



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 4 DECEMBER 2025

REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

OPCC UPDATE and 26-27 PRIORITIES

Purpose of report

1. This report provides an overview of health-related activities commissioned, grant-funded or provided as part of the responsibilities of the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland (LLR). Whilst a significant amount of OPCC funded activity is LLR wide, this report will highlight specific, where able, areas of delivery in Leicestershire.

Recommendation

2. The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:
 - a. Note the report for information.
 - b. In noting the report, identify areas where OPCC delivery links into the wider of partnership of the Health & Wellbeing Board priorities, where joint working could provide greater benefits.
 - c. Note that the OPCC commissioning priority for 26/27 is the re-commissioning of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence services for commencement April 2027.

Policy Framework and Previous Decision

3. This is the first report to the Health & Wellbeing Board from the OPCC and is presented to the board in the context of the OPCC's statutory responsibilities, which are:
 - To support victims and witnesses – Providing victim support services for all crime types and specialist victim services for victim/survivors of

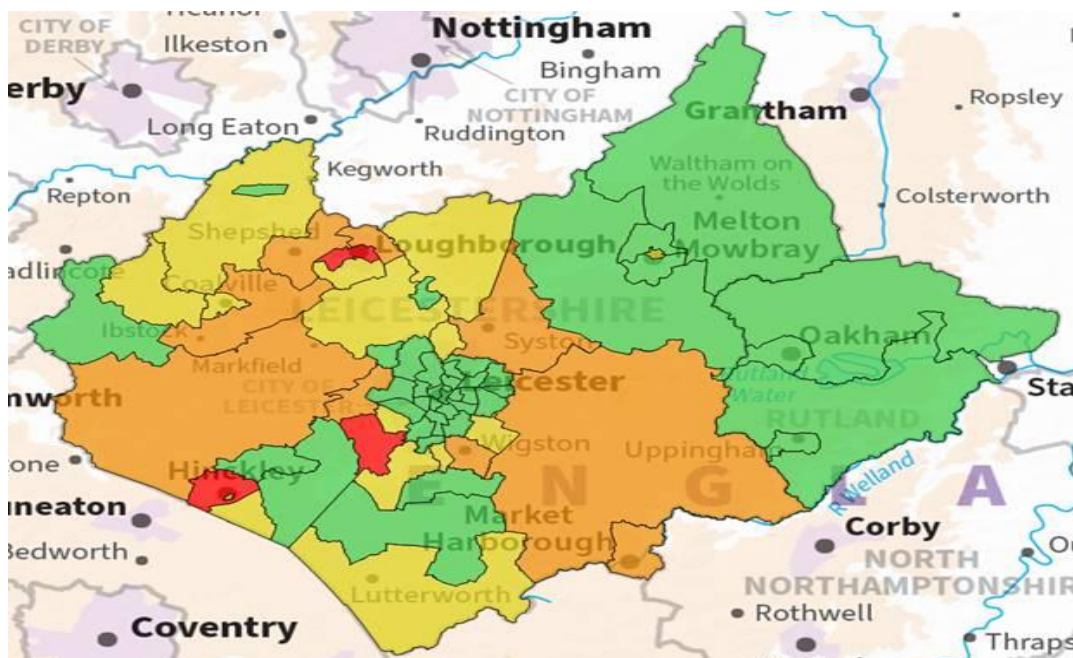
domestic abuse, serious sexual assault and rape (RASSO). Providing specialist support to secondary victims of indecent images of children crimes. All services provided at age-specific levels for children and adults.

- To prevent and divert from crime – Providing Out of Court Resolutions as an alternative sentencing option, providing crime prevention advice and specific crime-related problem-solving support and grant funding to grass roots organisations to deliver crime prevention and diversionary activities.

Background

4. The report summaries the activity the OPCC commissions that supports or contribute to strategic areas of delivery of the Health & Wellbeing Board.
5. Drugs and Alcohol – The OPCC makes a contribution of £111,856.00 per annum to the county's substance use treatment service (provided by Turning Point). The OPCC additionally funds a Drug Test on Arrest (DToA) facility based in custody suites, whereby offenders presenting with trigger offences (typically acquisitive crimes) are tested by custody officers for use of Class A drugs, and those with a positive result are offered a treatment intervention by Turning Point through the Required Assessment Process.

