

Policing and Crime Annual Report 2024-25

Vision	Safe Just Inclusive				
Spotlight	Serious Violence				
Priority	Keeping People Safe	Safer Places & Thriving Communities	Supporting Victims & Witnesses		
2024/25 activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commencing work and consultation on the new Serious Violence strategy. The Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) has trained Community Leaders across West Yorkshire, to improve relations between community groups and public officers and better engage with young people and the wider community. Implementation of the Area Leader Pilot Project which aims to increase evidence-based commissioning and the identification of children at risk of or involved in Serious Violence. Our Youth Commission have co-designed a campaign to raise awareness on issues such as attitudes and violence towards women, and drugs, gangs and knife crime. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work to tackle ASB such as the Immediate Justice Pilot, with 537 Adults and 882 children referred to the programme, providing justice for victims. Delivery of projects and interventions under the fifth round of Home Office Safer Streets funding including VAWG patrols and deployable CCTV. Launching the Vision Zero Strategy, working towards eliminating road deaths and serious injuries alongside partners. The Deputy Mayor has continued to engage with the local business community and attended the Fraud Prevention Partnership Event with WYP. As part of the Mayors Safer Communities fund, across Grant Rounds 1 to 7, the fund has supported seven projects focused on tackling business-related crime, with a combined investment of £183,211.40. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborating with West Yorkshire Police to support the deployment of Naloxone among officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) as an overdose prevention measure. Coordination of the Independent Custody Visitor scheme with 22 dedicated volunteers offering face-to-face visits to people held in custody suites across our region. Volunteers came into contact with almost 1,300 detained people across 280 custody suites. The Deputy Mayor chairs the Local Criminal Justice Board which works with partner agencies on a number of areas such as implementing the Victim's Code across the region and driving process improvements in collaboration with the CPS. Coordination of the Reducing Reoffending and Rehabilitation Partnership Board which focuses on early intervention and diversion from crime (out of courts pathways and support) and the resettlement of people released from prison custody, or on community sentences. Work this year has focused on settled accommodation for prison leavers as well as employment and skills. 		
Cross Cutting Themes	Children & Young People	Effective responses to men & boys	Safety of Women & Girls	Reducing Vulnerability	Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
2024/25 activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch of the Child First Framework, co-produced a framework with 455 children across West Yorkshire. Convening the Child Custody Detention Scrutiny Panel scrutinised 106 child custody remand cases. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioning services across the region that help male victims and survivors, including the employment of specialist Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVA) and Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVA). The work to progress the Just Don't campaign this year has included men and boys in the conversation, to support them to be active bystanders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued work of the Women's Safety Unit. Coordination of spiking intensification week with over 180 VAWG related arrests were made. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor hosted a Reclaim the Night event in Huddersfield's Greenhead Park to empower women and girls to stand up for safer spaces as the evenings get darker during winter. The Just Don't workshop was delivered to approximately 250 male prisoners, in small focus group settings at HMP Wealstun. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination of the Criminal Justice and Mental Health Forum. During the past year specialist sessions have taken place to produce resources for VCSE organisations engaged in the care of people with mental ill-health under the Right Care Right Person Scheme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The November 2024 Community Outcomes meeting focused on the serious disorder in Harehills and views from people living in the area. Continued implementation of the Police Race Action Plan, with representation increasing for Black and Black heritage officers and staff in WYP by 15%.
Core workstreams	Commissioning	Consultation and Engagement	Governance	Strategic Partnerships	Casework
2024/25 activity	During the year Mayor of West Yorkshire successfully secured £4,654,358 from the Ministry of Justice to support victims of crime across West Yorkshire.	Over 6,000 individuals participated in the consultation process for the new Police and Crime Plan, providing valuable insights into perceptions of safety, underlying causes of violence, and gaps in existing services for prevention and intervention.	The team facilitated 4 Community Outcomes Meetings , 4 Performance Monitoring Meetings and 12 Governance Meetings with WYP. These meetings serve a range of functions including offering greater transparency on how the Mayor holds the Chief Constable to account, monitoring police performance, and discussing community safety issues which are of high public interest.	Delivering an in-depth consultation for the new Police and Crime Plan making contact with over 450 individuals from over 200 organisations, in addition to all local councillors.	The Policing and Crime Casework team communicated with over 970 members of the public who contacted our office and conducted 234 reviews of the outcomes of formal complaints handled by WYP.