

Freedom of Information
Quarterly Disclosure Log

1 January 2017 to 31 March 2017



Police and Crime Commissioner
Northumbria

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12017	<p>Could you please send me your Office of Police and Crime Commissioner's response to the College of Policing's consultation on the Policing Education and Qualifications Framework (aka degrees for police officers)? The consultation period ran from 2 February to 29 March 2016.</p>	<p>We have now had the opportunity to fully consider your request and I provide a response for your attention.</p> <p>No information held.</p> <p>You may be interested to know that Northumbria Police & Crime Commissioner routinely publish information via the Disclosure Log. The aim of the Disclosure Log is to promote openness and transparency by voluntarily placing information into the public arena.</p> <p>The Disclosure Log contains copies of some of the information that has been disclosed by Northumbria Police & Crime Commissioner in response to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p> <p>Whilst it is not possible to publish all responses we will endeavour to publish those where we feel that the information disclosed is in the public interest.</p> <p>The Disclosure Log will be updated once responses have been sent to the requester.</p> <p>I have provided the relevant link below.</p> <p>http://www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk/transparency/foi</p> <p>The information we have supplied to you is likely to contain</p>

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42017	<p>1. What is the official policy of the PCC on their individual police forces failing to police illegal hunts properly and take appropriate action when informed of and presented with evidence of assault and intimidation?</p> <p>2. If the PCC does not hold the information requested in my original email, does it hold ANY information on any subject relating to the performance of their individual police forces? If so, could I please have details of the type of information held.</p>	<p>1. Any information relating to the alleged failings by police forces in policing illegal hunts would initially be dealt with as a complaint by the Professional Standards Department of Northumbria Police. Therefore, the OPCC hold no information on this matter.</p> <p>2. Due to the lack of information you have provided and with reference to Section 8 (1)(b) of the Freedom of information Act 2000, I have no information to disclose to you.</p> <p>3. No information held by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria. As previously stated, you may wish to re-direct your request to Northumbria Police as all operational information remains with the Chief Constable and his team.</p>

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	<p>3. An answer to question 5 in my original email below please. This is a direct question on PCC policy.</p>	<p>You may be interested to know that Northumbria Police & Crime Commissioner routinely publish information via the Disclosure Log. The aim of the Disclosure Log is to promote openness and transparency by voluntarily placing information into the public arena.</p> <p>The Disclosure Log contains copies of some of the information that has been disclosed by Northumbria Police & Crime Commissioner in response to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p> <p>Whilst it is not possible to publish all responses we will endeavour to publish those where we feel that the information disclosed is in the public interest.</p> <p>The Disclosure Log will be updated once responses have been sent to the requester.</p> <p>I have provided the relevant link below.</p> <p>http://www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk/transparency/foi</p> <p>The information we have supplied to you is likely to contain intellectual property rights of Northumbria Police & Crime Commissioner. Your use of the information must be strictly in accordance with the Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988 (as amended) or such other applicable legislation. In particular, you must not re-use this information for any commercial purpose.</p> <p>How to complain</p> <p>If you are unhappy with our decision or do not consider that we have handled your request properly and we are unable to resolve this</p>

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52017	<p>For each question apart from Question 7, please provide information broken down into the following categories:</p> <p>a) Your commissioned services for women experiencing domestic violence and abuse</p> <p>b) Your commissioned services for men experiencing domestic violence and abuse</p> <p>c) Your commissioned services which are for either women or men experiencing domestic violence and abuse</p> <p>d) Your commissioned services for groups with specific needs such as BME women, disabled women, and LGBTQ survivors experiencing domestic violence and abuse</p> <p>1. What is the value of your commissioned services, and has this amount increased or decreased since it was last commissioned?</p> <p>2. Which organisation or organisations</p>	<p>Further to your recent Freedom of Information request to this office, please find attached a copy of our response.</p> <p>* [Full copy of the response copied below] *</p> <p>You may be interested to know that Northumbria Police & Crime Commissioner routinely publish information via the Disclosure Log. The aim of the Disclosure Log is to promote openness and transparency by voluntarily placing information into the public arena.</p> <p>The Disclosure Log contains copies of some of the information that has been disclosed by Northumbria Police & Crime Commissioner in response to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p> <p>Whilst it is not possible to publish all responses we will endeavour to publish those where we feel that the information disclosed is in the public interest.</p> <p>The Disclosure Log will be updated once responses have been sent to the requester.</p> <p>I have provided the relevant link below.</p> <p>http://www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk/transparency/foi</p>

