

Proud to serve Newcastle

Keeping our communities safe is our number one priority. Despite huge government reductions to our budget, Northumbria Police continues to be one of the best performing forces in the country.

The way we tackle anti-social behaviour has been recorded as outstanding and we are working closely with local residents to deliver innovative ways with this issue.

We have worked hard in providing better services for victims of crime and will continue to improve. It's great news that the latest User Satisfaction Survey names

Northumbria as the top force in the country for victim service: a score of **92.2%**.

Here in Newcastle, we have relocated neighbourhood police to ensure they have state of the art facilities to enhance policing in the city. The new Forth Banks police base has been a huge success, thanks to the great partnership working between local residents, Newcastle Council and the police.

We are seeking new ways to make savings so we can afford to keep police in our neighbourhoods. You have told us loud and clear this is what you want and we are dedicated to delivering the priorities you gave us for the police and crime plan.



Vera Baird

Vera Baird QC
Police & Crime Commissioner

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Steve Ashman
Chief Constable

You told us your priorities and we put them in the Commissioner's police and crime plan

In Newcastle we are:

Putting victims first

We support victims to cope and recover. Victims First Northumbria also means victims can receive support whether they have reported the crime to the police or not.

Dealing with Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Our team provides outstanding service and visits every vulnerable victim of ASB. We are working closely with the council to use new Community Protection Notices to tackle problems and improve the quality of life for residents.

Tackling domestic and sexual abuse

Our police are the best trained in the country on these issues and all victims will get a strong and supportive response. We are also investing in work to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation.

Reducing crime

After a spate of robberies in the city, the police worked in partnership with businesses to drive down this crime with an 11% reduction.

Community confidence

Neighbourhood policing is key. We will continue to have officers on the streets, visiting schools and attending meetings – to find out what issues matter the most to you. At present, drugs, 'legal' highs and alcohol-related crime are all priority issues being tackled by our neighbourhood teams.



Tackling 'legal' highs

Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner and Newcastle City Council have been working together to address the problems that New Psychoactive substances so-called 'legal' highs can cause in our communities.

I have worked with Newcastle City Council to demand the government takes action on those who make and sell legal highs. We succeeded as the government is introducing legislation to give new powers to the police and council – which we will use.

Police & Crime Commissioner, Vera Baird

Much needed support

Many charities across Newcastle have benefited from The Commissioner's Supporting Victims Fund. The Commissioner recently visited west end based charity Children North East who are using funding to support young people who have been victims of crime such as domestic and sexual abuse.

Children North East are doing great work helping young victims who have been affected by serious crimes. No victim should feel they are on their own. This service is about offering the right service whether practical or emotional. Young people have their whole lives ahead of them and nothing should stand in their way.

Police & Crime Commissioner, Vera Baird

Don't stay silent report it

The police have been working with partners across Newcastle to help tackle the problems that consumption of alcohol in open spaces can cause.

If there is an issue that is affecting your area, don't stay silent – report it. Only by letting police officers know about the problem can the issue be addressed.

Chief Constable, Steve Ashman

Did you know?

Northumbria has over
3,500 Police Officers
210 PCSOs
250 Special Constables

Despite an increase in crime, in a typical day Northumbria Police deals with:

142 arrests
500 emergency calls
1000 non-emergency calls
40 stop and searches
200 ASB incidents
81 domestic abuse incidents

So, policing isn't just about catching criminals, their typical day is spent supporting residents in so many valuable ways.

Right across Newcastle, your police officers are working with the local authority and other partners to ensure you receive the best service day in day out.

Northumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner Vera Baird is committed to keeping your neighbourhood safe and she is keen to hear from you about how we can help.



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