Chief Officer Group

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Constabulary Performance Overview *(Year to date to include exceptions and comparions (where available)*

For the Year to Date (01/04/2025 – 29/07/2025)

- 93.9% of 101 calls answered in less than 5 minutes
- 92.5% of 999 calls answered within 10 seconds
- 90.9% of G1 incidents attended in target
- 90.0% of G2 incidents attended in target
- All Crime volume has decreased by 2.6% compared to last year (12,217, down from 12,538 - 321 fewer crimes). The all crime positive outcome rate is 18.5%, which is a 0.6pp decrease from the same period last year. Latest national data indicated that Cumbria had one of the highest outcome rates nationally.
- Victim Based crime volume has reduced by 4.5% compared to last year (9295, down from 9728, 433 fewer offences). The positive outcome rate for victim based crime is 14.6%, which is a 0.7pp decrease from the same period last year. Latest national data indicated that Cumbria had one of the highest outcome rates nationally.

Performance Exceptions

- Reduced residential burglary of a home by 23.4% (43 fewer homes being burgled), and have increased the positive outcome rate by 3.9pp (outcome rate of 19.2%, up from 15.2% in the same period last year). Latest national data indicates that our crime rate per 1000 population is one of the lowest nationally.
- Drug offences have reduced by 8.2% (52 fewer offences), the outcome rate has increased by 1.7pp (73.2%, up from 71.5% in the same period last year)
- 22.9% reduction in Personal Robbery offences (34 fewer victims), and have increased the positive outcome rate by 6.4pp (outcome rate of 18.9%, up from 12.5% in the same period last year)
- Violence with injury has reduced by 5.0% (83 fewer victims), the outcome rate has remained stable with last year (16.3%, compared to 16.3% in the same period last year)
- 12.1% reduction in Other Theft (104 fewer victims), the outcome rate has increased by 1.8pp (7.1%, compared to 5.3% in the same period last year)
- The offence of exposure and voyeurism has decreased 13.0%. This is influenced by Operation Achillies and Operation Lynx, which were separate operations aimed at identifying and detaining 2 prolific offenders of indecent exposure. The positive outcome rate has increased by 26.9pp (36.2%, up from 9.3% in the same period last year).
- Vehicle offences have reduced by 22.7% (70 fewer crimes). The biggest proportional reduction is seen in aggravated vehicle taking, which has reduced by 60.9% (14 fewer offences). The greatest volume reduction is seen in theft from vehicle, which has reduced by 19.7% (24 fewer crimes).
- Outcome rate for Hate Crime has increased by 2.4pp (22.9%, up from 20.5%).
- ASB has continued to decrease, with a reduction of 38.4% for the Year to Date (591 fewer incidents). The biggest volume reduction is seen within the sub-category 'ASB-Nuisance', which has reduced by 35.4% (433 fewer incidents), the biggest proportional reduction is seen in 'ASB-Personal', which has reduced by 56.4% (128 fewer incidents)
- Shoplifting - has increased by 15.0% (+121 offences), 34 forces in total have reported seeing increases in shoplifting over the last 12 months. Cumbria's crime rate per 1000 population is the 4th lowest nationally.

Corporate Updates *(Finance, HR and Inspection)*

Finance

Statutory Audit of Accounts

The deadline for the publication of the draft statement of accounts for 2024/25 is 30/06/25, with the latest publication date for the audited statement of accounts being 27/02/26. The June deadline was achieved for the CC, PFCC and the Group accounts. The external auditors (Grant Thornton) have begun their audit and to date it is progressing well. Their aim is to present the audit findings report at the September JAC meeting and they are on track with this deadline.

2025/26 Budget Monitoring

The quarter 1 revenue budget position (provisional outturn) as at 30th June for the PFCC/Constabulary Group reported a combined forecast underspend of £486k which represents 0.19% of the budget and which is well within the target of +/- 1% of budget. Efficiences resulting from the Futures Programme work have been earmarked to support the budget and the futures programme in future years and have been transferred to reserves.

Internal Audit

MIAA are currently working with Constabulary leads in relation to the quarter 1 and quarter 2 audits with the expectation that they will present theirquarter 1 audits to the JAC meeting in September

HR

The Constabulary Establishment for the week commencing 28th July 2025 was as follows:

		BUDGET/ TARGET	Current ACTUAL	Budget/ Target - Actual Variance	Budget to Actual % Difference	Previous ACTUAL	Change
Police Officer	All FTE (Incl Secondment & Career Break)	1359	1,374.45	15.45	1.1%	1,378.43	-3.98
	Headcount (Uplift; Excl Secondment)	1393	1387	-6.00	-0.4%	1391	-4.00
Staff	FTE	671.04	591.43	-79.61	-11.9%	591.32	0.11
PCSO	FTE	60.00	36.11	-23.89	-39.8%	37.11	-1.00

- The Constabulary (at the time of writing) is on target for the September 2025 Uplift target.
- Work continues in relation to recruitment for the Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee.
- Recruitment for PCs, PCSOs, Special Constables and Communications Centre Operatives remains ongoing.
- Sickness percentages for June were as follows:
  - June 2025 = 4.1% (June 2024 = 5.1%)
  - Officers = 4.4%
  - Staff = 3.6%
- Absence continues a downward trend with overall sickness being 4.1%, a reduction from 4.6% in May 2025.
- The Futures Programme remains ongoing, no reviews are currently under formal stages.

