



## Building Safer Communities and Effective Justice

Key Messages: Easy Read

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## 1. FOREWORD AND VISION

- I am Vera and people voted for me to be Police and Crime Commissioner.
- This is my plan to tell you what we will do about crime.
- People tell me they feel safe in Northumbria but there is still work to do.



## 2. WHAT DOES THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER DO?

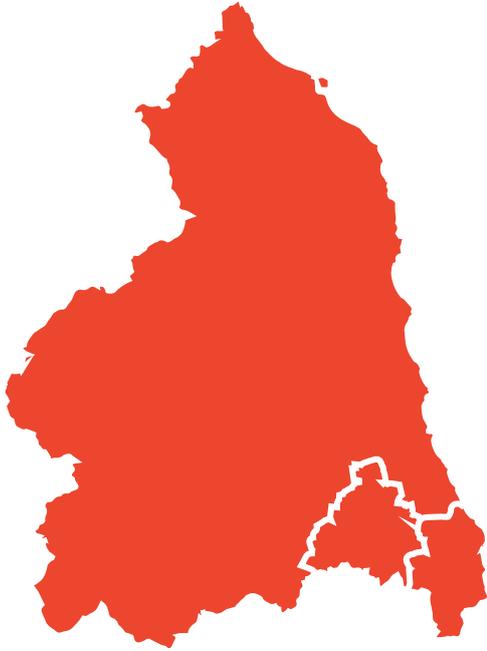
- My job is to bring the police and people together.
- I do this by finding out what is important to you and then making sure the police do it.
- I am helped by a small team of staff.



## 3. THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

- Local councillors and members of the public check the work I do.





## 4. OUR AREA AT A GLANCE

- Northumbria is a large area and includes Gateshead, Newcastle, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside and Sunderland.
- There are many different people who live in Northumbria and I will try to make sure everyone's policing needs are met.



## 5. SHAPING THE PLAN

- I have listened to lots of people to help me decide what should be in the plan.
- This includes disabled people.



## 6. POLICE AND CRIME OBJECTIVES

- The plan has 6 important things. These are:
  - Putting Victims First
  - Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour
  - Effective Criminal Justice System
  - Domestic and Sexual Abuse
  - Cutting Crime
  - Community Confidence/Making People Feel Safe

## **PRIORITY:** **PUTTING VICTIMS FIRST**

- Why is this important?
  - Being a victim of crime can stop you from feeling safe and can make you unhappy.
- How we will listen to victims of crime:
  - We will talk to and listen to people who are victims of crime. This will help us improve our services.
  - We want you to tell us if you are a victim so that we can help you.
  - Please tell us if you are a victim of crime or anyone else is.
  - We promise to keep in touch with you.



## **PRIORITY: REDUCING** **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

- Why is this important?
  - Anti-social behaviour can affect and upset everyone.
- How we will reduce anti-social behaviour:
  - We want you to tell us if it is happening and we will try and stop the problem.
  - We will encourage people to come forward and report their concerns.
  - We will work with others to give you help and support.





## **PRIORITY: DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL ABUSE**

- Why is this important?
  - This kind of crime is often committed by partners or people you know.
- What we will do:
  - We want you to tell us about these crimes.
  - We will help and support you.



## **PRIORITY: CUTTING CRIME**

- Why is this important?
  - Because crime hurts people.
- How we will cut crime:
  - We will work with you to keep you safe.
  - The police will try and catch criminals and take them to court.



## **PRIORITY: COMMUNITY CONFIDENCE/ MAKING PEOPLE FEEL SAFE**

- Why is this important?
  - We want people to feel safe.
- How we will make people feel safe:
  - We will listen to you and work on the things that concern you the most.
  - We will tell you how you can get in touch with your local police officers.
  - We will provide safe places where you can report crimes.



## **PRIORITY: EFFECTIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

The Criminal Justice System is a term used to mean the Police, Courts, Prison Service and Probation Service.

- We will work to ensure that if you go to court you have the help and support you need.
- We will work to ensure that the police do everything they can to reduce any delays in court cases.
- We will work with the courts to try and change the behaviour of those that commit crimes.
- We will monitor cases at court to make sure that rules are being followed and that help and support is being provided



## **MAKING IT HAPPEN**

- We will work together to make this happen and talk to you to see how the plan is working.

## STAYING IN TOUCH

- I want you to tell me how it is going by email, PCC website, Twitter and Facebook.
- Email - [enquiries@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk)
- PCC Website - [www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk)
- Twitter - [www.twitter.com/northumbriapcc](http://www.twitter.com/northumbriapcc)
- Facebook - [www.facebook.com/Vera.Baird.QC](http://www.facebook.com/Vera.Baird.QC)
- If you would like to write to me my address is -  
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner,  
Victory House, Balliol Business Park, Benton lane,  
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Tyne and Wear, NE12 8EW.



## WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

- I get my money from the Government and from your Council Tax.



## LEARN MORE

- If you want to learn more about anything in this 'easy read' document, the full plan is available on my website [www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk)



## **OTHER FORMATS**

You can request the plan in large print,  
Braille or another language by emailing  
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