



How I will scrutinise?



- New delivery plan and assurance framework;
 - The delivery plan will set out the work that the Commissioners office will do
 - The assurance framework sets out set out how I will hold North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service to account for delivery of outcomes in my plans.
 - Will be launched April 2023 and published on my website
 - The Delivery Plan has already been shared with the Panel.
 - New Terms of Reference for Public Accountability Meetings.
 - The new format of these meetings will start May 2023
 - Scrutiny does not stop at these meetings, there are many ways in which I monitor the services;



<p>Public Accountability Meeting (PAM) Re-launched May 2023</p>	<p>At this meeting the Chief Constable is held to account in their delivery of the Police, and Crime Plan and the Chief Fire Officer is held to account in their delivery of the Fire and Rescue Plan. Police complaints are monitored, and lessons learnt. Fire and Rescue complaints are monitored, and lessons learnt.</p> <p>The meeting will consist of several specific parts;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Data is presented by the services and scrutinised by the Commissioner. This includes regular “static” data (the same data every month) and additional data which the OPFCC request based on information received or topical issues at the time. 2. Specific areas of service (thematic topics) are identified in line with the Police and Crime Plan and Fire and Rescue Plan. The Chief Officers will report on these to ensure that the services are delivering against the priorities set by the Commissioner. 3. Issues arising in between PAMs which are identified by or brought to the attention of the OPFCC are discussed with Chief Officer’s in public. 4. Third party reports, for example those produced by His Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS), are closely scrutinised and necessary actions identified and monitored to support improvements. 5. Public questions, submitted in advance and during the PAM are answered. <p>Public questions are sought as the Commissioner wants to make sure they are asking the questions the public want answers to, which is why these Public Accountability Meetings are so important.</p> <p>They allow the Commissioner to find out more about the work of the police and the fire and rescue service, and put the focus on topics which are important to residents and businesses across York and North Yorkshire.</p> <p>We will publish, in advance, thematic areas on our website and in the lead up to these meetings we will use social media to encourage the public to participate and ask questions.</p>
<p>Executive Board (Monthly)</p>	<p>Monthly formal governance meeting between the commissioner, Chief Constable/Chief Fire Officer to ensure proper governance of the services and the OPFCC. This takes place through open, constructive debate of their respective statutory duties and the efficiency and effectiveness of their delivery against the Police and Crime Plan and Fire and Rescue Plan.</p>
<p>Chief Catch-ups</p>	<p>Closed informal briefing’s which enable dialogue and discussion on a weekly basis. This is an opportunity for the commissioner to discuss elements of the Police and Crime Plan delivery, and the Fire and Rescue Plan delivery based on weekly themes and receive updates on current issues and operational matters.</p>



Independent audit committee	The Audit Committee provides independent scrutiny on the adequacy of the corporate governance and risk management arrangements in place. It advises the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Fire and Rescue Authority, according to good governance principles and proper practices.
Joint independent audit committee	The Joint Independent Audit Committee (JIAC) provides independent scrutiny on the adequacy of the corporate governance and risk management arrangements in place. It jointly advises the Commissioner and Chief Constable, according to good governance principles and proper practices.
Scrutiny Panels	Scrutiny Panels allow members of the public to hold North Yorkshire Police to account via review of incidents, policing powers and tactics. Panel observations, feedback and recommendations facilitate continuous learning, improvement of police services and identification of best practice
Community Review Group	The community review groups will assess and provide feedback on areas which the scrutiny panels review. This includes, identifying good practice and areas for learning, making referrals and recommendations.
Independent Ethics advisory board	Under development with an independent chair. The Panel will provide independent and effective challenge and assurance around integrity, standards and ethics of decision-making in policing and fire.



Independent custody visitors	Independent Custody Visitors are members of the local community who visit police stations unannounced to check on the welfare of people in police custody. To find out more and get involved; https://www.northyorkshire-pfcc.gov.uk/police-oversight/governance/custody-visitors/#Who_are_Independent_Custody_Visitors
Violence against women and girls' strategic governance board.	6-monthly Joint Violence Against Women and Girls Strategic Governance Board meetings, chaired by the Commissioner to monitor overall progress against our joint violence against women and girls strategic objectives and provide greater transparency and accountability to increase public confidence in how we are improving the overall safety of women and girls.
Frequent interactions	<p>Informal interactions between the services and OPFCC staff. This enables and encourages spontaneous face-to-face discussions between Chief Officers, Senior OPFCC staff, who may receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on significant issues • Notification of significant/critical incidents <p>OPFCC staff will also conduct site visits across North Yorkshire and York.</p>
Complemented by	<p>Bespoke briefings from Chief Constable/Chief Fire Officer on significant or sensitive issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior OPFCC staff attending key meetings within the services (e.g. HMICFRS* Governance Board, Gold Groups, Risk and Assurance Boards, Performance boards, etc.) • OPFCC staff conducting further checks and audits. • Routine liaison between Senior OPFCC staff Senior Staff/Officers. • Feedback from Independent Custody Visitors and Appropriate Adults. • Regular meetings with public bodies and Inspectorates (e.g., HMICFRS). • Independent review of complaints.



- To underpin improvements in the services, so that they can be the best they can at protecting us and keeping us safe and feeling safe, we will utilise the frameworks set out by HMICFRS to support our scrutiny. For example, we will use questions that HMICFRS use to establish how the services are performing and improving outcomes.

