

# West Yorkshire Police Authority

## Your latest views on the police

THANK you to everyone who completed and returned the questionnaire from the last issue of Your Police, which asked for your feedback about the Local Policing Summary which filled the central section of the newspaper.

Many of you appear happy with the format and content.

Around three-quarters (75 per cent) had a positive opinion of the summary, with half saying it was either good (41 per cent) or excellent (nine per cent). The majority found the information useful (69 per cent agreed), easy to read and understand (88 per cent agreed) and felt we'd got the balance right between force-wide and local information (61 per cent). Two thirds would like more information about how the police budget is spent (68 per cent) and local initiatives and successes (65 per cent), so we'll try and include that

next time.

We also took the opportunity to repeat some questions which we asked last summer about neighbourhood policing, visible policing and effectiveness. We're pleased to see that more of you have met a member of your Neighbourhood Policing Team (21 per cent in 2006 compared to 16 per cent in 2005). More of you also think that the police are now dealing with the things that matter to you (39 per cent in 2006 compared to 22 per cent in 2005).

In 2005, when neighbourhood policing was first rolled out, 71 per cent of you said visible policing had either increased (24 per cent) or stayed the same (47 per cent).

A year later, although a majority thought the position was no worse, fewer felt police visibility had increased further (21 per cent) or stayed the same (32 per cent).

## So what happens next?

RESULTS suggest that neighbourhood policing is being consolidated across West Yorkshire. The authority will examine the results in more detail - seeing how they vary across

demographic groups and communities - and work with the Force to develop plans that will help neighbourhood policing across West Yorkshire.

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## Celebration of Colin Cramphorn's career

THE search is now on for a worthy successor to West Yorkshire Police's Chief Constable Colin Cramphorn.

West Yorkshire Police Authority recently organised a retirement party for Mr Cramphorn to mark his outstanding contribution to policing in England and Northern Ireland.

Following his decision to retire on 31 December 2006 as a result of ill-health, the police authority particularly wanted to recognise the work he has done to turn around the performance of West Yorkshire Police since he was appointed Chief Constable in November 2002.

Chair of the West Yorkshire Police

Authority, Coun Mark Burns-Williamson, praised his achievements, saying: "In four years Colin has transformed West Yorkshire Police from a 'failing' Force to one that is recognised as being among the top performing in the country. His energy, commitment and professionalism have been outstanding. He will be a very hard act to follow."

The function was attended by police authority members and colleagues from across the Force, as well as heads of the local criminal justice agencies. VIP guests included the Lord Lieutenant, the current Chief Constable of the Police Service of

Northern Ireland, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary and the President of the Association of Chief Police Officers. All applauded the comments made by Home Secretary John Reid, who sent a video in which he praised Colin's achievements and personal qualities.

The search is now on for a new Chief Constable to build on the successes of Mr Cramphorn in the last four years and take forward the police reform agenda.

West Yorkshire Police Authority is currently advertising the post and expects to make an appointment in mid-December.

## Acting Chief Constable appointed

JULIA Hodson has been appointed as the Force's Acting Chief Constable.

Ms Hodson, who joined as Deputy Chief Constable in October 2005, is currently responsible for overall Force performance as well as overseeing legal and professional standards within the organisation.

She joined Merseyside Police in 1982 and spent time in Uniformed Policing, Personnel, Road Traffic, Complaints and Discipline and the Control Room. She transferred to Greater Manchester Police in June 1995 as a Superintendent working in the Development and Inspectorate Branch

and Uniform Operations and as Commander at Wigan Division. She then moved to Lancashire Constabulary taking up the post of Assistant Chief Constable with responsibility for Human Resources and Training and subsequently became ACC Operations.

Each year West Yorkshire Police Authority sets out how it wants policing to change. It's no good just saying to the Chief Constable 'We want everything to get better.' We have to be realistic about what can be done within the

present budget and how much extra we can add to the bills of local council tax payers. This means picking out the areas that most need to change and being specific about how much improvement we expect to see.

The Authority can then fulfil its role of holding the Chief Constable to account. It's not just what we think that counts. The Home Secretary tells us what the Government wants to see happen. And we want to reflect your views.

## What needs to change?

In recent years, we have been trying to progress three main priorities: Making Communities Safer, Tackling Crime and Giving a Better Service. Are they all still important? Which matter most to you? Which need to improve most? You tell us and we'll try and reflect your views in next year's Policing Plan.

**Q1. MAKING COMMUNITIES SAFER**

	Reducing antisocial behaviour	Increasing visible policing	Reducing road traffic accidents
Please rank the following in order of importance to you (1 = most important 3 = least important)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
and then tick the <i>one</i> area that needs to improve <i>most</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q3. TACKLING CRIME**

	Reducing Violent Crime	Reducing Property Crime	Tackling terrorism and organised crime
Please rank the following in order of importance to you (1 = most important 3 = least important)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
and then tick the <i>one</i> area that needs to improve <i>most</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q5. GIVING A BETTER SERVICE**

	Responding faster to callers	Supporting victims and witnesses	Implementing Neighbourhood Policing
Please rank the following in order of importance to you (1 = most important 3 = least important)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
and then tick the <i>one</i> area that needs to improve <i>most</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q7. Now you know the key areas within each main priority,**

	Making communities safer	Tackling crime	Giving a better service
Please rank the priorities in order of importance to you (1 = most important 3 = least important)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
and then tick the <i>one</i> that needs to improve <i>most</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**We want to hear from everyone – wherever you live, whatever age you are and whatever community you come from. We can then make sure we understand everyone's needs. This information is confidential**

Knowing your postcode will help us identify priorities by area (please fill in the boxes below)

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Age	Ethnic Group
16-24	<input type="checkbox"/> White
25-34	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British
35-44	<input type="checkbox"/> Black or Black British
45-54	<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese
55-64	<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Heritage
Over 64	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Ethnic Group

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED SURVEY (NO STAMP NEEDED) TO:**

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## What else needs to improve?

**Q9. We know from previous questionnaires that the biggest improvement people in West Yorkshire want to see is more police on the streets. What would be the next thing on your list of improvements? (Please write your answer in the space opposite)**