Acquisitive Crime - Leicestershire Year 24/25* by policing beat:



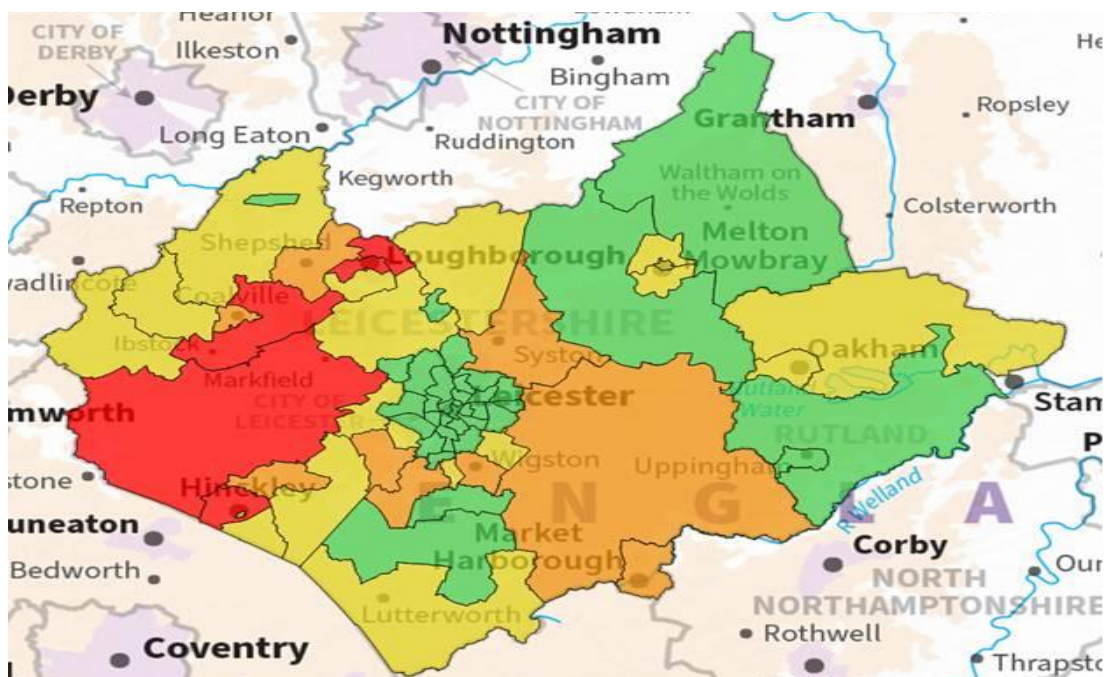
*Not all acquisitive crime arrests require or result in a DToA, data represents Leicestershire not Leicester city areas.

6. The main county areas for reported acquisitive crime are Enderby & Narborough (Fosse Park), Loughborough Town & Hinckley Greater. The recorded number of police referrals into drug treatment (2024/25) are as follows:
 - 325 Referrals via Drug Testing on Arrest (includes Required Assessments and voluntary referrals);
 - 16 Referrals via Young Persons Community Resolution pathway (those young people who were referred into treatment after police/TP intervention).
7. Youth Justice Boards – The OPCC contributes £77,934.00 to Leicestershire & Rutland Children & Young Peoples Justice Service (CYPJS). The OPCC provides a representative to the local CYPJS Board to act as Victims Lead. There are health and wellbeing implications in youth criminal justice services, the main being provision or lack thereof of Speech, Language & Communication Needs (SLCN). The Royal Society of Speech & Language Therapists identified that over 60% of young people in justice settings have SLCN. City and County CYPJS are working to fund an SLCN post across youth justice services.
8. Gambling Harms – The OPCC are beginning a piece of work to better understand those who are within the criminal justice system (CJS) due to gambling addiction. The majority of crimes committed by those with gambling harms sit around fraud and embezzlement and are subject to custodial sentences. Gambling harms were, from April 2025, subject to the public health levy – a mandatory fee on gambling operators, to generate significant, ringfenced funding for research, prevention, and treatment of gambling-related harms. It replaces the voluntary industry contribution system and aims to raise over £100 million annually. The funds are to be split, with 50% dedicated to treatment services (like the NHS), 30% to prevention and early intervention, and 20% to research. Gambling harms have a broad impact on the individual, families and communities when considering housing, finances, family breakdowns and the impact of suicide. For every individual gambling at harmful levels, six to ten other people are impacted, which amounts to between 10,500 to 17,600 Leicestershire residents being affected by someone else's gambling. It is also estimated that over 9,500 children live in the same household as an adult who might benefit from gambling treatment and support. (Leicestershire HNA – Gambling Harms August 2024)
9. The OPCC also commissions FreeVa to deliver medium and high-risk support to victim/survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence. This includes IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Advocates), ISVA (Independent Sexual Violence Advocates), CHISVA (Childrens Independent Sexual Violence Advocates) support and in the next financial year will introduce ISAC (Independent Stalking Advocacy Caseworker) support. The service works across the general population and includes IDVA/ISVA's with specialisms in

