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Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys response to

How effectively do the police record crime? PEEL spotlight report

I welcome the report into crime recording standards, a matter which forces continue to strive to maintain a grip of. I have witnessed Dyfed-Powys Police make significant strides to address their performance in this area over recent years.

I set out below my thoughts and reassurances I have received from the Chief Constable in relation to some of the key themes and recommendations within this thematic report.

Recording of violent crime

At a meeting of my Strategic Performance Board in July 2025, Dyfed-Powys Police reported that their overall crime recording compliance for 1st June 2024 to 31st March 2025 was 94%, with Violence Against the Person at 94% and sexual offences at 89.9%. Performance has been steadily improving over this time, however Dyfed-Powys Police continues to strive to reach the 95+% target set by the Home Office.

Timeliness of crime recording

The timely recording of crimes (within 24 hours) is an outstanding area for improvement for Dyfed-Powys Police. It continues to be scrutinised in several governance boards to monitor trends and a weekly monitoring system has been established. Guidance has been distributed and discussed within monthly Basic Command Unit performance meetings, which has led to signs of improvement week on week.

Analysis by the Force Crime and Incident Registrar (FCIR) has shown that Dyfed-Powys Police's overall timeliness has improved by 30.9% over the course of a year. For the period 1st April 2025 to 23rd September 2025, 75.8% of crimes were recorded within 24 hours, compared to just 44.9% for the same period the previous year. Data provided to my office through my quarterly performance meetings has shown that this improvement has been sustained, with compliance consistently over 73% for the 5 months to 31st March 2025.

Leadership, oversight and scrutiny

The FCIR attends several governance boards relating to crime recording practices and timeliness. This ensure messages are disseminated to the areas of business that can feedback to their respective teams to ensure staff understand their role in recording crime.



The FCIR has designed a robust risk-based audit schedule to target a small number of key areas each month for a three-month period. This enables interventions in respect of training and guidance in areas identified. Statistically reliable (with a 95% confidence interval and 3% margin of error) monthly sample sizes are generated for each of the key areas specified in the audit schedule. This data is reviewed by the specialist team of crime auditors within the Crime Audit Team, including the FCIR and Deputy FCIR. The resulting data feeds into a Power-Bi Dashboard showing daily missed crimes. This is reviewed in detail at local and force-wide daily management meetings, with the intended target of reducing missed crimes.

My office maintains close oversight of crime recording through regular updates from the FCIR and scrutiny of performance at my quarterly Strategic Performance Board.