

Full Report for Decision**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR NORTHUMBRIA****Key Decisions****Title and Reference****Police Property Fund****(PCC/762/2026)****Summary**

The purpose of this report is to advise the PCC of the funds available for the disposal under the Police (Property) Act 1897

Recommendation

To agree to payments of ;

- £15,000 - Police Treatment Centre for 2025/26.
- £6,000 - Northumbria Police Charity Fund.
- £2,500 - Care of police Survivors (COPs).
- £1,000 - Police Arboretum Memorial Trust.
- £3,200 for Fresh Start Social Fund.

This therefore leaves £80,532 for future disbursements.

Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner

I hereby approve the recommendations above.

Signature**Date 21.7.26**

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OPCC Meeting	21 July 2026
Police Property Fund	
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1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the PCC of the funds available for disposal under The Police (Property) Act 1897 and provide information on requests for funding.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Police Property Act states property which comes into the possession of the police in connection with a crime and where the owner cannot be found can be sold, with the money being kept in the Police Property Act Fund. The same is true for property which has been forfeited by convicted persons by order of a court, as it was used or intended for use in a crime.
- 2.2 Regulation 6, paragraph 4(C) of the 1997 Regulations gives Police Crime Commissioners discretion "To make payments of such amounts as the relevant PCC may determine for such charitable purposes as they may select". Whilst not specifically stated past practice has been to make donations to registered charities.
- 2.3 Payments agreed since the disposal of balances from the 2019/20 Statement of Accounts and items for consideration are set out in appendix A.
- 2.4 In previous years the establishment of additional funds for disposal was based on a proportionate risk based yearly balance approach (Based on balances held over 2 years without claim, less any known large outstanding cases to which the funds related). As a result of external audit scrutiny of the Police and Criminal Evidence act (PACE) retention account and Disposals account balances, Northumbria has moved to a more prudent pin (Property identification Number) by pin approach with a reconciliation of historical individual PINs. The new process will provide a more robust justification of the available disposal value, and satisfy audit and statutory requirements.
- 2.5 Following PCC decision 654/2025 on 10 April 2025, the funds remaining available for disposal was £48,793 from the 2023/24 statement of Accounts.
- 2.6 With the addition of funds from the 2024/25 Statement of Account the funds now available for disposal (after admin charges) is £108,232.

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4.1 The following organisations are included for consideration. Information on each is included in appendix B

- £1,000 - Police Arboretum Memorial Trust

Support of the 28th July 2026 Commemoration Event at the UK Police Memorial. This is for formal confirmation of the payment already made in February 2026 to support the event preparation.

- £15,000 - Police Treatment Centres.

We have a request letter from the Police Treatment Centre for a contribution of £15,000 for 25/26. The contribution will help with provision of treatment and supporting workforce patients to return to work much earlier than without access to this service

- £6,000 - Northumbria Police Charity Fund.

The Northumbria Police Charities Trust was created in 1974 and has been a registered charity under the terms of the Charity Commission since 1998 as the Northumbria Police Charities Fund. The charity aims to help vulnerable, disabled, disadvantaged or deprived individuals, charities, people or community groups across the Force area. The fund provided goods and services to the value of around £14,000 in 2025/26, leaving a balance of funds of just under £17,000 available going forward.

- £2,500 - Care of police Survivors (COPs).

The last payment to COPs was in January 2025, the third payment in a three-year agreement. No formal request has been made for continued support, but the proposal is included for consideration of continued support.

- £3,200 to support Fresh Start part of St Cuthberts Care Charity

Following a visit to this service the PCC has asked that we provide a contribution of £3,200 towards a programme of meaningful activity to the women supported by this project helping build confidence, build life skills and create a sense of wellbeing. This is formal confirmation of an agreement of support from the PCC.

5 Recommendations

5.1 To agree to further payments of;

- £15,000 - Police Treatment Centre for 2025/26
- £6,000 - Northumbria Police Charity Fund.
- £2,500 - Care of police Survivors (COPs).

5.2 To Confirm approval of payment already made;

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- £1,000 - Police Arboretum Memorial Trust
- £3,200 for Fresh Start Social Fund

5.3 To note the remaining balance after the recommendations above of £80,532 available for future consideration.

6. Considerations

Report Exemption	Non- Exempt
Consultation	No
No consultation has been undertaken.	
Resource	Yes
Financial implications are considered within this report.	
Equality	No
An equality impact assessment is not required.	
Legal	No
There are no legal implications.	
Risk	No
There are no identified risks.	
Communication	No
A communications plan is not required.	
Evaluation	No
An evaluation is not required.	