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	<p>currently hold the contract for your commissioned services? When are these services due to be recommissioned? Please include dates of then tender documents will be available.</p> <p>3. When your services were commissioned, was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? Has your procurement team or legal advisors ensured that your decisions were compliant with both the EU Procurement Directive and the EU Directive on Victim's Rights?</p> <p>4. How many expressions of interest did you receive and how many final bids did you receive?</p> <p>5. How much did the commissioning process cost you?</p> <p>6. Was the decision to commission your services made as part of a Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy?</p> <p>7. Mapping of provision:</p> <p>a. Did you undertake mapping of service provision as part of the commissioning protect for domestic violence and abuse?</p> <p>b. If yes, please list details of the domestic</p>	<p>The information we have supplied to you is likely to contain intellectual property rights of Northumbria Police & Crime Commissioner. Your use of the information must be strictly in accordance with the Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988 (as amended) or such other applicable legislation. In particular, you must not re-use this information for any commercial purpose.</p> <p>How to complain</p> <p>If you are unhappy with our decision or do not consider that we have handled your request properly and we are unable to resolve this issue informally, you are entitled to make a formal complaint to us under our complaints procedure which is attached.</p> <p>If you are still unhappy after we have investigated your complaint and reported to you the outcome, you may complain directly to the Information Commissioner's Office and request that they investigate to ascertain whether we have dealt with your request in accordance with the Act.</p>

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62017	<p>1. Is there any opportunity to hear the PCC speak on the subject of crime and policing and to ask questions in the coming weeks? It appears from the web site that public meetings and consultation ceased on 1 December 2016.</p> <p>2. The Police and Crime plan seems to be based on the views of the public and various minority groups. May I ask if there is any strategic statement to be found anywhere? If such a vision has been codified, I would be interested to know what is the process for translating that strategic vision and expressed public opinion into action on the ground?</p> <p>3. Where can I access more detailed statistics on police and crime in our area? I would also like to find data on social issues across region if you can help point me towards them.</p> <p>4. How significant a part do NPS, drug and</p>	<p>1. Is there any opportunity to hear the PCC speak on the subject of crime and policing and to ask questions in the coming weeks? It appears from the web site that public meetings and consultation ceased on 1 December 2016.</p> <p>Extensive consultation was undertaken to hear the views of local residents and what they wanted to see in the police and crime plan. The Police and Crime plan was written taking on board the views of local residents. The PCC can be contacted by email or letter at any time throughout the year.</p> <p>2. The Police and Crime plan seems to be based on the views of the public and various minority groups. May I ask if there is any strategic statement to be found anywhere? If such a vision has been codified, I would be interested to know what is the process for translating that strategic vision and expressed public opinion into action on the ground?</p> <p>Northumbria Police are developing a Delivery Plan that will translate high level ambitions and commitments in the Police and Crime Plan 2017-21 into direct action. PCC Advisory Groups continue</p>