supporting male victims, black and multi-ethnic communities, LGBTQ+ and those with neurodiversity. Domestic Abuse has a significant impact on GP, Emergency Services including A&E and on Mental Health Services. All victim focussed services serve the whole LLR area. Whilst some of the ethnicity demographics are less represented in Leicestershire, the county is more impacted by domestic abuse in rural communities. Domestic abuse lasts, on average, 25% longer in most rural areas – exiting abuse is harder, takes longer and is more complex for rural victims as there are significant additional barriers in rural communities compared to urban areas.

10. Victim First, provided by Catch 22, delivers support to all consenting victims of crime (including standard risk domestic abuse victims) across LLR. The offer of support includes emotional and practical support and is tailored to children, young people and adults as discrete groups. Support is available online, in easy read formats, in multiple languages including British Sign Language, through webchat and face to face. With regards to a health lens, the service supports victims of assault and violence against the person which will have implications on emergency, primary and secondary health providers.

Violence Against the Person 2024-25 (excluding Leicester city)

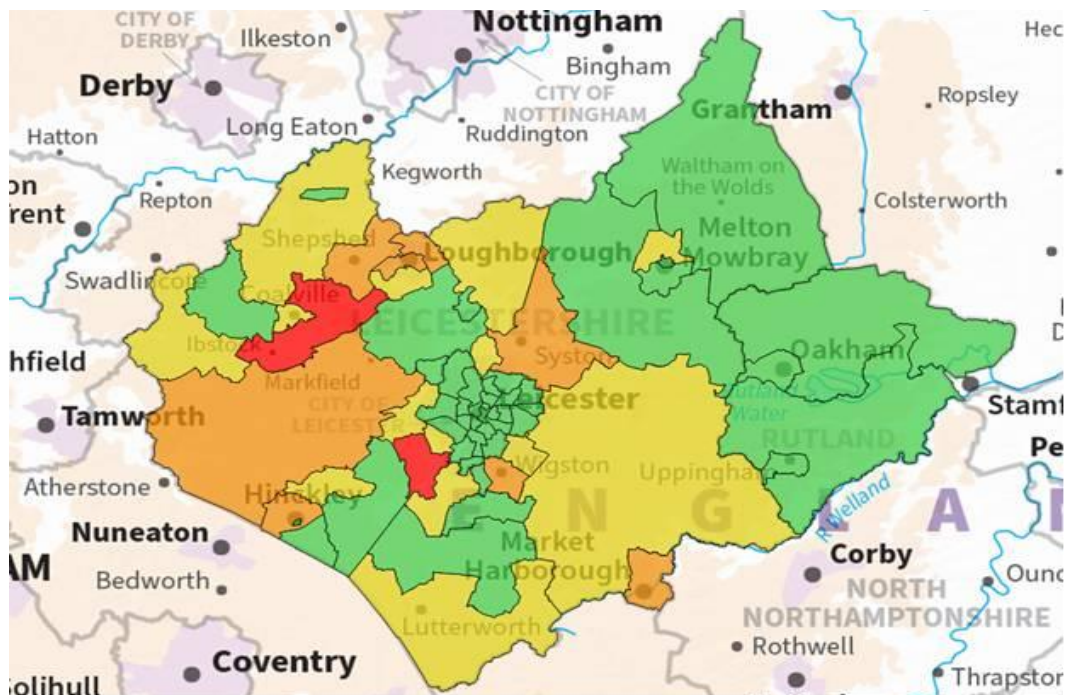


11. The highest number of violence against the person are in Hinckley Greater, Market Bosworth, Whitwick & Ibstock, Loughborough Town & Loughborough North police beats. Across LLR 2024 -25 for all crime types, 10,459 victims were positively contacted, 1397 chose to decline support, and 9062 engaged in some form of support.

12. Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARC) – The OPCC co-commissions with NHS England, SARC's for both adults and children. The East Midlands Children & Young Peoples SARC (EM CYP SARC) are located in Nottingham and Northampton. Children from Leicestershire in need of specialised forensic SARC services, delivered via a Consultant Paediatrician-led model will usually attend the closest SARC to them. Adult SARC services are delivered from Juniper Lodge (New Parks, Leicester). Juniper Lodge serves the entire LLR area. Data on victim address is protected and therefore cannot be broken down into districts or county. The majority of SARC referrals are female. For the year 25/26, Juniper Lodge:

- Received 341 referrals.
- Conducted 167 forensic examinations.
- Made 96 onward referrals to mental health and/or crisis teams.
- Made 50 onward referrals to substance use treatment services.
- Offered and started 29 cases of HIV PEP (Post exposure prophylaxis).
- Delivered 61 emergency contraception interventions.
- Started 48 Hepatitis B schedules.
- Made 104 onward referrals to Sexual Health services.

Rape & Serious Sexual Assault (RASSO) locality map by policing beat (excluding Leicester city) 2024/2025:



13. Whitwick & Ibstock and Enderby & Narborough are the areas with the highest reports of RASSO, however there is a caveat to this. Leicestershire Police Force Headquarters is located in the Enderby & Narborough beat, and all offences with no known location default to Enderby for recording purposes.

14. The OPCC are progressing the delivery of an animated information booklet regarding sexual violence. This will be in video form with multiple choice home language video voice overs, following advice and learning from Health & Wellbeing partners and Sexual Health Services on better engagement with minority groups. The animation will have choices of English, Gujarati, Punjabi, Polish, Urdu, Hindi and Romanian narration and can be built upon with other languages as required. This will sit alongside our written information which has been co-produced by victim/survivors of rape and sexual assault.
15. The Violence Intervention Project (VIP) run through the Violence Reduction Network, is a tertiary prevention intervention which aims to prevent repeat victimisation and/or offending through offering timely and tailored support to those aged 11 to 25. VIP workers are based in the Emergency Department (ED) at Leicester Royal Infirmary and the custody suite at Euston Street Police Station. The project uses "reachable moments" in these settings to engage with the young person at a critical point in their lives and offer support to assist recovery and/or desistance, and address pressing issues such as safety and emotional wellbeing. The workers will continue to support the young person following discharge/release, offering mentoring and practical assistance to empower them to achieve their goals. Referral to the project is made by ED and custody staff. Further information on VRN projects can be found in the 2024-25 Annual Report linked in the background papers.
16. The OPCC co-commissions with Public Health in the county and the city a Bereaved by Suicide service delivered by the Tomorrow Project. Governance of the service sits with Leicestershire County Council Public Health but serves the entire LLR footprint. The service provides counselling to all those affected by suicide, including family and friends of the deceased. In the first 6-month period of this financial year the service received 79 referrals, of which 57 originated in Leicestershire. On average 86% of those receiving support are White. Of those receiving support, on average 21% are children of the deceased, 20% are parents of the deceased, 20% are the spouse/partner of the deceased and 13% are the parent of the deceased.

Consultation/Patient and Public Involvement

17. Where applicable to the priority the OPCC consults with the public or representatives of the affected demographic/community e.g. the support publication for victim/survivors of RASSO was co-produced with Voices, a lived experience group of victim/survivors of rape.
18. In 2024 the OPCC developed and introduced a Lived Experience Strategy, which includes representation from the public or representative group on all commissioned procurement, including evaluation and award of funding.

Resource Implications

19. There are no resource implications to this paper.

Background papers

OPCC for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Police & Crime Plan

<https://www.leics.pcc.police.uk/DOCUMENT-LIBRARY/Planning-and-Money/Police-and-Crime-Plan/2024-2029/Police-and-Crime-Plan-2024-2029.pdf>

Violence Reduction Network Annual Report 2024 – 2025

<https://democracy.leics.gov.uk/documents/s190051/Appendix%20A%20-%20VRN%20Annual%20Report%202024%20-%202025.pdf>

Circulation under the Local Issues Alert Procedure

20. The report does not affect a particular area of the county.

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Relevant Impact Assessments

Equality Implications

21. There are no equality implications arising from this report. Equality Impact Assessments are carried out by the OPCC in each individual case of funded activity where required.

Human Rights Implications

22. There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

Crime and Disorder Implications and Environmental Implications

23. There are no crime and disorder and environmental implications from this report. Policing and crime and disorder implications are agreed with Leicestershire Police Force in all relevant OPCC Funding decisions at the time of commissioning and/or grant funding.

Partnership Working and associated issues

24. Partnership working across health, local authorities, police, fire, districts etc. is essential to ensure robust criminal justice health-related initiatives are in place.

Risk Assessment

25. All delivery undertaken by the OPCC is risk assessed through multiple assessment platforms and forums and where appropriate risks are escalated to the OPCC Risk Register.