



Prevention & Early Intervention

Local Policing Support

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Problem-Solving



Problem Solving Dashboard

Accessible to all staff

Identifies **repeat victims, offenders, and locations**

Enables analysis of **times/days** incidents occur → supports *targeted intervention*

Using the SARA Model

S – Scanning

A – Analysis to identify root causes

R – Response with targeted actions

A – Assessment completed before sign-off

Plans are **scored by the central Problem-Solving Sergeant**

Sharing Good Practice / Recognition through:

Problem Solver of the Month

Internal Knowledge Hub

Force Prevention & Problem-Solving Awards (launching **17 April 2026**)

Example - Northallerton

Multi-agency problem-solving plan

Coordinated partnership work & use of ASB powers

Delivered **sustained reductions in incidents**

Improved **community confidence**

Anti-social Behaviour



Home Office-funded patrols (2023/24 & 2024/25)

Focused on **anti-social behaviour hotspot areas**

20 hotspot locations identified in 2024/25

Patrol programme runs until **31 March 2026**

Current outcomes:

Reductions in 9 areas

One hotspot saw **141 fewer incidents** vs previous 12 months

How Hotspots Are Identified

Power BI tools

Quickly highlight emerging or repeat ASB locations

Data-driven approach for decision-making

VisiBeat – Tracking Patrol Impact

Geofenced patrol monitoring

Records exact time spent in hotspot areas

Identify repeat locations

Track patrol presence

Capture survey returns on powers used / outcomes

Beyond March 2026

ASB Tactical Plan - not the end of policing activity.

ASB patrols will continue activity does *not* stop

Monitoring and data analysis will continue to identify new/emerging hotspots

ASB patrols business as usual with uplifted NPT - Supported by wider prevention & Partnership

School Liaison – Operation Divan



Launched in 2018

Aim: *Reduce weapon-carrying among young people*

Focus on awareness + early support for those **under 18** at risk

How young people are identified

Intelligence reports

Knife/offensive weapon offences

Incidents in homes, schools/colleges, or public spaces

Independent Evaluation (2024/25)

Centre for Crime, Justice & Policing – University of Birmingham

Significant reduction in knife/weapon offending

Young people engaged in the programme were:

60% less likely to commit knife-related crime

Lower offending rates than matched control groups

National Significance

Not replicated anywhere else in the UK

Only evidence-based policing intervention specifically shown to reduce knife crime

School Liaison – Op Choice & Challenge



Operation Choice – launched August 2021

A process designed for referring children & young people in who are found in possession of drugs, into a course of police led educational sessions.

Further consideration to refer into drug service providers and commissioned diversion services.

80% reduction in drugs possession – primary offence disposal at YOP panel over 3-year period

Operation Challenge – launched January 2025

Based on the Op Divan model of early intervention

Using intelligence to identify future perpetrators and to prevent toxic masculinity

Strong focus on technology enabled violence against women and girls (VAWG)

Multi agency input into resources and delivery aligns with VAWG strategy

Designing Out Crime Officers



Design out burglary & ASB

Work with developers, architects and planners
Provide advice on lighting, layout, access points and security standards

High-volume prevention work

Around **50 consultations** and recommendations every month

Proven impact (Secured by Design Gold Standard)

Major reductions in burglary, criminal damage and vehicle crime

Specialist advice & Safer Streets support

Security guidance for public, businesses and police
Environmental audits and input into Safer Streets projects (lighting, security, vulnerable locations)

Harm Reduction – North Yorkshire Drugs analysis project (NYDAP)



Partnership initiative identifying dangerous illicit substances circulating in North Yorkshire.

Early 2025: Two drug-related deaths in Ryedale linked to nitazene-containing tablets ($\approx 500\times$ potency of heroin).

Matching tablets were later located in Scarborough; analysis by York University confirmed they were from the same batch.

NYDAP provides real-time intelligence on drugs present within the county, enabling all partners to take coordinated preventative action to reduce harm.

Future Plans

Explore new opportunities to strengthen the partnership with York University.

Test vapes to better understand risks within educational settings.

Expand testing of substances found in the night-time economy (VAWG-related environments).



Harm Reduction

Naloxone Deployment

338 NYP officers now trained and equipped to carry Naloxone across North Yorkshire

46 administrations since Spring 2024 launch

Over half resulted in **lives saved** or significant health benefits

Ketamine Awareness Week (Summer 2026)

Responding to rising ketamine use nationally and locally

Joint campaign with Public Health and drug services

Target audiences: professionals (incl. GPs), young people, parents

NYP focus: disrupting OCGs and county-line gangs supplying ketamine

Reduction in Drug-Related Deaths

Year	Number of Deaths
2023	51
2024	50
2025	32

Hate Crime



Hate crime awareness training delivered to Police Officers to improve recognition of hate crime & quality of service

All Hate crimes reviewed by the team to identify trends & ensure best practice is followed

Every Victim of Hate crime contacted to assess service provided, ensure consistency & quality of service

The Hate crime team engage with many different communities to reassure and encourage reporting of all hate crime

Hate crime Awareness Course introduced to educate offenders

Police Licensing- Spiking



Frontline & control room staff upskilled

Improved recognition, response and safeguarding

Enhanced public engagement

Focused activity in higher-education settings and the night-time economy

Victim feedback & premises checks

Survey launched; Licensed Premises response plans tested

Force-wide audit & data-led problem solving

Reviewing all spiking incidents to identify patterns and inform targeted interventions

Police Licensing



Assessed against 4 objectives

Crime & Disorder, Public Safety, Public Nuisance, Child Protection

Targeting drink-driving - Op Limit

Intelligence-led identification of priority locations
joint work with Roads Policing

Youth alcohol theft & ASB

Dashboards highlighted a problem premises
Partnership meeting held with management and local policing
Actions taken → reduced theft & ASB

Rise in TENS applications

Swift action on unsuitable Designated Premises Supervisors (DPS)

