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Delivery of The Police & Crime Plan:

**Priority 2: Crime and
Anti-Social Behaviour**

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Police and Crime Plan commitment: Work with partners to identify where ASB/motorbike disorder hotspots are and tackle these issues together.

Question 1:

Can the Chief Constable provide reassurance around the ongoing summer operations Northumbria Police is delivering in relation to motorcycle ASB (Op Capio).

Motorcycle ASB remains a significant issue for communities across the region. In my July's scrutiny programme, I sought a breakdown to anti-social behaviour numbers as requested by the Panel which included details of the significant work that is underway by Northumbria Police to address these issues. Details of this can be found within our July 'holding the chief to account' reports. In the meantime, I wanted to ensure that Northumbria Police's ongoing summer operations were continuing to be delivered in relation to motorcycle ASB.

Northumbria Police's response to motorcycle disorder and e-bike enabled harm through Operation Capio is being revised by aligning plans to draft national e-mobility strategy, which will redirect Operation Dragoon assets, focus local and force task governance, and dedicate analytical support to respond to emerging trends.

Operation Capio will continue activity and will include a plan using the draft national e-mobility tactical toolkit, DNA spray, community submitted footage through Operation SNAP, improved graded response options and PSPO use, along with a review of motorcycle and e-bike seizure and disposal policy.

Wider activity includes improved liaison with the National Police Chiefs Council e-mobility lead, Police and Crime Commissioner engagement with regional politicians in support of preventative regulation, a refreshed media strategy, and joint engagement with Councillors and key stakeholders to reassure and inform communities.

The learning from operations will be incorporated into the ASB Action Plan demonstrating:

- Strengthened governance
- Clearer tasking
- Improved intelligence analysis
- Earlier seasonal planning
- Enhanced media and reassurance activity
- A consistent debrief process

I will continue to monitor Northumbria Police's progress in their operation activity relating to motorcycle ASB moving forward.

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Police and Crime Plan commitment: Respond to ASB as a priority and work with partners to prevent ASB in your community to make sure you feel safe and supported.

Question 2:

Can the Chief Constable provide insight as to why the use of Civil Injunctions (under the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014) is reducing and how does Northumbria's use of civil injunctions compare to other similar forces?

I wanted to gain an understanding of Northumbria Police's use of Civil Injunctions as an early intervention tool to help tackle and prevent ASB.

Northumbria Police acknowledge that their use of civil injunctions appears to be reducing and that their recorded numbers also include orders obtained by Local Authority partners. Northumbria Police need to improve separation of police-led orders from those obtained by partners and the Niche management flagging system is expected to help improve this.

Applications to Northumbria Police Legal Department have also reduced, and while initial advice calls are not captured in data, feedback indicates that many enquiries lack sufficient grounds at the first stage, indicating a need for improved confident and preparedness among applicants.

The reduction in civil injunctions is likely to reflect a mix of reduced ASB demand, greater use of earlier intervention, inconsistent identification of suitable cases, partner notification gaps and data quality issues. Northumbria Police are focused on improving governance, applicant confidence and reporting accuracy.

Northumbria Police are unable to provide a direct comparison with similar forces due to the national ASB powers annual data review being relatively new with no published data pack available. Northumbria Police's

improvement activity that is underway will:

- Improve understanding of the annual data review and enhancing local data quality so that police-led and partner-led injunction activity can be reported more accurately.
- Strengthen force wide tactical governance so suitable injunction opportunities are identified through intelligence with Area Command oversight.
- Reinforce partner notification requirements and improve liaison with local authority and agency legal teams to support shared learning and more complete performance reporting.
- Provide targeted feedback to Area Commands and local authorities where injunction use appears to be declining.
- Refresh officer knowledge and confidence on orders, also ahead of the forthcoming Respect Orders due to be introduced nationally.

I feel assured that Northumbria Police are underway with their improvement activity to address the identified gaps and highlighted to them the opportunity Northumbria Police have to create further visibility and refresh officers on all orders available with the new Respect Orders due.

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Police and Crime Plan commitment: Ensure that any new road safety issues are dealt with robustly to keep our roads safe.

Question 3:

Can the Chief Constable provide insights into any planned response by Northumbria Police to help reduce the number of serious collisions and road deaths, particularly the increase this Summer on the A1 and other roads across Northumbria?

I wanted assurance that Northumbria Police had a planned response to the increase in serious collisions and road deaths that have taken place on the A1 and other roads across Northumbria.

Northumbria Police have targeted enforcement, increased visibility, partnered engineering measures and ongoing monitoring of casualty trends in response to the A1 incidents.

Northumbria Police have identified recurring contributory themes of;

- Unsafe overtaking
- Junction collisions
- Speed fatigue
- Distraction
- Lane discipline
- Foreign driver compliance

These themes are shaping Northumbria Police's operational and partnership response.

Northumbria Police has increased enforcement significantly with further safety camera deployments and an increase in deployment frequency. Activity is focused on casualty hotspots with increased roads policing patrols, weekly motorcycle deployments and fatal four offence monitoring.

There is ongoing partnership working with National Highway's and Local Authorities regarding signage, deployment plans and potential camera solutions to reduce casualties and improve driver compliance.

Northumbria Police have assured that their response will continue through the summer period and will be reviewed through trends, enforcement outcomes, offence detection data, hotspot analysis and road safety governance so activity can be adjusted against emerging risk.

I am pleased to see the ongoing work Northumbria Police are doing in relation to Roads Policing, and I look forward to receiving an evaluation of the summer action and any plans to address future issues based on the findings.

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