

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME PANEL
REPORT OF THE PANEL CHAIR
TO DAVID SKAITH, MAYOR OF YORK AND NORTH YORKSHIRE
ON THE
ANNUAL REPORT FOR POLICING AND CRIME 2024-2025

INTRODUCTION

1. This report describes the views of the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel in respect of the Mayor's draft Annual Report for Policing and Crime for North Yorkshire 2024-2025. It is submitted to the Mayor in accordance with the requirements of section 28(4) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 ("the Act").

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2. In accordance with Section 12(2) of the Act, the Police, Fire and Crime Directorate ("PFCD") of the Mayoral Combined Authority ("MCA") issued the completed draft 2024/25 Policing and Crime Annual Report to the Panel on 27 June 2025. The Panel is required to arrange a public meeting as soon as practicable after the report is sent to it.
3. The Panel is required to review the report and, if it wishes, make a report or recommendations on it to the Mayor.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE PANEL

4. Those members of the Panel present at County Hall for the discussions at the 7 July meeting were as follows:

Cllr Chris Aldred	North Yorkshire Council
Cllr Melanie Davis (Sub)	North Yorkshire Council
Cllr Heather Moorhouse	North Yorkshire Council
Cllr Malcolm Taylor	North Yorkshire Council
Cllr Peter Wilkinson	North Yorkshire Council
Cllr Danny Myers	City of York Council
Fraser Forsyth	Community Co-opted

Mags Godderidge

Community Co-opted

Martin Walker

Community Co-opted

PANEL VIEWS

5. There was a useful discussion among the Panel members present at the meeting around some specific observations and queries around the draft, for which we would be grateful for your responses and clarification, as follows.

- a) Priority 1/Outcome 1a. “Actively engage with all communities to identify need and risk and to reassure.” Reference is made to areas of improvement around public trust, confidence and satisfaction, although we note that these refer to the period between April 2023 and April 2024. Grateful to clarify whether incorrect dates have been used or whether it is intentional to provide data from the previous reporting year.
- b) Priority 1/Outcome 1a. Further to the discussions held at the Panel meeting on 7 July around the developments in police complaints handling, the Panel felt it important that the draft report give a clearer reflection for the public of the challenges and issues that have been encountered around complaints handling. There is acknowledgment in the report that the HMICFRS report earlier this year around integrity arrangements highlighted issues of concern and it would be helpful to draw this out further. Additionally, it was considered that the figures provided in the table in this section could be misleading without additional context. For example, 1508 complaints/expressions of dissatisfaction in 2024/25 sounds significant but there is a spectrum from more minor through to more complex or serious matters.
- c) Priority 3/Outcome 3a. “Deliver the ‘Right People, Right Support’ every time.” The Panel would be grateful for clarification on the investment which has been put into the new Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) in York. We note the report outlines that this is £3m overall.
- d) Priority 3/Outcome 3b. The Panel felt it would be helpful to provide some further detail or data in relation to the reference to ‘Right Care, Right Person’. This is an area of ongoing interest to the Panel, partners and the public so we felt it helpful to say more about the framework and what has been achieved through its implementation.

- e) “Independent Scrutiny Panels”. The Panel felt that the section on the Rape and Serious Sexual Offences Scrutiny Panel (RASSO Panel) would benefit from further information and data on the impact it has had, rather than purely describing its purpose.
- 6. The Panel acknowledge that it can be a difficult balance to strike in a report of this nature to ensure that sufficient detail is given without also ‘overloading’ and keeping things tight. However, we felt that overall it did lack helpful context and detail in places and in the specific areas outlined above.
- 7. On the basis that further consideration will be given to the above comments and suggestions, I am happy to confirm the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel’s support for the Policing and Crime Annual Report 2024-25.

CLLR PETER R WILKINSON

Chair,
North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel

8 July 2025