

Our priority

There are a number of major threats that we must face together as a region, such as serious organised crime and terrorism. West Yorkshire hosts the Regional Organised Crime Unit, the North East Counter Terrorism Unit and the National Police Air Service, and is therefore responsible for coordinating the regional response to many of these risks to public safety. Crimes can have a dramatic effect on people's feelings of safety such as violent crime and sexual violence, and bringing the perpetrators to justice often requires support from specialist regional partners. The OPCC and its partners will make sure that all organisations involved understand these threats and are able to provide a co-ordinated and effective response.

How we are going to deliver

Major threats to the safety of West Yorkshire's residents are unpredictable; close co-ordination between partners can help to alleviate those threats and ensure the right response to major incidents. Partnership work is needed to share intelligence, plan disruption of criminal activity, and coordinate work between emergency services. To fight major threats effectively we must:

- Bring relevant partners together to identify threats posed by Organised Crime Groups, serious violent criminals and those associated with extremism. We will help to empower communities to work with partner agencies to deter offending in their localities. **Listening to people.**
- Develop the dialogue with vulnerable communities to help build trust and understanding of the issues of social exclusion, violence, culture, and linkages to global events which can combine to create an environment where serious criminality or extremism can thrive. **Understanding our communities.**
- Build strong joint-working practises between blue light services and build multi-agency responses to share intelligence, support victims and disrupt offenders. Collaborate to deepen the understanding of routes to threat or harm for members of our communities. Build the capacity of community groups to help diminish these threats. **Working together.**
- Work with partners in education, safeguarding, and community safety networks to identify problems at the earliest stage, and devise innovative interventions to reduce the threat of harm to individuals and our communities. **Promote prevention and early intervention**
- Build relationships between regional and national intelligence/enforcement agencies and partners who work toward community safety at the local level. Promote the better sharing of information to improve the understanding and service delivery of partners in West Yorkshire. **Improving our services.**
- Maintaining the effectiveness of our regional assets, Regional Organised Crime Unit, North East Counter Terrorism Unit and National Police Air Service, through strategic investment in technology and personnel. **Providing resources.**

How we will know whether we've delivered

We will measure our progress against this priority through our established programme of holding the Chief Constable to account, Community Outcome Meetings, and the Joint Executive Group. National statistical sources will assist us in evaluating the rate of serious violent crimes, and we can monitor blue light collaboration through regional JESIP meetings. HMIC reporting will assess WYP's performance against national comparators, and our own Delivery Quarterly process will review police, OPCC and partner activity towards safeguarding the vulnerable. We will target:

- Retaining HMIC's 'GOOD' assessment of WYP's handling of serious and organised crime
- Achieving full co-ordination between police and partners in the dissemination of intelligence from the frontline to strategic leads
- Reducing the volume of serious crimes committed in West Yorkshire