



Pendle Community Safety Partnership Meeting

Minutes from the Microsoft Teams Virtual meeting held on Monday 12th May 2025, 2.00pm.

Present:

Councillor David Whipp (Chair)

Tim Horsley	Pendle Borough Council
Claire Bennett	Positive Action in the Community (PAC)
Abdul Kheratkar	Lancashire County Council
Danielle Thorpe	Pendle Borough Council
Martin Counsell	Lancashire Fire & Rescue
Michelle Walker	Pendle Borough Council
Karen Welsh	LSCFT ICB
Suzanne Parkinson	Intelligence Officer for Lancashire Trading Standards LCC
Louise Donaldson	Operational Team Manager for Child and Youth Services at LCC
Rob Grey	Lancashire Police Neighbourhood Police Inspector
Ruth Thompson	Office of Jonathan Hinder MP
Sarah Astin Wood	Head of Policy and Commission at PBC
Gemma Waterhouse	Children & Families Wellbeing Service in Pendle
Steve Hanley	Police and Crime Commissioners Office
Gaynor Mason	CFWS
Carl Coughlan	LCC, CFWS Targeted Youth Support
Gemma Waterhouse	CFWS

1. Welcome and to receive any apologies for absence.

Councillor David Whipp welcomed everyone to the meeting and hosted introductions.

Apologies for absence were received from: Kathy Ashworth, Tony Crook, Alison Ashcroft, Caroline Harrison, Sarah Callon, Ash Sutcliffe, Tony Crook. Inspire were unable to attend today.

2. Minutes from last meeting

The minutes of the last Pendle Community Safety Partnership held on 20th January 2025 were approved as a correct record.

3. MATAC Report

- Inspector Grey reviewed the key points from the report.
- There were **1,641** recorded crimes in Pendle, between January to March 2025, which is a **0% increase (5)** when compared to the 1,636 recorded crimes in the same period in the previous year.
- **Violence against the person** is the main contributor.
- There have been eight crime groups that have experienced increases compared to the same period in the previous year, identified as: Arson and Criminal Damage, Public Order, Vehicle Crime, Sexual Offences, Misc Crimes, Drugs, Possession of Weapons and Robbery.
- There have been three crime groups that have experienced decreases compared to the same period in the previous year, identified as: Violence against the Person, Theft and Burglary
- There were **99 burglary offences** in Pendle, between January to March 2025, which is a **12% decrease** when compared to the 113 recorded crimes in the same period in the previous year. Burglary Residential was the main burglary offence type.
- Recently, within the last 28 days, there have been 23 offences burglary offences, with all types having reduced. Whilst there were higher numbers of residential burglary offences (12), this type witnessed the highest reduction with -7 (37%)
- There were **79 vehicle offences** in Pendle, between January to March 2025, which is an **8% increase** when compared to the 73 recorded crimes in the same period in the previous year. Theft of a Motor Vehicle was the main vehicle offence type.
- Recently, within the last 28 days, there have been 21 vehicle offences, where Theft of a Motor Vehicle was the only type to reduce (-5), with the remaining types experiencing small rises.
- There were **230 theft offences** in Pendle, between January to March 2025, which is a **3% decrease** when compared to the 237 recorded crimes in the same period in the previous year. Other Theft was the main offence type.
- Recently, within the last 28 days, whilst Other Theft remained the volume contributor (39), this was the only type to reduce (-10).
- There were **736 Violence against the Person offences** in Pendle, between January to March 2025, which is a **7% decrease** when compared to the 795 recorded crimes in the same period in the previous year. Assault without Injury was the main offence type.
- Recently, within the last 28 days, there have been 255 offences, with Violence without Injury identified as the main type (96), specifically assault without injury.

- There were **368 DA related offences** in Pendle, between January to March 2025, which is an **3% decrease** when compared to the 378 recorded crimes in the same period in the previous year.
- Recently, within the last 28 days, there have been 111 offences.
- Within the current quarter between January to March 2025, there were **709 ASB incidents** recorded in Pendle, which is a -10.9% (-87) **decrease** compared to the previous **quarter** (October to December 2024).
- This reflects ASB incidents within the wider **East** area, which have **decreased** by -7.0% (-327) incidents.
- Compared to the same period last **year** (January to March 2024), ASB incidents have **increased** by 25.9% (146)

A discussion was had about the reliability of statistics which may not be reflective of the higher number actual incidents occurring.

David Whipp raised an issue of arson in West Craven and Colne. A discussion was had about support available for young people, specifically youth clubs, and challenges around the quality of training for youth club volunteers and finding experienced staff. Steve Hanley said Police and Crime Commissioner's summer activity fund would look to provide funding of up to £3,000. Claire Bennett talked about the Early Response Panel in Pendle, a multi-agency response group, led by the police.

Issue with electric bikes. Insp Grey stressed the importance of reporting.

ACTION: TH to invite transport safety to come to a future meeting

ACTION: Group to re-iterate the Partnership's request to the county council for adequate youth services in Pendle

4. Ketamine

Inspire were unable to attend.

ACTION: TH to include this item on the agenda for next meeting

5. Pendle Community Safety Partnership Plan 2022-25

Update on the priorities (Claire Bennett)

- PAC are running the domestic abuse forum.
- MARRAC – concern still present, working with specialist providers.
- DASSL partnership is progressing well (keeping people safe in their homes)
- Youth Forum has now adopted the Community Alcohol Partnership CAP, so there is more support and access to funding.
- Good to see a slight reduction in ASB, but aware that summer will bring an increase.
- The forum has done a lot of work with McDonalds and ASB figures are down there, but they don't have the same engagement with KFC.

Crime prevention and ASB (Tim Horsley)

- Serious Violence and the Serious Violence Duty: Clear Hold Build approach, branded as 'Prosper Partnership'; incorporates Brierfield, Bradley and Whitefield. Public launch this Friday 16 May 2-5pm at Leisure Box in Brierfield.
- A task and finish group will be set up to develop an action plan for the Serious Violence Duty in Pendle.
- Serious Organised Crime (Pendle and Ribble Valley Genga Panel): Genga panel has met over last couple of months. Around shops and premises getting together to deal with particular themes as a tactical panel.
- Domestic Homicide Review: Report sent to Home Office in January, feedback expected in the summer.

6. Partnership Plan 2025-28

District Needs Assessment for Pendle has just arrived. Possibly a brief task and finish approach to unpicking the needs assessment.

7. Colne Community Safety Area Working Group

Arson and moto-nuisance in Colne had already been mentioned. Police and partnership groups are looking at finding a working solution.

8. Update on Fire Safety (Martin Counsell – LFRS)

- 193 incidents, slight increase in January and February, small decrease in March
- 842 overall for the year to date, down by 33
- Spike in January around cooking and electrical items, some work still being done around cooking and electrical safety.
- 24 deliberate fires, spike in March. 23 of the 24 are linked to ASB.

9. Communications

Abdul will share training from 'We are With You' - to go out with the minutes.

ACTION: TH to share this with the group when minutes go out and to explore options for improving awareness of crime and ASB reporting methods

10. Dates of Future Meetings (all 2pm on Teams)

- 21 July 2025
- 20 October 2025
- 19 January 2026
- 20 April 2026