

QUARTERLY REPORT UPDATE

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Foreword from the PCC Philip Wilkinson

As Wiltshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, I am responsible for setting the four priorities in my Police and Crime Plan. This is the strategic policing blueprint for Wiltshire Police, and my office, to deliver against and help to deliver our shared goal of making Wiltshire a safer place to live, work and visit.

Part of my role is to hold the Chief Constable and Wiltshire Police to account for the service they are delivering to the county's residents and I do this by scrutinising performance and reporting progress.

Welcome to my first Quarterly Performance newsletter where we will highlight some of the projects, initiatives and policing

performance that have been delivered earlier this year.

All of these highlights have been delivered in line with the priorities within my Police and Crime Plan and which you helped to shape with your valuable input and engagement during my Use Your Voice consultation.

It is clear that there is still much to do but we have made significant progress in tackling the crimes that matter most to the community, as well as funding and supporting crime prevention.

Phil Wilkinson OBE

Police and Crime Commissioner

PRIORITY 1: A police service that meets the needs of the community

Includes increasing public confidence, trust and our policing engagement with communities, providing a quality of police service to all our communities and giving the Police the right tools for the job.

“Increasing and improving the number of ways my office, and Wiltshire Police, engage with communities is just one way we can help the public have trust in their policing service.”



QUARTERLY UPDATES

- PCCs and Forces across the Southwest have collaborated on Op Scorpion to counter drug dealing in our communities. Drugs with an estimated street value of £1,030,000 were seized, 321 arrests made, and 557 vulnerable people safeguarded.
- After an external review of 80 recommendations the immediate actions include training and estates investment, including a £1.2m investment in sports halls refurbishment to start in September.
- Introduction of Wiltshire Police Volume Crime Team to resolve crime more quickly and free front line visible resource.
- Officer recruitment is on track with the target to be met by March 2023.

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PRIORITY 2: Reduce violence and serious harm

Includes reducing violence and domestic abuse, such as violence against women and girls, child abuse and child exploitation, county lines and serious organised crime and exploitation.

“Violent crime doesn’t only have an impact on victims but also on the wider communities where it happens. That’s why we need to work hard to make sure that those responsible are brought to justice.”



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- Safer Streets funding bid successful with over £560k awarded to combat acquisitive and violent crimes in Wiltshire and Swindon, with investments funding CCTV ANPR and street lighting.
- A youth strategy in partnership with Swindon Borough Council has been developed to proactively target the causes of violence and exploitation alongside providing guidance for young people.
- Extensive work to improve rape and serious sexual offence (RASSO) investigations and prosecutions are in place. Improvement in use of early charging advice from CPS and investigative standards has occurred.
- Safer nights charter survey completed in preparation for launch in December 2022.



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PRIORITY 3: Tackle crimes that matter to local communities

Includes anti-social behaviour, road safety, rural and heritage crime, fraud, cyber crime and hate crime.

“Speeding is dangerous, it kills and blights communities: making crossing the road dangerous for the young and elderly and putting people off cycling or walking through their communities.

“More resources dedicated to targeting speeding will mean there will be more of a deterrent on our roads. People will be safer and that is our main aim.”



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- There has been a 39% increase in the number of tickets issued to motorists for speeding since the PCC was appointed. Two new Traffic Enforcement Officers and two new Road Safety Officers have been recruited to increase focus on Road Safety and support Community Speed Watch activities.
- Heritage crime training for officers and staff has been delivered, identifying ways to tackle thefts from

cultural sites and places of worship.

- Work is being done with community safety partnerships to develop a 'partnership toolbox' to ensure a more rapid response to emerging issues is coordinated, alongside collective prevention and enforcement actions delivered.
- Tackling emerging anti-social behaviour incidents



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in Wilton, Devizes and Malmesbury and seeking to encourage joint operational responses between Police, councils and others.

PRIORITY 4: Improve the experience of victims and deliver justice

Includes victim care and support, mental health, the criminal justice system, restorative Wiltshire and reducing re-offending.

“Early engagement, intervention, prevention and education are just some of the things we are talking about to improve the security of the county.”



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- Preparing the new substance misuse services. Wiltshire and Swindon Councils are seeking to allocate additional money for the national drugs strategy and improve criminal justice outcomes.
- Funded the provision of five new rehabilitation pathways enabling the force to deal with first time / low risk offenders more effectively. This means conditions include completion of course and includes victim awareness, mental health and substance misuse.
- The mental health triage has been recommissioned and community treatment continues to embed within offender sentence plans.
- The assurance plan continues to review the forces quality of victim care, particularly regarding victim assessment and their compliance with the victim's code of practice.

