



Police and Crime Panel

27th October 2025

Road Safety

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Purpose of Report

1. The PCC brings this report to outline for the Police and Crime Panel how he is delivering against his Road Safety Priority in the Police and Crime Plan 2024-2029.

Request of the Panel

2. In their role to scrutinise the actions and decisions of the PCC, the Commissioner requests that the panel examines the contents of this report. He would specifically like to ask the panel their opinion on the following questions;
 - a. Would the panel like to make any recommendations to the PCC in relation to this matter?

Background

Police and Crime Plan 2024-29

3. Road Safety is key priority in the PCC's Police and Crime Plan. Within the plan, the PCC set out the below statements and measures in which activity against the Road Safety priority will be assessed and judged:

Police and Crime Plan Aims

4. The Commissioner set a clear aim for Road Safety in his Police and Crime Plan that, alongside partners to make our roads safer. He will be working with the Chief Constable to crack down on the anti-social use of vehicles including e-scooters and illegal e-bikes. He wants to increase the number of safety initiatives on our roads.
5. The OPCC are working alongside the Road Safety Partnership to deliver road safety initiatives. He will continue to give the Chief Constable his full support when it comes to car related ASB and will support the Road Safety Unit to deliver the excellent Fatal4 campaign.
6. Over the duration of the delivery of his Police and Crime plan he will be taking action to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads and increasing activity on our roads to tackle speeding and you will continue to see firm action against car cruising.
7. The remainder of this report outlines activity that has been undertaken by the OPCC and the wider partnership on the above aims.

E-scooters and E-Bikes

8. Roundtable is held between the PCC and the Chief Constables Office every two weeks. The PCC requested a conversation with the Chief Constable on the Force's activity to crack down on the illegal use of E-Scooters and E-Bikes to ensure that activity.
9. Given that E-scooters are a recurrent issue brought to the PCC's attention on Community Days the PCC has regularly pushed for the expansion of Force activity on this matter, and he continues to feed community views back to the Chief and local Neighbourhood Policing Teams.
10. Leicestershire Police name their activity to target E-scooters and E-bikes under the name 'Operation Pedalfast'.
11. This has been run across the Safer Summer Streets Initiative and in Leicester City Centre, West Leicester, East Leicester and in Loughborough Town Centre as a direct response to growing community concerns around illegal e-scooters and non-compliant e-bikes being ridden in target locations.
12. Since January 2025, 465 illegal e-vehicles have been seized in Leicester City Centre alone.
13. This enforcement action is also partnered with a comprehensive communications campaign. Leicestershire Police use targeted messaging on social media, and visible advertising within the City centre making use of digital displays across the city.
14. Over 100 posts on Operation Pedalfast have been shared on social media since January 2025, receiving over 7,600 likes and over 2000 further engagements (including comments, shares and link clicks).
15. Since January 2025, e-scooters have been raised on 6 separate Community Days with the PCC:
 - a. 4th February – Leicester City
 - b. 25th February – Leicester City
 - c. 4th March – North West Leicestershire – Coalville in the Holywell area
 - d. 20th May – North West Leicestershire – Hugglescote
 - e. 5th June – Oadby and Wigston – Wigston
 - f. 12th June – Blaby
16. On all occasions the issue was raised with the local Inspector to ensure that the local intelligence could be factored in to planned future activity.

ANPR & Fatal4

17. As part of the capital programme, a provision for the rolling out of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) has been included by the PCC.
18. ANPR camera replacements and new back-office software has also been included for 2025-26.
19. A research project on Fatal 4 is scheduled to be undertaken by the OPCC in February 2026.
20. The project will explore and evaluate the effectiveness of different crime prevention methods.
21. The research objectives are:
 - a. Identify and analyse the criminal behaviours that contribute to Fatal 4-related road harm.
 - b. Evaluate existing enforcement and intelligence tools (e.g. ANPR, camera technology) for their impact on crime reduction.
 - c. Explore comprehensive, multi-agency approaches to reduce repeat offending linked to dangerous driving.
 - d. Develop evidence-based recommendations to enhance crime prevention strategies related to road use.
 - e. Highlight cross-sector collaboration (e.g. police, insurers, DVLA, local authorities) to tackle road-enabled crime.
 - f. Produce a clear and actionable report to guide future interventions and policy development.
22. Below are the expected project benefits:
 - a. Shifts focus from general road safety to criminality-driven harm, making enforcement efforts more strategic.
 - b. Strengthens data-informed policing and resource allocation in high-risk areas.
 - c. Promotes proactive engagement with habitual offenders through tailored diversion or rehabilitation schemes.
 - d. Enhances inter-agency collaboration and intelligence sharing for wider crime disruption.
 - e. Provides clear recommendations for operational improvements and legislative consideration.
 - f. Builds stronger public trust by demonstrating an offender-focused, harm-reduction approach.

