

## Greater Manchester Police, Fire and Crime Panel Report

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Subject:** Safer & Stronger Communities: Police & Crime Plan Performance Update

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### **Purpose of Report**

Exception report providing analysis and commentary on the most recent (December 2025) Performance Update data for each of the ten Police and Crime Plan Priorities.

***NB:** An earlier version of this report was presented to the January 2026 panel, with several indicators missing due to the most recent data (QE December 2025) not yet being available at the time of the panel. Many of these indicators have now been updated.*

### **Recommendations**

To note the report.

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**Equalities Impact, Carbon and Sustainability Assessment:**

N/A

**Risk Management**

N/A

**Legal Considerations**

N/A

**Financial Consequences – Revenue**

N/A

**Financial Consequences – Capital**

N/A

**Number of attachments to the report: 2**

**Comments/recommendations from Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

N/A

**Background Papers**

N/A

**Tracking/ Process**

Does this report relate to a major strategic decision, as set out in the GMCA Constitution

No

**Exemption from call in**

N/A

**Bee Network Committee**

N/A

**Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

N/A

## Key Points of Report

**NB:** *Many of the indicators tracked in the Performance Update are taken from police-recorded crime data, as recorded by Greater Manchester Police. It should be noted that nationally, the Office for National Statistics do not consider police-recorded crime to be a good indicator of general trends in crime. Police-recorded crime data may be impacted by changes in police activity, recording practices and reporting behaviour. This should be considered when interpreting the figures below.*

*See the Appendix [separate document] for more information on the data sources and context for the indicators in this Performance Update.*

### **Priority One:** Improving Public Trust and Confidence in Policing

- The proportion of survey respondents that trust GMP is on a gradual incline, with an increase from 58.5% in QE Dec 24 to 64% in QE Dec 25
- Similarly, confidence in GMP (measured as agreement with the statement 'GMP are doing a good job') has increased from 55.9% to 59%.

### **Priority Two:** Increasing Police Accessibility, Consistency, Responsiveness & Outcomes

- The proportion of Grade 1 calls attended within 15 minutes continues to gradually increase, from 94.1% in QE December 2024 to 95.3 in QE December 2025.
- Similarly, the proportion of Grade 2 calls attended within 1 hour has increased by 2.4ppts, from 77.6% in QE September 2024 to 80% in QE September 2025.
- The average speed of answer is slightly higher for QE December 2025 than QE December 2024, particularly for non-emergency calls, which saw an increase in answer time of 30 seconds.

### **Priority Three:** Keeping Children and Young People Safe and Preventing Them from Becoming Involved in Crime

- Child arrest rates have shown a very slight increase on the same time last year, from a rate of 2.9 to 3.1 per 1,000 10-17 year olds in GM.

- Out of court resolutions and Outcome 22s have seen considerable drops since the same time last year, with a drop of 24.8% in OoCRs and a drop of 51.2% for Outcome 22s.
- The number of referrals being made to EIPG funded services has also declined in comparison to the same time last year, from 202 referrals made in QE Dec 24 to 153 in QE Dec 25. This is a drop of 24.3%.

**Priority Four:** Improving Support for Victims of Crime, Including Vulnerable Victims, and Tackling Emerging Crime Types

- Victim satisfaction with the service received from GMP remains consistent at 59%.
- The proportion of victims that say they were offered a referral to victim services by GMP remains consistent, at 54%.
- The number of referrals received by Catch 22 has increased, with 30.2% more referrals in QE Dec 25 compared to QE Dec 24.
- The number of hate crimes has increased by 13.1%, from 2,343 in QE December 2024 to 2,651 in QE December 2025. This was a decrease on the number for the previous quarter, with 3,166 hate crimes recorded in QE September 2025, suggesting higher volumes recorded over the summer months.

**Priority Five:** Reducing and Preventing Neighbourhood Crime, Retail Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

- The proportion of respondents who feel safe in their local area remains consistent, at 88%
- The number of neighbourhood crimes has continued its downward trend, falling 16.9% between QE December 2024 and QE December 2025.
- Retail crime has also fallen in the same period, with shoplifting offences falling 7.6% and business crimes falling 6.2%.

**Priority Six:** Improving Road and Transport Safety, so People can Travel Around Our City-Region Safely

- There were 14 road fatalities in QE Dec 25 compared to 11 in QE Dec 24

- Transport incidents involving injury have increased by 5.9% between QE December 2024 and QE December 2025.
- Rolling Crime/ASB incident rates on bus/tram network per million passenger journeys have increased by 6.5%, from 46 in September 2024 to 49 in September 2025.

**Priority Seven:** Reducing High Harm and Repeat Offending, Taking Preventative and Diversionary Approach

- Proven reoffending [see appendix for definition and reasoning for data lag] for females has increased by 2.7pp, for males this has decreased by 2.4pp
- Out of court resolutions or adults have increase by 17.4%, whilst Outcome 22s for adults have decreased by 17.8% in the same period

**Priority Eight:** Tackling Drug, Alcohol and Wider Addictions

- Deaths due to drug misuse are now on the decline, with a 10% drop in 2022-24 compared to 2021-23.
- Alcohol related deaths are now on the decline, with a drop of 6.5% in 2024 compare to 2023.
- The number of drug offences rose by 43.4% from QE December 2024 to QE December 2025.
- **NB:** *alcohol and drug death figures are updated annually in February, with a 2-year lag, from Public Health England data. The figures included in the Performance Update are the latest available data.*

**Priority Nine:** Reducing and Preventing Gender-Based Violence and All Forms of Serious Violence

- Serious Violence: police-recorded knife crime has fallen by 28.1% from QE December 2024 to QE December 2025.
- The homicide rate has fallen by half (3.1 to 1.4) from QE December 2024 to QE December 2025.
- Gender-Based Violence [GBV]: from QE September 2024 to QE September 2025, the number of rape crimes increased by 8.2% and the number of stalking crimes increased by 5.7%. Domestic abuse has continued to fall.

- Solved rates show slight change for domestic abuse and stalking, both increasing by 2.7pp. There has been little change in solved rates for rape and sexual offences.
- Stalking Protection Orders remain low, with one recorded in QE Dec 25.

**Priority Ten: Reducing and Tackling Serious and Organised Crime**

- There was a large drop in firearms discharges, with 3 recorded in QE Dec 25 compared to 11 in the same period the previous year.
- There were 12% fewer disruptions in QE Dec 25 than the previous year, and 31.8% less drugs seized (in kilograms)
- The total value of assets recovered by GMP rose by 40.