



# Cumbria's Office of the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner

## HMICFRS Responses

**Cumbria Police Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) response to inspections of Cumbria Constabulary published by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS)**

*Section 33 of the Police Act 1996 (as amended by section 37 of the Policing and Crime Act 2017) requires local policing bodies to respond to recommendations in inspectors reports within 56 days.*

	
<b>Inspection Title:</b>	<b>The policing response to antisocial behaviour: PEEL spotlight report</b>
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<b>Type of Inspection:</b>	Annual Assessment Report
<b>Key Findings</b>	
<p>This report focuses on the police response to antisocial behaviour. It also highlights examples of positive practice and joint working between the police and other organisations to address antisocial behaviour.</p> <p>HMICFRS drew on evidence from academic research, national guidance and findings from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy (PEEL) programme.</li> <li>• Force management statements (self-assessments that chief constables and their London equivalents prepare and give to us each year).</li> <li>• A request for promising practice to all forces by the College of Policing.</li> <li>• Publicly available data.</li> </ul>	
<b>Recommendations:</b>	
<p><u>Rec 01 - ASB crimes and incidents recorded correctly.</u></p> <p>By 31 March 2025, forces should review their processes for recording antisocial behaviour to make sure all antisocial behaviour and associated crime are recorded correctly</p>	

Rec 2 - Personnel trained to identify and record ASB

By 30 September 2025, forces should make sure personnel are appropriately trained to identify and record antisocial behaviour and associated crime when they are first reported.

Rec 3 - Review risk assessment process for ASB from beginning to closure

By 31 March 2025, forces should:

- review their risk assessment processes for antisocial behaviour cases to make sure that risks are properly assessed from initial contact to case closure; and
- make sure completed risk assessments are retained in line with management of police information guidelines.

Rec 4 - ASB problem solving plans to contain detail and evaluation detail

By 31 December 2024, forces should:

- make sure all antisocial behaviour problem-solving plans fully specify the problem, contain sufficient detail, are effectively supervised; and
- evaluate all antisocial behaviour problem-solving plans for an outcome in line with National Police Chiefs' Council Neighbourhood Policing Outcome and Performance Guidelines.

Rec 8 - ASB training to be given to all neighbourhood policing teams

By 30 September 2025, forces should give all neighbourhood policing teams antisocial behaviour training that makes best use of the College of Policing's antisocial behaviour guidance and resources.

**PFCC & Constabulary Response to Report and Recommendation:**

The HMICFRS PEEL Spotlight Report on Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) provides valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities for improving policing responses to ASB across England and Wales.

As Police Fire and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria (PFCC), I welcome this report's findings and its recommendations, which align closely with the priorities I have set out in my new Police, Fire and Crime Plan. When consulting with the public on the priorities in my Plan ASB was identified as their main concern, followed by antisocial driving. Therefore over the next four years I will support Cumbria Police to improve how it responds to incidents of ASB and also work with partners agencies to drive a multi-agency collaboration that focuses on meeting the needs of those who suffer from the devastating impact of this type of behaviour

The report highlights inconsistencies in ASB recording, risk assessment, and frontline training. As part of my Police Fire & Crime Plan, my office is currently developing a Delivery Plan, which will ensure that these areas remain a key focus point when holding the Chief Constable to account. It is through my Governance and Accountability Meetings and other key scrutiny processes that I will

monitor the Constabulary's progress against the HMICFRS recommendations and ensure the Service continuously strives to improve

The report also underlines the importance of collaboration with local authorities, housing associations, and community safety partners. I will further champion initiatives such as ASB Awareness Week, which increases public awareness and encourages shared responsibility for tackling ASB. My goal is to focus on building strong community partnerships to support Cumbria Constabulary in delivering a tailored, multi-agency responses.