Road Safety Initiatives

23. Leicestershire Police undertake a number of road safety initiatives to encourage safe road use. These are split into school-based interventions and road use interventions. A full breakdown of initiatives locally can be found below*:

24. School based initiatives

Street Feet (Early years, role play pack) - Loan resources to nursery, pre-school facilities and Key Stage 1 on request.
School input Foundation / reception (LCC) - Key message - holding hands / Be Bright Be Seen / Road Safety Code through engaging age appropriate delivery
Be Safe Be Seen Training - All Rutland Primary schools offered training as nights draw in.
Modeshift STARS Accreditation - All Rutland Primary Schools offered training and resources to participate.
Schools input Year 1 - Every primary school in LLR visited every year on a rolling Y1 and Y5 programme. Some brief road safety points covered as part of our fire education session.
Schools input Year 1 (LCC) - Year 1 - County Schools key message - introduction to key vocabulary, the Road Safety Code, Safer Places to Cross
Schools input Year 1 & 2 - Scooter/Bicycle balance modules (Balanceability/ Scootability)
School input - Year 2 (LCC) - Scooter Safety - what to wear / how to complete safety checks on their scooter / balance and control / sharing the space with other pavement users / road safety code
Schools input Year 2 - All schools are offered a 4 week course run by the RSO and volunteers and Year 5 & 6 children
Schools Input - Year 3 (LCC) - To complete a journey safely
Schools Input - Year 4 - Speed - wait for a clear road to cross
Schools Input - year 5 - Dangerous Distractions
Schools input Year 5 - Every primary school in LLR visited every year on a rolling T1 and Y5 programme. Some brief road safety points covered as part of our fire education session.
Schools input Year 5 & Year 6 - All schools are offered a 1 hour quiz session run by the RSO. Tales of the Road books are provided a week before and a request that they are read is sent to the teacher. The quiz is for half an hour and then half an hour going through the answers. All participants receive a pencil
Schools Input - Year 6 (LCC) - Impulse Control
School Crossing Patrol Service - 100 Sites. Thousands of children and parents crossed each school journey.
Bikeability - cyclist training delivery - Children trained to Bikeability standards. Leics 6531
x L1&2, 165 x L3 and 50 x L1

Bikeability - materials - All trainees provided with support pack.
Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO) Scheme - Encouraging as many primary schools to support JRSO scheme as possible. Keen for JRSOs to do three things, 1) run a notice board, 2) hold an assembly 3) support clubs or competitions.
Car seat resources - Support materials used at any suitable events or via distribution channels.
School Gate Parking Resource - Distribution of resources to schools / parents.
Transition resources (Move from Primary to secondary school). - Distribution of appropriate resources. Consideration being given to development of new resources for primary - secondary transition.
Warning Zone - Expected attendance by 10.4k pupils from approx. 250+ schools across the LLRRSP area. Also welcomes scout groups, YOS, vulnerable adults and adults with disabilities.
Vulnerable Road Users - Road safety giveaways distribution via Local Policing Units/Traffic Management to schools & community engagement events. Allows further opportunities to communicate/educate
Think Bike Campaign - Think Bike' Signs erected in key Rutland cycle route locations.
Pre-Driver Days - 6 separate day courses delivered in 2024 at Mallory Park. Practical driving provision and classroom based road safety education to 252 + 16/17 year olds.
Schools input Year 11 - Delivery of the fatal four road safety message via a 60mins P/P presentation, followed by VR360 Film and/or the Hazard Express.

