

**North Yorkshire  
Police, Fire & Crime  
Commissioner**

Working to keep your community safe



**NORTH YORKSHIRE  
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**



# **NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK POLICE AND CRIME PLAN AND FIRE AND RESCUE PLAN CONSULTATION 2021**



## FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE



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The aim of this consultation is to ensure the views of people across North Yorkshire and York are heard. Even during the vacancy in the elected position of Commissioner, it is important that process continues.

The work is being led by the team in the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner who are committed, as their number one priority, to ensuring our communities are as safe as possible. Thousands have already given their views and we want to ensure as many people as possible can give their input so that the newly elected Commissioner knows the public's priorities for their Police and Crime Plan and Fire and Rescue Plan. That is why I hope you will continue to have your say because it is important that these Plans reflect how you want your Police, Fire and Victim Services to develop - and the standards of service that you want to receive from them.

The Plans are required by law and there are many complex requirements for us to include. But, the priority is to protect you – to make you as safe as possible and feeling as safe as possible – wherever you are in North Yorkshire and York.

Please have your say, tell the team and ensure the new Commissioner knows your views.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Dennis'.

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Helping you to be safe and feel safe in North Yorkshire



# Your safety, your priorities, your plans

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**Have your say**  
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# OUR CHALLENGES

## Policing

**North Yorkshire is the safest place in England and Wales, surrounded by some of the least safe.**

- Criminals and drug gangs coming into our area bring serious violence and harm, but are based elsewhere, complicating our ability to deal with them.
- Higher crime levels in neighbouring areas means North Yorkshire can sometimes get overlooked by a criminal justice system working at a regional level.

**The nature of crime is changing – dealing with emerging, hidden and new crime needs to be balanced with continuing to tackle 'traditional' crime and policing issues.**

- Online safety, for young people and to counter fraud, is of increasing concern.
- Behind much anti-social behaviour lies a crime that needs to be dealt with.
- People, their pets and property, need to be safe and feel safe in our area and on our roads.
- Sexual violence and abuse, slavery and exploitation are often hidden.

**Crime in rural areas has a significant economical and psychological impact on communities.**

- We have large, sparsely populated areas with many small roads making it easy for criminals to get in unseen.

**To bring crime down further, we need to get ahead and work to prevent crime happening in the first place.**

- The underlying causes of offending behaviour are often health or trauma based – not typical policing issues.
- We need to help people protect themselves from becoming a victim of crime.



The safest place in England and Wales



820,000



3208 square miles



6000 miles of roads



55 miles of coastline



Predominantly rural areas with some urban areas including Harrogate and



Best place  
England



0 people



square  
miles



0 miles  
roads



0 miles of  
coastline



rural with larger  
such as York,  
and Scarborough

## Fire and Rescue:

**North Yorkshire is one of the lowest funded fire services in the country.**

- It is hard to deliver our services without exceeding our budget.
- We have an ageing fleet and estate that is not always fit for purpose.
- We can't always invest in the latest technology or equipment.

**Fire engines at our rural stations are available to respond on average 82% of the time and are often unavailable during the day, when incidents are most likely to occur.**

- Most of our stations are 'on-call' but we struggle to recruit and retain on-call firefighters who respond by pager to emergencies on top of their day jobs for little financial reward.
- Society has changed – people no longer live and work in the same place as much so they can't be available to respond.

**The number of fires has decreased over the last 10 years, but this trend has plateaued.**

- We attend a similar number of non-fire incidents such as road traffic collisions, flooding and rescues.
- To make people safer we need to be able to invest more in our prevention activities, especially in rural areas where response times are longer.

**Only 5% of firefighters are women. We must ensure our workforce better reflects the diversity of our communities.**

# YOUR POLICE

North Yorkshire remains the safest place to live in England and Wales.

It has the lowest crime rate of 47.5 crimes per 1,000 people, but is surrounded by five of the least safe areas in the country.



39,329 crimes in 2020/21



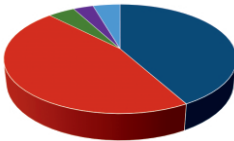
1563 police officers  
112 Special constables  
221 PCSOs  
199 volunteers  
1079 Police Staff



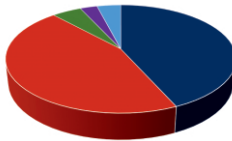
37 police stations

## Budget/expenditure

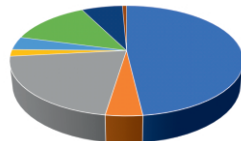
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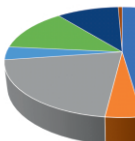
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### Funding for the police

	2020/21	2021/22
	£m	£m
Funding from Government	74.4	79.1
Council tax precept	81.1	81.9
Council tax grants	7.9	9.0
Specific grants	5.9	5.2
Fees, Charges and Partnerships	7.9	7.3
<b>Total funding</b>	<b>177.2</b>	<b>182.5</b>

### Police budget breakdown

	2020/21
	£m
Police officers	85.3
Police Community Support Officers	7.6
Police staff	37.0
Policing priorities fund	3.5
Buildings and transport	6.9
Supplies and services	23.7
Other spend *	12.0
Office of the PFCC	1.2
<b>Total spending plan</b>	<b>177.2</b>

\* This includes Community Safety Funding and Commissioned Services, Police Officer Medical and Injury Pensions, Cost of Capital and Use of Reserves.

## YOUR POLICING PRIORITIES

What is most important for the police to focus on over the next three years?