Inspection

The HMCPSI and HMICFRS Report: Joint case building by the police and Crown Prosecution Service, has generated three recommendations at a local force level which have now been assigned action owners and are being progressed through the Constabulary Improvement Plan:

By July 2026, police forces should have in place as part of their gatekeeping or comparable arrangements:

- an effective governance and decision-making capability to ensure investigations are timely and completed to the appropriate standards
- agreed contact arrangements in place in forces and Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) Areas to facilitate clear, consistent, and transparent communication between police and CPS
- sufficient, trained, and competent decision-makers
- effective and efficient systems and processes to manage case file submission queues, to avoid unnecessary delays and risks to cases subject to statutory time limits.

Operations and Events *(Local / National Incidents and Events of Note)*

The below reporting period covers the 17th June to the 31st July 2025.

- 21st June - Dave's Day – Multi agency Command Structure (Police, National Highways and WAF) to support the management of a large scale procession of motorcycles from the M6 into Barrow and associated events. Estimated 30,000 bikes.

- 22nd June - ongoing. Operation Vigo – Command Structure in place to deal with right wing objections to the South Lakes Islamic Centre, Dalton in Furness, with associated negative social media commentary and protest activity:
  - 22nd June A Right-Wing protest consisting of 60 protestors, with 30 pro-South Lakes Islamic Centre, peaceful - no arrests.
  - 17th July A Right-Wing protested consisted of 80 protestors, two protestors attempted to confront the counter-protest, resulting in an arrest. Some Right-Wing protestors displayed Nazi salutes, resulting in two arrests. 100 counter protestors from Stand Up to Racism, Barrow and South Cumbria Unite Against Fascism – no arrested of these protestors.
  - 16th August Right Wing protest planned in Barrow Town Centre.

- July - Operation Limit – Drink Drive Campaign – 117 arrests. Drug Driving 55, OPL 41, Fail to provide 15, Sec 4 Unfit 6.

- 12th July – 1st August – Operation Greyhound – Command Structure in place for the Keswick Christian Convention 125 anniversay. Protective security plan in place by Cumbria Constabulary and Counter Terrorism Policing North West. Community officers undertaking engagement, with an armed policing contingency. Two low level pro-life protests with no disorder and no arrests.

- 23rd – 29th July Mutual Aid deployment of a Level 2 POPS Serial and Field Intelligence Officers in support of President Trumps visit to Scotland.

- July - Operation Leste – National tension relating to anti immigration sentiment. Cumbria Command Structure put in place to support planning to mitigate the risk of summer disorder linked to community tensions caused by anti immigration sentiment.

- 31st July – Ongoing – Kendal Calling Festival – Command Structure in place event ongoing, full update in the next report.

Media Highlights *(Since the previous report and anticipated over the next reporting period).*

Neighbourhood Policing Week, ASB awareness week:

- Campaigns ran over 2 weeks raising awareness to local neighbourhood policing teams, the work they do and who they are.
- Everyone has named, dedicated officers covering their area, accessible via the website, also has details of the community priority, social media channels and upcoming events.
- 185 social media posts, 5 videos, 3 press releases, 6 media articles, 6.5k+ engagements, almost 50k views of videos, updates sent to almost 62k subscribers to our area newsletters
- This work also showcased Op Enhance hotspot policing and how we meet the Neighbourhood Pledge

County Line crackdown as part of a week of intensive action:

- 14 arrests, drugs, weapons and cash siezed

Launch of the Police Education Programme initiative – funded by ARIS funds:

- Educational resources for schools covering topics such as consent, bullying, grooming etc.
- More than 100 schools registered, with 120 sessions delivered to almost 4k students.

Op Spotllight – Road safety enforcement campaign, targeting the fatal four.

- Various updates through the month showcasing work done to target offending on the roads, update and summary in October

Significant sentences:

- Carl Van Wyk convicted for 24 years, prolific offender for various sex offences between 2015-2022.
- Leo Wilson, 3 years 10m for sex offences – also received a Sexual Harm Prevention Order and indefinitely on Sex Offenders register
- Increase in sentence for Jacob Corrie for sexual offences from 6 years 4m to 10 years 4m

Kendal Calling music festival:

- Safety and security around Kendal calling music festival as 40k people are expected to attend

Updates re operation in Dalton in Furness

- Dispersal order in place, enhanced policing presence ahead of protests in the local area at the construation site for the South Lakes Islamic Centre
- Support to local community and ensuring the public are safe and Officers given enhanced stop and search powers should they need this.
- 3 arrested and 1 charged

Force awarded the Gold Award in the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme:

Award recognises the support of the armed forces community and the value of serving personnel, veterans, reserves and military families.

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