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Report of the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland on the Commissioner's Annual Report 2023/24

At its meeting on Tuesday 9 July 2024, the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel considered the Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report 2023/24.

Following the recent election of the new Police and Crime Commissioner, the report was introduced by the Chief Executive. In introducing the report, the Chief Executive highlighted a number of achievements across the year, most notably, the removal of Cleveland Police from His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services 'engage' process (otherwise known as 'special measures') in September 2023 for the first time in four years. This had been achieved through the culmination of hard work and determination by officers, staff and volunteers within Cleveland Police, supported by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Other significant achievements included:

- An overall reduction in crime by 8% in the last 12 months, representing 7500 fewer crimes than previously.
- The successful introduction of custody navigators and hospital navigators to support people involved in violence.
- An investment of £1.4m in anti-violence projects and interventions.
- A significant reduction in re-offending rates in those participants who successfully completed the Divert programme.
- The continued success of project ADDER in reducing harm caused by drugs and addiction and the introduction of the UK's first drug driving educational scheme.
- An investment in targeted youth outreach services to divert young people away from anti-social behaviour and crime and encourage them into more positive interests and activities.
- The continued investment in measures to tackle violence against women and girls with 1198 victims reporting improved ability to cope after accessing support.

The report set out clearly the actions that had been taken to achieve each of the objectives that had been set in the Police and Crime Plan and Panel Members welcomed the opportunity to discuss various aspects, including the following points:

- The plan contained Cleveland wide statistics. Where possible, it would be useful to see these broken down to borough level to support the work of local community safety partnerships.

- The continuation of support for Victim Care and Advice Services (VCAS) was important, particularly in relation to violence against women and girls and it was hoped that the new Commissioner would include this in his Police and Crime Plan.

The Panel welcomed the detail contained in the report and **RESOLVED** to note the Annual Report.