



## **Pendle Community Safety Partnership Meeting**

Minutes from the Microsoft Teams Virtual meeting  
held on Monday 21st July 2025, 2.00pm.

### **Present:**

Councillor David Whipp (Chair)

Tim Horsley	Pendle Borough Council
Danielle Thorpe	Pendle Borough Council
Martin Counsell	Lancashire Fire & Rescue
Michelle Walker	Pendle Borough Council
Cllr Ash Sutcliffe	Pendle Borough Council
Danny Hoyle	LCC Road Safety
Rob Grey	Lancashire Police Neighbourhood Police Inspector
Claire Bennett	Positive Action in the Community PAC
Nikki Carter	ICB
Gaynor Mason	Children & Families Wellbeing Service in Pendle
Craig Brown	Education Partnership Officer
Abiola Olagboyega	Community Safety LCC
Carl Coughlan	LCC, CFWS Targeted Youth Support
Harleigh Middleton	Change Grow Live
Abdul Kheraktar	LCC
Eleanor Adshead	Policy & Partnership, Police Crime Commissioner's Office
Natasha Morris	Change Grow Live
Smeer Hussain	Public Transport Safety, LCC

### **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: Sarah Astin-Wood. Louise Donaldson, Lawrence Conway

## 2. Minutes from last meeting

The minutes of the last Pendle Community Safety Partnership held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 were approved as a correct record.

## 3. MATAC Report

- There were **1,871** recorded crimes in Pendle, between April to June 2025, which is a **6% increase (107)** when compared to the 1,764 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: Violence against the Person, Arson and Criminal Damage, Public Order, Burglary, Sexual Offences, Misc Crimes, 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: Theft, Vehicle offences and Drug offences.
- There were **91 burglary offences** in Pendle, between April to June 2025, which is an **8% increase** when compared to the 84 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 28 burglary offences. Compared to the previous 28 days, both Burglary Non-Dwelling (-12) and Burglary - Residential (-7) have reduced. Whilst there was a slight rise in Burglary – Business and Community (4).
- There were **85 vehicle offences** in Pendle, between April to June 2025, which is an **-29% decrease** when compared to the 119 recorded crimes in the same period in the previous year. Theft From a Motor Vehicle was the main vehicle offence type.
- Recently, within the last 28 days, there have been 27 vehicle offences. Compared to the previous 28 days, Theft from a Motor Vehicle was the only type to rise (12), whilst there were reductions in both Theft of a Motor Vehicle (-4) and Interfering with a Motor Vehicle (-3). Aggravated vehicle taking remained the same with none.
- There were **234 theft offences** in Pendle, between April to June 2025, which is a **-18% decrease** when compared to the 284 recorded crimes in the same period in the previous year. Other Theft was the main offence type.
- Recently, within the last 28 days, there have been 70 Theft offences. Compared to the previous 28 days, Shoplifting was the only type to rise (5), whilst the remaining three types reduced, being: Other Theft (-17), Bicycle Theft (-4) and Theft from the Person (-2)
- There were **861 Violence against the Person offences** in Pendle, between April to June 2025, which is a **16% increase** when compared to the 742 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 266 offences, with Violence without Injury identified as the main type (90), specifically assault without injury (79)

- There were **416 DA related offences** in Pendle, between April to June 2025, which is an **25% increase** when compared to the 334 recorded crimes in the same period in the previous year.
- Recently, within the last 28 days, there have been 118 offences
- Within the current quarter between April to June 2025, there were **803 ASB incidents** recorded in Pendle, which is a **13.3% (94) increase** compared to the previous **quarter** (January to March 2025).
- Compared to the same period last **year** (April to June 2024), ASB incidents have **decreased** by **-3.4% (-28)**
- The current quarter does not reflect ASB incidents levels within the wider **East** area, which has witnessed an **-8.4% decrease** (-152 incidents)

#### 4. Update on Ketamine (Inspire)

Presentation given by Natasha Morris from Change Grow Live around Ketamine.

We are With You are going in to schools in Pendle to educate around Ketamine use, but we are still seeing use growing in Pendle. Cllr Ash Sutcliffe said the young people he works with in Colne are reporting their reasons for taking Ketamine are because it's cheaper than Cocaine, even though they are aware of the problems surrounding it.

Claire Bennett said Pendle Youth Forum and CAP partnership have an action plan around Ketamine and Vaping but asked about the rate of recovery from Ketamine addiction - Harleigh said the relapse rate for Ketamine is quite high compared to other drugs. Nikki attends a pan-Lancs Ketamine group, and they are looking at an educational package for college and schools. Craig Coughlan said We are With You attended the Headteachers cluster meeting and the schools are keen to get them in and are engaging.