**What areas of crime should be most prioritised? What are you most concerned about in your local area or for North Yorkshire and York as a whole?**

Should the police prioritise violence differently to burglary or vehicle theft?

Should the police focus on criminals coming from other areas or on those living within our area?

To what extent should the police deploy officers to ensure that hidden crimes – which the public might not be aware of – are being robustly addressed, meaning they might not always be as visible to the public?

How concerned are you about online crime and safety and should the police do more to address this?

### **What is most important in how your police service develops as an organisation?**

What would help you feel more connected to your local policing team?

Should the police focus on preventing crime or just on response?

To what extent should the police focus on working in partnership with other agencies?

Should we invest more in ensuring the police have the best technology and equipment?



2021/22

£m

87.1

7.7

37.9

0

7.0

23.1

18.5

1.2

**182.5**

# YOUR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

North Yorkshire continues to have a low incidence of fire compared with other areas in England with an increasing number of non-fire incidents.



46 fire engines



306 wholetime firefighters  
380 on-call firefighters



38 fire stations

18 control room staff  
93 support staff



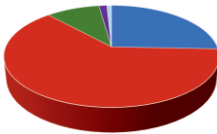
3,111 False alarms  
1,703 Fires



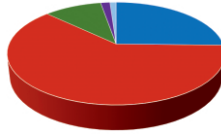
1,656 Special services  
(e.g. road traffic collisions, flooding)

## Budget/expenditure

2020/21



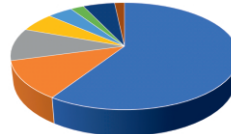
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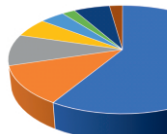
### Funding for the fire service

	2020/21	2021/22
	£m	£m
Funding from Government	9.1	9.2
Council tax precept	22.2	22.4
Specific grants	3.4	3.7
Fees, Charges and Partnerships	0.5	0.6
Use of Reserves	0.3	0.4
<b>Total funding</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>36.3</b>

2020/21



2021/22



### Fire service budget breakdown

	2020/21	2021/22
	£m	£m
Firefighter pay	21.0	21.0
Control and support staff	4.1	4.1
Supplies and Services	3.5	3.5
Premises and equipment	2.1	2.1
Private Finance Initiative	1.5	1.5
Transport	0.8	0.8
Capital financial charges	1.9	1.9
Other costs	0.6	0.6
<b>Total spending plan</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>36.3</b>



## YOUR FIRE AND RESCUE PRIORITIES

**What is most important for the Fire and Rescue Service to focus on over the next three years?**

Should the Service focus only on fires or be ready to deal with any rescue emergency – flooding, water rescue, road traffic collision and more?

Should the Service focus more on preventing fires or just on response?

What would help you to feel more engaged with the Service in your local area?

Should the Service invest to improve the 82% availability of fire engines in rural areas?

To what extent should the Fire Service focus on working in partnership with other agencies?

How well should the Service reflect the diversity of our communities in North Yorkshire and York?

Should the Service invest more in making sure it has the best technology, vehicles and equipment to deliver services in our different communities?

021/22

£m

21.3

4.2

3.4

2.1

1.5

0.8

2.2

0.8

36.3

## YOUR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSIONER



Working to keep your community safe

The Commissioner also commissions a number of services to help victims of crime to cope and recover, to address the root causes of offender behaviour, to protect vulnerable people, and to improve community safety.

These services received 49,452 referrals and engaged with 17,012 individuals in the last year and consistently receive over 90% satisfaction ratings from those who use them.

Find out more at <https://www.northyorkshire-pfcc.gov.uk/for-you/services/commissioned-services/>



### Victims:

Supporting Victims  
Independent Victim Adviser service  
Domestic Abuse service  
Sexual Violence service  
Child Sexual &/or Criminal Exploitation service and Parent Liaison service  
Restorative Justice  
Counselling service  
Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)  
Child Sexual Assault Assessment Service (CSAAS)

### Perpetrators:

Women's Diversion Scheme  
Adult Domestic Abuse Perpetrators service  
Young DA Perpetrators service

### Vulnerable People:

Women's Wellness Centre in York  
Mental Health Triage services

### Community Safety:

Mediation service  
Anger Management service

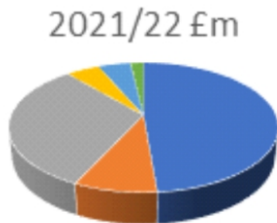
If you have been a victim in North Yorkshire and need help to cope and recover please contact Supporting Victims on 01609 643100

## YOUR SERVICES PRIORITIES

What is most important for the Commissioner to focus services on over the next three years?

- Are we providing support for the right groups?
- Are we doing enough to help victims cope and recover?
- Should we spend more on addressing offender behaviour to prevent offending?
- Should we provide services to help the police deal with demand which is not typically what the police should deal with, such as mental health crisis?
- Are we doing enough to support community safety initiatives?
- Should we start providing support for those who suffer fire, such as having their home burnt down?

### Commissioned Services expenditure



- Victims
- Vulnerable people
- Perpetrators
- Community Safety & Engagement
- Community Fund
- Other

	2021/22 £m
Victims	2.608
Vulnerable people	0.452
Perpetrators	1.693
Community Safety & Engagement	0.257
Community Fund	0.25
Other	0.101
Total spending plan	5.451

# Have your say



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Consultation Ends  
Sunday 7th November 2021