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	<p>alcohol addiction play in crime in our region? What, if anything, is being done to address this? (I am sighted on the Southwick neighbourhood youth project.)</p> <p>5. What is the relationship between Northumbria Police and North East Region Special Operations Unit? Where does command, control and funding lie for their operations?</p> <p>6. I recognise the PCC is a politically elected post, but is there any legislated or other protection to ensure that policing is sensibly focused, for the benefit of the entire community? I am familiar with the statutory responsibilities, but is there any other guideline or remit?</p> <p>7. 4 of the PCC's 5 stated priorities are largely reactive. I am interested to know why crime prevention and intervention appears to attract such low priority.</p> <p>8. I understand the 2016-17 report is being written now and will be public in September. What happens to it in the intervening 6 months?</p> <p>9. Does Northumbria Police have a dedicated department to fuse intelligence? To what extent is their policing intelligence led?</p>	<p>throughout the year to shape the Police and Crime Commissioners thinking about policing and support her in her scrutiny role.</p> <p>3. Where can I access more detailed statistics on police and crime in our area? I would also like to find data on social issues across region if you can help point me towards them.</p> <p>Information can be found on both the OPCC website - www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk and that of Northumbria Police - www.northumbria.police.uk. You also may wish to contact local authorities for specific social issues in their areas. Police comparative information and data can be found by visiting https://www.police.uk</p> <p>4. How significant a part do NPS, drug and alcohol addiction play in crime in our region? What, if anything, is being done to address this? (I am sighted on the Southwick neighbourhood youth project.)</p> <p>It is important to note that by law as Police and Crime Commissioner, Dame Vera has no role in operational matters, these remain under the remit of the Chief Constable. Therefore, as the OPCC is separate to Northumbria Police, we do not have any access to the information they hold. To be as helpful as possible, I have forwarded this aspect of your request to Northumbria Police who are best placed to respond.</p> <p>5. What is the relationship between Northumbria Police and North East Region Special Operations Unit? Where does command, control and funding lie for their operations?</p> <p>As above, I have forwarded this aspect of your request to Northumbria Police who are best placed to respond.</p>

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	<p>10. Can you provide any statistics on 'out of court disposals'? I am interested to know about the type offences that are handled in this way and any trends over previous years. To what extent does the burden of administration account for such disposals?</p>	<p>6. I recognise the PCC is a politically elected post, but is there any legislated or other protection to ensure that policing is sensibly focused, for the benefit of the entire community? I am familiar with the statutory responsibilities, but is there any other guideline or remit?</p> <p>As outlined above, the responsibility for day to day operational policing remains under the remit of the Chief Constable, Mr Steve Ashman.</p> <p>The five Tyne and Wear Councils and Northumberland County Council have established the Northumbria Police and Crime Panel as required by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. The Panel scrutinises the performance of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Vera Baird DBE QC, and also promotes openness in the delivery of police services throughout Northumbria. You can read about their work by following this link http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/Council%20and%20Democracy/Northumbria-Police-and-Crime-Panel.aspx</p> <p>7. 4 of the PCC's 5 stated priorities are largely reactive. I am interested to know why crime prevention and intervention appears to attract such low priority.</p> <p>The priorities in the last plan were set by the public. The Chief Constable's team continue to work closely with local partners and residents to address key issues within our local communities and deliver intention strategies accordingly.</p> <p>8. I understand the 2016-17 report is being written now and will be public in September. What happens to it in the intervening 6 months?</p>

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		<p>The 2016-17 Annual Report is currently being drafted and must be published in the following financial year in which it refers to. The Police and Crime Plan 2017-21 will be published on 31st March 2017, until this date the existing Police and Crime Plan remains in place.</p> <p>9. Does Northumbria Police have a dedicated department to fuse intelligence? To what extent is their policing intelligence led?</p> <p>As above, I have forwarded this aspect of your request to Northumbria Police who are best placed to respond.</p> <p>10. Can you provide any statistics on 'out of court disposals'? I am interested to know about the type offences that are handled in this way and any trends over previous years. To what extent does the burden of administration account for such disposals?</p> <p>As above, I have forwarded this aspect of your request to Northumbria Police who are best placed to respond.</p> <p>I hope the information I have provided is of use. As detailed above, I have referred aspects of your request which relate specifically to operational policing to Northumbria Police as the OPCC do not hold this information. A colleague will be in touch to take this matter forward.</p> <p>You may be interested to know that Northumbria Police & Crime Commissioner routinely publish information via the Disclosure Log. The aim of the Disclosure Log is to promote openness and transparency by voluntarily placing information into the public arena.</p> <p>The Disclosure Log contains copies of some of the information that</p>

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* [52017 – Full FOI response]

Women's Aid Freedom of Information Request

Northumbria OPCC Response

In Northumbria we have established an annual grants programme the 'Supporting Victims Fund'. The aim of the fund is to build capacity and maximise the potential of organisations to help ensure the improved provision of vital services to support victims of crime and help them cope and recover from the impact of crime.

