recruited against a national police officer uplift average of 122. This is an exceptional increase in police officer recruitment capacity which is set to continue with 120 officers to be recruited per year going forward

A total of **151 police officers** recruited over the last 12 months



- Environmental Sustainability action plan 2022/23 progressing. As of November 2022, the 100% renewable electricity energy tariffs are ahead of plan.
- Seven new Investigation Standards Officers (ISO) recruited from retired detectives to improve investigative proficiency and upskill staff.

PRIORITY 2: Reduce violence and serious harm

Includes reducing violence and domestic abuse, such as violence against women and girls, child abuse and child exploitation, county lines and serious organised crime and exploitation.

“This extensive work is ongoing to better focus priorities and resources. These initial improvements in performance need to now be sustained.”



QUARTERLY UPDATES

- ‘Safety at Night’ charter launched at the end of November with the aim of 50 organisations signing-up by Jan 23 across Swindon and Wiltshire to reduce violence and serious harm in the night-time economy.
- New integrated medical and victim support services for victims of sexual offences have been commissioned.



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- The PCC and Wiltshire Police joined partners across the South West to support the Operation Cavell campaign to tackle rising assaults against emergency responders
- increasing support for all emergency workers to secure convictions.
- The OPCC are tendering for Domestic Abuse Serial Perpetrator (DASP) behaviour change workers and survivor support to be commissioned with probation. This work seeks to reduce the cycle of domestic abuse, change violent and abusive behaviours and improve family lives.
- Wiltshire Police have joined the “fearless” campaign, a nationwide online violence reporting platform and safety advice for all users.
- The OPCC engaged with Home Office over expected national funding likely to be made available for work to reduce serious violence.
- The OPCC and NHS South West were awarded the “Best procurement delivery award” for sexual assault referral centres (SARC) recommissioning and procurement.

PRIORITY 3: Tackle crimes that matter to local communities

Includes anti-social behaviour, road safety, rural and heritage crime, fraud, cyber crime and hate crime.

“There’s good examples here of encouraging and supporting positive work with partners and CSPs to address community anti-social behaviour in a collective response, as well as addressing speeding concerns with investment positively increasing enforcement activity.”



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- The OPCC has funded drones and night vision equipment for Operation Galileo. As a result, there has been a 55.5% reduction in hare coursing and a 64.3% reduction in poaching crime logs.
- Work with local authorities and the Force to secure Home Office funding for Safer Streets projects saw anti-social behaviour decline by 6% in November 2022, compared to November 2021. This was a year-on-year reduction of 5.7%. In Swindon specifically, anti-social behaviour declined by 26.2% in November 2022 compared to November 2021 and sat at 15.6% below the December 2020-November 2021 average.
- Following the employment of two new Traffic Enforcement Officers, two new Road

Safety Officers and one Administrator to process speeding tickets, a total of 562 tickets were issued to offending motorists. Additionally, the Roads Policing Unit saw the number of tickets issued for speeding and other offences increase by 48% from Jan – Nov 2022, compared to Jan – Nov 2021.

- The quarter has seen three crime forums occur with MP Michelle Donelan and the PCC present to discuss matters such as Operation Scorpion, a national campaign which has disrupted 400 drug lines, seized 131K in criminal proceeds, 404K in drugs and arrested 194 individuals in connection to drug offences.
- Wiltshire Police have joined the Department for Transport campaign and are using

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positive drug wipe data to enhance intelligence and to improve Road safety.

- The OPCC led a ‘Making Justice Work’ recruitment event at the Steam Museum in Swindon on 19 November. Twenty different organisations involved in the criminal justice system attended to encourage young people with an interest in the sector to consider career opportunities.

PRIORITY 4: Improve the experience of victims and deliver justice

Includes victim care and support, mental health, the criminal justice system, restorative Wiltshire and reducing re-offending.

“Significant amount of improvement in this area with partners across policy, service commissioning and improvement.”



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- Wiltshire's Restorative Justice volunteers won the Citizens in Policing "Police Support Volunteer Team of the Year" at the South West regional awards.
- More than 60 individuals supported with complex mental health needs through community sentences with support for primary care and mental health treatment services to continue in 2023.
- The Horizon Victim and Witness Care Team has developed a new advocate role extending the work of a Horizon officer to improve the support, guidance, and keeping vulnerable victims informed.
- Custody healthcare contract worth £8million mobilised to provide detainees in police custody with professional health services and refer those in need to local services to address social needs such as housing needs, mental wellbeing, etc.
- New Advocacy services tender completed and greater funding for improved services, increased staffing, and new online offence services for victims for the next six years.
- The OPCC have led the coordination of a bid for a strategic co-ordinator to sit with Nelsons Trust and coordinate the work of all partners who look at resources and interventions to support women in the CJS.
- The OPCC are working with NHS England to secure the continuation of primary care mental health treatment service (MHTS) from April 23.



Restorative Justice group wins Police Support Volunteer Team of the Year.