

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

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REPORT ON THE NORTH WALES POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Background

This report is made in accordance with the Police and Crime Panel's statutory duty contained in Section 28(4) (d) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

Review of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report

The North Wales Police and Crime Panel (PCP) considered the previous Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) Annual Report for 2020/2021 at its meeting on 20 September 2021.

The report was Mr Arfon Jones' final annual report as PCC, due to his decision not to seek re-election. The report provided an update on overall progress against delivery of the Police and Crime Plan's strategic priorities and whilst equal weight was given to all five strategic priorities, the overarching theme of 'reducing the criminal exploitation of vulnerable people' was highlighted throughout the report.

Whilst the report reflected on Mr Jones' time as PCC and the achievements and successes achieved, the report also documented the response to pandemic and the priorities set out in the COVID-19 Response Plan. The lessons learnt from the pandemic would continue to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy of North Wales Police as we emerge from the COVID 19 restrictions.

The report also provided an overview of the following:

- Working in effective partnership – this section of the report highlighted the positive changes to the way the Independent Domestic Violence Advisors provide support to victims of domestic violence and abuse. From 1 April 2020 a more consistent and cohesive service was introduced, which was offered across all six local authority areas and operated on a 24/7 basis, with Advisors working on a regional rota basis to cover evenings and weekends.
- Making a difference – this section of the report provided examples of some of the work and achievements of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, North Wales Police and partners.

- Delivering the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner and core responsibilities.
- A year of engagement – whilst the opportunity for engagement has been extremely limited over the past 12 month, there has been a greater focus on on-line engagement events.
- Police and Crime Plan Strategic Priorities 2020/2021 Progress Report
- Summary of Outcomes – performance was measured by comparing 2020/2021 against the previous year, in order to identify areas of concern, which assist the PCC to carry out his scrutiny of the Chief Constable and hold him to account for the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan
- Funding and Finance
- Commissioning – this section provides details of the funding distribution to organisations for 2020/2021.

It was acknowledged that a draft of the Annual Report had been previously circulated to the PCP for their observations and comments. The PCP felt the Annual Report reflected the progress made against the priorities within the Police and Crime Plan.

RESOLVED-

That the North Wales Police and Crime Panel accepts the Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report for 2020/2021.