The Supporting Victims Fund is resourced by the victims services grant from the Ministry of Justice and bolstered by the PCCs own budget to ensure a core referral service and specialist services are available to meet the wide ranging needs of victims of crime in Northumbria.

1. What is the value of your commissioned services, and has this amount increased or decreased since it was last commissioned?

Please view the Appendix A which includes a full breakdown for 2015-16 and 2016-17.

We have listed our services in your preferred categories however many of the services support victims across your victim categories. All services must on applying for funding and also as part of their grant agreement with this office, commit to promoting equality and to supporting victims of crime who are protected under the Equality Act 2010.

A full list of the grants provided to all victim services and key projects for 2015-16 and 2016-17 can be found by following this link <http://www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk/police-crime-plan/commissioning-services-grants/>

2. Which organisation or organisations currently hold the contract for your commissioned services? When are these services due to be recommissioned? Please include dates of then tender documents will be available.

Appendix A provides this information and further explanation is provided below. Victims First Northumbria also supports medium and standard risk victims of domestic abuse as part of their core referral and co-ordination service.

Grants are provided annually in line with annual funding settlements from government and grant allocations from the Ministry of Justice. We are eager to see funding allocated to PCCs for victims services over a three year period to help ensure the sustainability of vital victim services.

The Supporting Victims Fund 2017-18 was widely publicised and open to all voluntary and community sector organisations and closed on 1st February 2017. Assessments have taken place and organisations have been informed of the outcomes. We will publish a list of successful organisations on the PCCs website under grants and commissioning.

3. When your services were commissioned, was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? Has your procurement team or legal advisors ensured that your decisions were compliant with both the EU Procurement Directive and the EU Directive on Victim's Rights?

Funding priorities are agreed annually based on our understanding of the needs of victims in Northumbria and the services available to meet those needs. High level funding priorities mirror our understanding of the most vulnerable victims of crime in Northumbria:

- Victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence
- Victims under 18
- Victims of hate crime
- Victims with a mental health or other vulnerability

Each funding priority is supported by specific funding goals. For example in 2017-18 our domestic abuse and sexual violence funding priority is targeting the following services to meet local need:

- Specialist support and counselling for male and female victims of domestic and sexual abuse and violence
- Enhanced outreach provision for minority ethnic victims including support for honour based violence and FGM victims
- Specialist support for male and female adults and young victims who have experienced child sexual abuse
- Support for children of domestic abuse victims - breaking the generational cycle of abuse
- Emotional and practical support for victims of stalking and harassment
- Specialist support for victims of modern slavery and exploitation
- Support for isolated/marginalised victims of domestic abuse for example victims 55+, rural victims and those with a disability
- Emotional and practical support for parents who are subject to domestic abuse by their adolescent children

A key quality criteria in our assessment process is to consider how well the funding bid demonstrates that they have carried out a needs assessment and considered equality related criteria. An assessment is made that consider the following questions:

- What does your needs assessment show as the main issues to tackle that relate to victims in the priority categories?
- How does this service/project fit with your assessment?
- What equality considerations have been made in the development of this bid?
- Are there any particular equality related issues that you aim to target with the funding?

In addition we require all organisation who are successful with funding to supply at 6 monthly intervals written confirmation of their activity. Where they are specifically working with victims of crime their service must be delivered in the interests of the victim and be:

- free of charge;
- confidential;
- non-discriminatory (including being available to all regardless of residence status, nationality or citizenship);
- available whether or not a crime has been reported to the police; an
- available before, during and for an appropriate time after any investigation or criminal proceedings.

We also require confirmation and evidence that each organisation has an equal opportunities policy and, if working with children, young people or vulnerable adults, a safeguarding policy; these policies are carried out and regularly reviewed to ensure they adhere to current legislation/regulations.

4. How many expressions of interest did you receive and how many final bids did you receive?

Not directly applicable. In 2016-17 we received 48 bids to deliver services related to domestic abuse and 24 of those bids were successful in securing funding via the Supporting Victims Fund.