25. Outside of schools

Shiny Side Up Partnership - Member benefits of regional partnership.
CBT resources (First Bike) - Resources provided to training bodies throughout Leicestershire who will give materials to trainees.
ERS (Enhanced Rider Scheme) - Delivery of DVSA backed subsidised courses through Shires motorcycle training. £70 subsidy for each rider, 91 courses delivered in 23/24.
CBT+ - Delivery of subsidised "tailored" training, candidates receive a £35 voucher upon completion towards PPE &/or MOT/servicing costs, 147 courses delivered in 23/24.
Bike Safe - Motorcycle training delivered by a qualified Police officer. 90+ courses delivered in 23/24
BikerDown - Motorcycle training delivered by a qualified Leics Fire officers. 200+ free courses delivered in 23/24
LLRRSP Comms/PR officer - Greater awareness of the key road safety issues through publicity/education leading to improved attitudes towards risk
General comms/PR activity - Focus on targeted paid for advertising via social media

Safety Camera promotion - Attend public facing events, explain the workings of the operation while distributing branded road safety giveaways
FATAL4 - Increased compliance through continued operations. Helps provide a community peace of mind.
Fleet Driver Work - Gap in provision. - work in progress - driving for work
Community Speed Watch - 18 Leicestershire and 7 Rutland schemes p/a, hundreds of scheme signs displayed and thousands of education letters sent to speeding drivers.
Driver Education Workshops - Largest single road safety education initiative undertaken in LLR. Over 35,000 drivers attend annually. With a total learning time of 105,000 hours.
Older Driver Resources - Distribution of older driver resources. Including 'Drive On' publication from First Car.
SAGE Safer Driving with Age driver Assessment scheme (under review)
Mobility scooter resources - Purchasing Mobility Scooter Highway Code for distribution.

26. *correct as of November 2024. RSP are updating the information in the coming weeks.

Community Action Programme

27. The PCC launched the Community Action Programme in August 2025.

28. The new flagship initiative puts communities at the helm of the PCC's plans for a safer and more prosperous future in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

29. It brings together a series of connected initiatives designed to equip small and grassroots organisations with the skills, knowledge and support they need to help residents thrive and to 'prevent rather than cure' crime and disorder – a strategy conceived nearly 200 years ago by the father of modern policing, Sir Robert Peel.

30. As part of the new programme, the PCC is empowering local communities to implement activities themselves that will have a direct impact in their areas and benefit local people.

31. Alongside ensuring crime prevention advice is readily available to the public, the PCC will launch practical toolkits, highlighting simple cost-effective crime prevention activities that communities can implement themselves and ready-made strategies for developing solutions.

32. For those requiring extra support, the PCC has launched a Community Action Fund which will channel resources directly into the hands of those who know their communities best to strike at the roots of criminality and anti-social behaviour.

33. Replacing the Commissioner's Safety Fund, the new scheme will distribute funding across six rounds in 2025-26 focusing on the core priorities of the Commissioner's new Police and Crime Plan.
34. The Road Safety round of funding opens on Monday 17th November 2025 and will remain open until Monday 12th January 2026.
35. Local groups and organisations are invited to bid in for up to £10,000 to deliver projects that focus on prevention and education.

Auto Speed Watch

36. The PCC has also commissioned a review of speed reduction devices, in particular Auto Speed Watch. The PCC and Leicestershire Police are supportive of the installation of a trial, including the sending of a small number of warning letters each week, to enable proof of concept.
37. The PCC will continue to work closely with Local Authority partners to try and support installation across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Commissioned Services

38. Providing driver education courses is a delivery point in the Road Safety delivery strategy of the Police and Crime Plan.
39. Currently, the PCC funds the Pathfinder project, which is aimed at Young Drivers aged 15-17 and their guardians. Over 2 weeks in 2025, 44 students have participated:
 - a. February 2025 – 28 students
 - b. August 2025 – 16 students
40. A 2024 survey of participants in the project is included as Annex 1.