[matthew.calow@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:matthew.calow@lancashire.gov.uk) chairs the Pan Lancs Ketamine Working Group

#### 5. Transport Safety Officers

Smeer Hussain introduced the role of Lancashire County Council's Transport Safety Officers. 6 Officers and 1 supervisor in the team covering key transport links across Lancashire. The key is to have a presence in certain areas such as bus stations or riding on routes at key times such as end of school day, with a view to reducing ASB and damage to property. Online reporting system Aura will be rolled out for organisational use soon but until then we can contact them directly with any issues [linzi.king@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:linzi.king@lancashire.gov.uk). David Whipp asked about Station Road in Barnoldswick and Smeer confirmed they have been stationed there over Easter and managed to handle the issues then which have reduced since.

#### 6. Pendle Community Safety Partnership Plan 2022-25

- Domestic Abuse (Pendle Domestic Abuse Forum) Claire Bennett

The domestic abuse contract is going well. Putting in a bid to the OPCC to get 100 community champions trained up. Traditional Lancashire Victim Abuse Service is changing and Claire will update on this in coming months. Lot of unhidden abuse so always hoping for an increase in report to police.

- Youth Anti-Social Behaviour (Pendle Youth Forum) Claire Bennett

Lot of youth ASB in Barnoldswick so the youth forum are going to connect with Barnoldswick to support. They are looking to raise aspirations. Increasing youth activities within the Bradley Big Local plan. HAF is now ongoing for summer.

- Serious Organised Crime (Pendle and Ribble Valley Genga Panel) Tim Horsley

One referral recently to Genga and good multi agency actions came from this. Perhaps lacking an ongoing panel for serious organised crime. Also need to connect with Clear Hold Build to see what they are picking up.

- Domestic Homicide Review Update Tim Horsley

Our second review is back from the home office who are happy with the report and have agreed not to publish.

· Partnership Plan 2025-28 Tim Horsley

Tim recently circulated needs assessments – feel free to send any ideas to Tim. He will be pulling together a targeted workshop so if you would like to be involved let Tim know.

## **7. Update on Fire Safety (Martin Counsell – LFRS)**

250 incidents for Q1 – 30% increase

13 incidents mainly in June across Nelson and Brierfield areas, mainly kitchen incidents, distractions when cooking, BBQs, incorrect disposal of cigarettes, overloaded electrical sockets. Visiting local mosques, churches and faith groups to raise awareness of safety in the home. 3 accidental building fires this quarter. 51 deliberate fires, up 54% on last year, spike in April/May, one of them was a deliberate derelict fire, one at a hotel in Colne, 48 ASB incidents predominantly Vivary Bridge, Alkincoates area. They are working with council to identify any loose refuge and educating in schools. Lot of initiatives around water safety and wildfire safety with the warmer weather. National campaign in petrol stations raising awareness of BBQ safety and water safety.

## **8. Colne Community Safety Area Working Group (Ash Sutcliffe)**

Concerns around drug dealing around Elsmere Avenue. Residents are fed up with keep reporting but not seeing any changes in the situation. Colne cemetery had continued ASB but they are hoping the new gates will deter this.

## **9. Communications**

### **Commissioner's Summer Funding – Colne**

Update from Eleanor Adshead, Police Crime Commissioner's Office

The Commissioner approved £130,253 in funding for 46 projects across Lancashire, following 98 applications received during the Summer Fund period. A range of impactful youth initiatives across Pendle and neighbouring districts have received support through this funding round:

- Safe Net – CYP Summer Fund £2,500 allocated to a domestic abuse support programme for young people across Burnley, Preston, Pendle, and Lancaster.
- Off the Grid – Colne Youth Action Group £3,000 awarded to provide structured and engaging outdoor activities for young people in Pendle, helping promote wellbeing and positive social interaction.
- StrongHer – Inspire 2 Box £2,500 granted for a female-focused boxing and fitness programme in Pendle, designed to empower and build confidence among participants.
- Nature Warriors – Nature Warriors CIC £3,000 provided to support multi-sports, creative arts, and workshop activities for young people in Pendle, offering inclusive and varied engagement opportunities.
- Waterside Youth Club – Positive Action in the Community £1,847 awarded to deliver youth sessions including sports and creative arts, fostering safe and inclusive recreational spaces.
- Harri's Couch – Harringtons Learning Centre £3,000 directed toward the development of a youth-led podcast and media initiative in Pendle, encouraging creative expression and digital skills.

If anyone requires further information on these items or the work of the Commissioner's Office, please feel free to get in touch: [Eleanor.Adshead@lancashire-pcc.gov.uk](mailto:Eleanor.Adshead@lancashire-pcc.gov.uk)

I'd also like to note that Pol-ed is currently engaged with over 70% of educational establishments in Lancashire. It may be worthwhile speaking with Rob to explore whether any presentations can be added to this initiative or to review the existing content.

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

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