5. How much did the commissioning process cost you?

The PCC from her own staffing budget meets the cost of the lead officer – Director of Communities and Commissioning. This role is responsible for understanding the victims' landscape in Northumbria, victims' needs and designing a grants programme to best meet gaps in provision, best meet the needs of victims and strengthen the overall offer provided to victims of crime in this area. The role also takes responsibility for community engagement and criminal justice policy work.

6. Was the decision to commission your services made as part of a Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy?

The North East Regional PCC Violence against Women and Girls Strategy was launched in December 2013 and drives all decisions in relation to funding priorities and grant spend for domestic abuse services. Victims of domestic abuse are identified as one of the key vulnerable victims groups in Northumbria and are therefore provided with enhanced support as defined by the Victims Code 2016.

7. Mapping of provision:

a) Did you undertake mapping of service provision as part of the commissioning process for domestic violence and abuse?

In early 2015 a comprehensive mapping and consultation exercise was undertaken in partnership with Safer Lives to identify the services needed for victims of crime in Northumbria. Funding priorities each year are refreshed to ensure that we continue to target funding in the areas that are needed. The mapping exercise focused heavily on domestic abuse and sexual violence services as victims experiencing these crimes make up the majority of our most vulnerable victims.

b) If yes, please list details of the domestic violence service providers in your local authority that are NOT commissioned by the local authority following categories: (i) services for women experiencing domestic violence and abuse (ii) services for men experiencing domestic violence and abuse; (iii) women or men experiencing domestic violence and abuse (iv) BME women, disabled women, and LGBTQ survivors experiencing domestic violence and abuse.

We do not hold this information. Northumbria covers six local authority areas and have vastly different demographics, structures and resources in place. We understand the scope of services available to victims but we are not aware of the individual funding arrangements in place for each service.

Appendix A

Supporting Victims Fund 2015/16		Supporting Victims Fund 2016/17	
Domestic Violence Services for Women			
Women's Health Advice Centre	£23,319	Women's Health in South Tyneside	£19,288
Women's Health in South Tyneside	£14,755	West End Schools' Trust	£25,020
Going Strong Women's Action Group	£12,800		
Sixty Eighty Thirty	£75,854		
* To note - other services in this table also support female victims			
Domestic Violence Services for Men			
Community Counselling Cooperative	£2,000	Community Counselling Cooperative	£11,290
Sixty Eighty Thirty	£15,000		
* To note – other services in this table also support male victims			
Domestic Violence Services for Men and Women			
Changing Lives	£65,450	Northumberland Domestic Abuse Service	£60,000
Safe Newcastle	£33,000	Cygnus Support	£33,004
Domestic Violence Support and Advice (DVSA) Car	£120,000	Safe Newcastle – Champions Network	£5,000
		Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse (AAFDA)	£5,000
		Domestic Violence Support and Advice (DVSA) Car	£171,555
* To note – other services in this table also support female and male victims			
Domestic Violence Services for BME Women			
Harbour Services	£4,180	Angelou Centre	£79,136
Apna Ghar	£38,002	Riverside Community Health Project	£8,220
Angelou Centre	£57,866	Apna Ghar	£10,000
* To note – other services in this table also support BME female victims			

Domestic Violence Services for Disabled Women			
Barnardo's Circles 2	£39,000	Barnardo's Circles 2	£37,000
* To note – other services in this table also support female victims with a disability			
Domestic Violence Services for LGBT survivors			
		Back on Track NE	£17,420
* To note – other services in this table also support LGBT survivors of domestic abuse			
Domestic Violence Services for young people			
Children North East	£58,622	Safe Newcastle	£16,000
Streetwise North	£35,808	Acorns	£20,000
West End Women and Girls	£53,254	North Tyneside Council	£2,000
Someone Cares	£17,818	Sunderland City Council	£2,507
Bright Futures	£9,749	Children North East	£54,103
Riverside Learning Trust	£39,000	West End Women and Girls	£49,780
South Tyneside Council	£16,000	Someone Cares	£44,282
		The Children Society	£55,641
		Streetwise Young People's Project	£34,145
		Bright Futures	£9,736
* To note – other services in this table also support young victims of DA and some of the young people's services listed support victims of other crimes			
TOTAL 2015-16 spend	£731,477	TOTAL 2016-17 spend	£770,127