OPCC and Road Safety Partnership Update

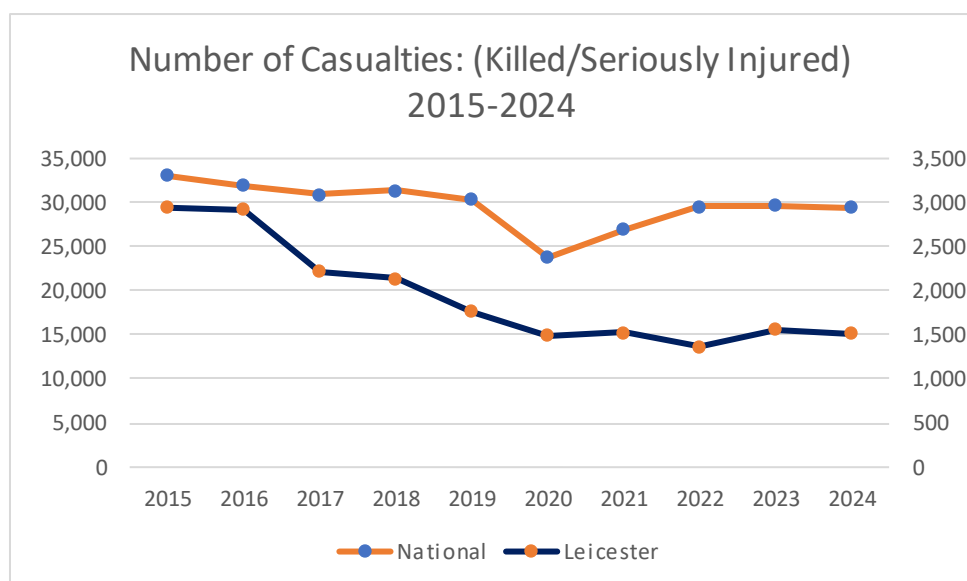
41. The relationship between the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Leicestershire Road Safety Partnership (RSP) has continued to develop positively recently, with both parties committed to improving road safety across the region.
42. The OPCC has been actively engaging with the RSP through community meetings and strategic forums, demonstrating a shared ambition to reduce road casualties and tackle issues such as speeding, car cruising, and anti-social driving as well as other Fatal 4 offences. Recent meetings include:
 - a. Meeting involving the OPCC Road Safety SPOC, Leicestershire Police Assistant Chief Constable, force Road Safety Unit and Roads Policing Unit. Meeting to discuss the PCCs Police and Crime Plan priorities dedicated to Road Safety. This meeting involved discussions around

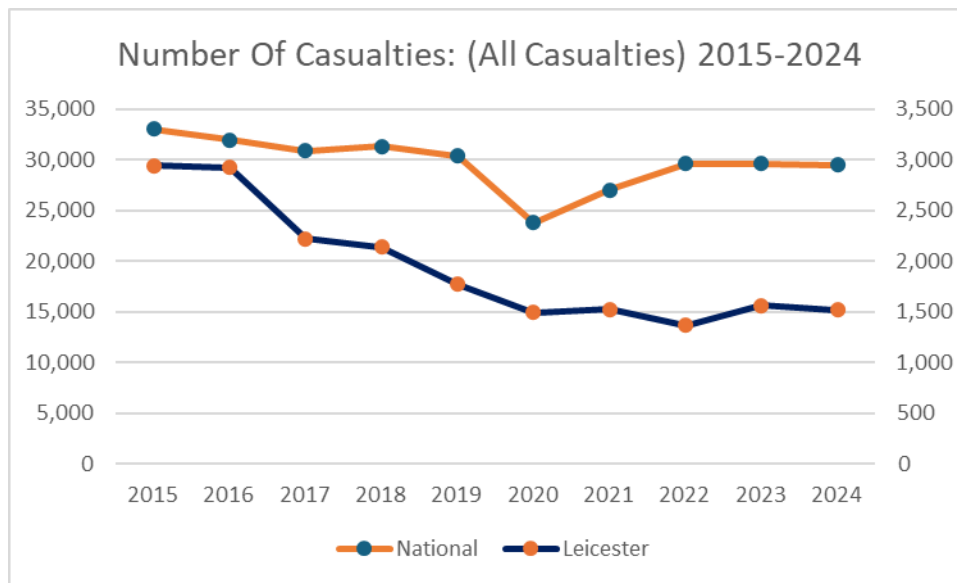
delivery of the PCCs key priorities from both an OPCC and Police perspective.

- b. Meeting involving the OPCC Road Safety SPOC and members of the Leicestershire Road Safety Partnership. Discussions around the Police and Crime Commissioners Police and Crime Plan and how the OPCC, Police and RSP can best work together to drive down road casualties and fatalities. Introducing the key priorities dedicated to Road Safety under the Police and Crime Plan to members of the RSP. Positive discussions around how the PCC could direct funding and where this may have the best impact.
- c. An OPCC arranged residents meeting in Castle Donnington. The community meeting on 4th September 2025 provided a valuable opportunity for the PCC to hear directly from residents, police and the local authority on current issues facing the community.

Road Safety Data

43. The data shows that the number of people killed and seriously injured and the number of casualties annually is falling. However, one is too many. The Commissioner would like to see partners across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland work together towards a Vision Zero aim, as other areas have adopted. He will continue to work to this aim.





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