



Suffolk Police and Crime Panel

Panel Report on the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report 2024/25

On 10 October 2025 the Suffolk Police and Crime Panel (PCP) considered the Annual Report of the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for 2024/25. The Panel has a statutory role in scrutinising this report at a meeting held in public.

The meeting was held in Endeavour House, Ipswich, Suffolk, and the PCC was accompanied by his Head of Communications and Assistant CEO, and his Head of Policy and Performance. The [agenda and papers](#) from the meeting are available on the County Council's website.

The Annual Report provided a summary of the work undertaken by the PCC during the financial year 2024/25, including updates on the PCC's delivery of the objectives in his [Police and Crime Plan 2022-2025](#), the PCC's commissioning of services to support victims and reduce crime and disorder, his consultation and engagement activities and partnership working.

The PCC and his staff drew members' attention to some key elements of the report. They referred to the maintained position of Suffolk having the third lowest recorded crime rate out of 43 forces in England and Wales, which was commendable.

Concerning the policing budget, the PCC felt it was disingenuous of Central Government to make funds available dependent on the PCC increasing the policing precept by the maximum allowable amount. The lack of progress in reviewing the funding formula to make it fairer for Suffolk, which was one of the lowest funded forces, was also regrettable, necessitating innovation within the Force, and better use of technology and partnership working.

The Panel questioned the PCC on a number of areas of the report, including the financial position going forward, and made suggestions for details which might be included in future reports. Full details of the discussion can be found in the minutes of the Panel's meeting, which will appear on [this link](#) when confirmed.

Whilst the Panel did not make any formal recommendations to the PCC in relation to his report, they asked that he consider the inclusion in future reports of:

- elements of performance data from his Accountability and Performance Panel (APP) reports, whilst avoiding duplication;
- context around numerical data provided in the report, comparison with previous years' data, and benchmarking with other forces;
- more detail on successful initiatives such as the new Policing Model and updates on key projects such as Right Care Right Person;
- detail on the needs assessments which took place prior to commissioning services;
- evidence of monitoring the outcomes of funded services in supporting victims of crime or tackling anti-social behaviour; and

- further splitting the categories relating to topics raised in correspondence received by the PCC.

They also asked the PCC to clarify for the Panel, outside of the meeting, a disparity between the figures showing compliance with the Victim's Code which was stated as 81.9% in the Annual Report, but 90% in the latest APP report.

The Chair congratulated the PCC on the readability of his report, which flowed well despite its length, and thanked him for his time in presenting it to members today.

Decision of the Panel

The Panel, having reviewed the PCC's Annual Report for 2024/25:

- a) noted the PCC's Report;
- b) delegated the production and publication of the Panel's formal report on its scrutiny of the PCC's Annual Report to the Chair of the Panel;
- c) agreed that the Panel write to the Minister of State for Crime, Policing and Fire expressing its concern at the disparity in the police funding formula and the lack of a review of this for many years, which disproportionately adversely discriminated against Suffolk.



Councillor Sarah Mansel

Chair of the Suffolk Police and Crime Panel
10 October 2025