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# Police and Crime Plan

## Our plan about keeping people safe in West Yorkshire

### 2024 to 2028



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# About our new police and crime plan



Hello, I am Tracy Brabin. I am the Mayor of West Yorkshire.



My job is to make West Yorkshire a great place for the people who live and work here.



I want to keep people in our areas safe from **crime**.

A **crime** is when someone does something that is against the law. We say they have **committed a crime**.



We last wrote a police and crime plan 4 years ago.



We have done a lot of good work since then.



But we know there is still a lot of work to do.



I have worked together with the police to write a new plan.



Our plan tells you what we will do from 2024 to 2028.



# Listening to people and working together



In 2024, we spoke to lots of people about crime in our areas. They told us what is important to them.



This helped us to know what to put in our new plan.



To make our plan work, the police need to work together with lots of people and organisations.



This might be:

- Local people. This means children and young people too.



- Local councils.



- Community groups.



- Schools and colleges.



- Health and fire services.



Together we will make sure West Yorkshire is a safe and fair place for everyone.

# Serious violent crime

A big part of our plan is to stop **serious violent crimes**.

**Serious violent crimes** are crimes where people are hurt or forced to do things they don't want to.



Things like:



- Using a gun or a knife to hurt or kill someone.



- Forcing people to have sex when they don't want to.



- **Domestic abuse.** This is when someone you live with threatens you or hurts you. It could also be a family member or a partner.



- **Sexual exploitation.** This is when someone pretends to like you so they can use you for sex.



- **County lines.** This is when gangs sell drugs in different towns.



They often use other people to buy and sell the drugs.

This might be people with a learning disability or children and young people.



The law says we must try to stop serious violent crimes from happening.



We need to do a lot of work on this.



We will work on it in this plan but we also need to write another plan.

The other plan will just be about how we stop serious violent crimes.



# Things that will happen across all of our plan



There are some important things we will think about when we work on our plan. We call these things our **themes**.



We will think about these things in everything we do:



1. Keeping women and girls safe.



2. Supporting men and boys who are victims of crime or have a chance of being a victim.



3. Supporting children and young people.



4. Protecting **vulnerable** people from harm. **Vulnerable** people are people who need extra help and support to keep themselves safe.



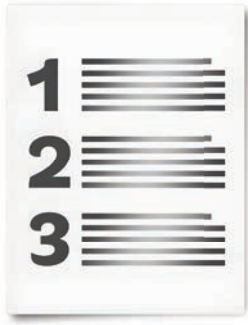
This might be disabled people or older people.



5. Treating people fairly. We will make sure everyone can use our services.



We want to make sure everyone feels like they are important and respected.



## Big things we need to do

We have 3 big things we need to work on in our plan.

### Big thing 1: Keep people safe



Lots of people told us this was important to them.



Some people said they felt safer in the daytime but scared at night.

The top 3 things people said they were worried about were:



1. Crimes that use knives to hurt or threaten someone.



## 2. **Child sexual abuse** and **child sexual exploitation**

**Child sexual abuse** is when people make children do sexual things.



**Child sexual exploitation** is when a child is made to or tricked into doing sexual things and they get a present for it.



Things like giving them money, new clothes or pretending to be in love with them.



## 3. **Domestic abuse.** This type of crime mainly affects women and girls.



## What we will do:



We will follow the law about stopping serious violent crimes from happening.



We will tell people about **cyber crime**. This is crime that is done online on the internet.



We will keep working to protect women and girls.



We will make sure our police service treats people fairly.



We want to stop people being treated badly because of things like:

- The colour of their skin.
- Speaking a different language.

## Big thing 2: Safe places and happy communities



A **community** is where people live and work in the same area. It can include friends, neighbours and family too.



We want people to feel safe:

- In their own homes.



- At school and college.



- In their local community. This includes places people go to at night like pubs, clubs and places to eat.

The top 3 things people told us they were worried about were:



1. **Anti-social behaviour.** This is when neighbours or other people make you feel worried or scared at home or near your home.



This might be things like graffiti or shouting and swearing at people.



2. Crime that happens in their local neighbourhoods. Things like a house being robbed or having your car broken into.



3. Having safer roads. Things like having less accidents and stopping people from driving too fast.

## What we will do:



We will work with local councils to look at anti-social behaviour in our areas.



We want to understand:

- What causes anti-social behaviour
- and



- Why anti-social behaviour happens more in some areas than others.

This might be areas where people have less money.



We will support projects that will help to make communities stronger.





Stronger communities means people feel included and get on well together.



People help each other to make their areas safer.



We will make our roads safer. We want to have less accidents on our roads by 2040.

We will work to stop crimes against shops and other businesses. Things like:



- Having money or things stolen from the business

or



- Staff being hurt or threatened.

## Big thing 3: Support victims and witnesses



A **victim** is someone who has had a crime happen to them.



A **witness** is someone who has seen a crime happen.



Victims and witnesses are really important to us. We want to:

- Help people after a crime.
- Give people the right support they need.
- Find out who did the crime and make sure they are punished for it.





This will help people to feel safer and trust the police.



The top 3 things that people told us were important were:

1. Giving victims the right help and support after a crime.



2. Stopping children and young people being used by other people for crimes.

Things like buying and selling drugs or sexual exploitation.

### 3. Making the **criminal justice system** better. The **criminal justice system** is things like:



- The police.
- The courts and prisons.
- The probation service. This service supports people in the local community who have committed a crime.

It makes sure they do not commit a crime again.



### What we will do:

We will make sure victims get the right support from the police after a crime.



We will work together with other organisations to try to stop people buying and selling drugs in our areas.







We will make sure we all work in the same way.



We will work with the criminal justice system to make services better for victims.



We will make sure everyone can get help from the criminal justice system.  
This includes vulnerable people and people from **ethnic minority** groups.



**Ethnic minorities** are people from different groups or backgrounds. This might be Asian, Chinese, Black, Roma or Irish Traveller.

## Checking our plan is working



We will write more plans to make each part of this plan happen.



We will keep working on our serious violent crime plan in 2025.



We will write a report every year. The report will say how we are doing and if we are getting better at stopping crime.



The Mayor and the boss of the police will check we are doing all the things we said we would do in this plan.



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