

Q: How will your officers make people feel safer in public spaces and at night time?

A: Sussex remains a safe place to live and go out at night time. This will be maintained by working with local people, councils and businesses to put our officers and staff in the right locations to prevent crime. Together with our partners we make the best use of technology and share information across multi-agency teams to keep people safe.

Q: Can we expect to see improvements in 101 non-emergency call handling?

A: Yes, it will always be important for people to be able to speak to us over the phone. As well as providing enhanced training to staff and updating our equipment to make our call handling more efficient, we are making it even easier for people to use our website to report crime online for non-urgent incidents. Some 750,000 people a month visit our website at www.sussex.police.uk, to support appeals, report crime, get advice and make contact with their local team.

Working on your behalf Performance and accountability

My pledge to Sussex residents is that I will continue to listen to you and articulate your crime and community safety concerns, and to ensure you can see the difference that your police precept contributions to council tax will make. Every month in live webcasts, I put your questions to the Chief Constable, challenging crime statistics, police interaction with the public and every aspect of police performance. Watch here: www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/watch-live



Budget information

You can read more about our budget planning for the next four years here: www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/our-priorities/police-budget

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Have your say

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Katy Bourne
Police & Crime Commissioner for Sussex

How to contact Sussex Police



Report online

Visit sussex.police.uk/contact-us



999 In an **emergency**

When a life is threatened or there is imminent danger



101 For all **non-emergency** calls

When you don't require an urgent response

(Calls to 101 cost 15p for the entire call from both mobile phones and landlines)



Text or TypeTalk

Minicom 01273 483435
(include the area code, this is a text service)

TypeTalk 18000 or **text** 65999

Textphone 18001 101



Alternatively, you can call the independent charity **Crimestoppers** anonymously on **0800 555 111**
www.crimestoppers-uk.org



SAFE:SPACE Sussex

For direct access to help and support for victims and witnesses of crime:

www.safespacesussex.org.uk

Sussex Police Precept 2018/19

How your money will help
Sussex Police deliver the
service *you* want



Sussex
Police & Crime
Commissioner



As the elected Police & Crime Commissioner for Sussex, I have a duty to set the budget for policing. The Government allocates a grant to Sussex Police which covers 62% of the budget, the remaining 38% comes from a part of your council tax called the police precept.

This year's police grant will be the same as last year and the Government is clear that local communities are expected to meet an increasing proportion of policing costs. This is why they have allowed PCCs to increase the police precept.

We can all see that demands on police forces are rising. Policing in the digital era requires officers to identify, secure and analyse huge amounts of data. At the same time, other public services are shrinking and police often remain the service of last resort.

Although Sussex residents acknowledge the need to tackle terrorism and organised crime, they also want to see their precept contributions funding more visible, local policing. They want to feel safe at home, in public spaces, at night time and on the roads. They rightly expect their police force to be fully accessible and contactable.

Since 2009, Sussex has already made £88m of reductions and efficiencies and our Medium Term Financial Strategy calculated we faced a further £26.5m savings requirement which meant 476 officer and staff posts would be lost. To help ease the reductions, I had already released £17m of reserves last year and combined with the £12 increase in the precept on the average band D dwelling, we can now protect those 476 posts and look again at the resources available for policing.

Asking you to pay more is not a decision that I have taken lightly but I believe it is the right one which will help sustain Sussex Police into the future in much better condition than we might have expected.

Thank you for helping me help Sussex Police keep us safe.

Katy Bourne
Police & Crime Commissioner for Sussex



PCC Katy Bourne:

The Chief Constable has been very clear that he needs public support and extra funding to protect the maximum number of posts and sustain local policing.

To ensure that you as a taxpayer feel you understand where your additional money is going, I have posed some questions on the following pages to the Chief Constable.

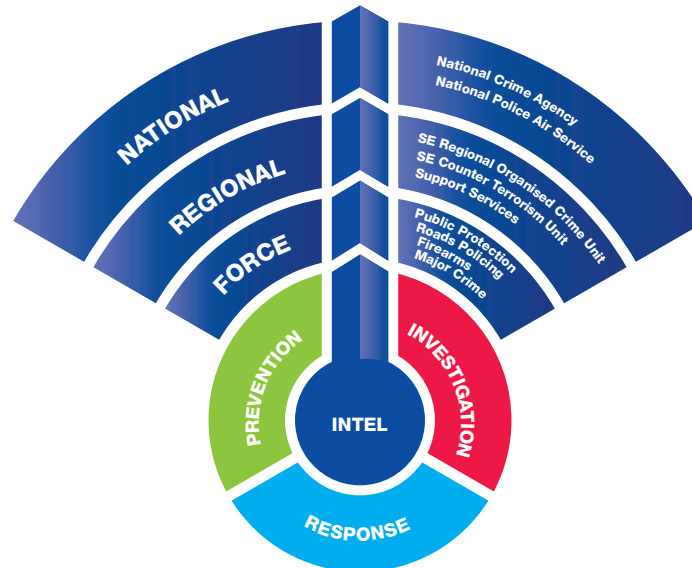


Chief Constable Giles York:

As the Chief Constable for Sussex I recognise the impact a local tax rise will have on many people and I am absolutely committed to delivering a local difference for them. This will be prioritised in the areas

where communities face the greatest challenges and where we are most stretched. This will include a preventative presence in communities, investigating the most harmful crimes and being accessible when the community needs us.

Our Local Policing Model: how it fits into the regional and national police response



Q: *People are worried that you won't respond to or investigate crimes under £200 in value. Will you be able to put more resources into low-value crimes?*

A: There is no financial threshold alone that means we won't investigate. We focus our efforts on those crimes that cause the greatest harm and impact most on vulnerable people. We investigate every crime that is reported to us and use our professional judgement to assess what level of further investigation is proportionate.

Q: *How will Sussex Police deal with burglary?*

A: The risk of being a victim of burglary in Sussex is very low, but when there is a burglary, our investigators absolutely understand how people feel and they will always try to identify the opportunities to gather evidence and catch those responsible.

Q: *How will your officers deal with anti-social behaviour?*

A: We continue to be better equipped to tackle anti-social behaviour with professionals within our local policing teams including Anti-Social Behaviour and Hate Crime Coordinators. Tackling ASB requires a partnership approach that can be tailored to the specific community affected. Every community has a Prevention Team which can be contacted directly.

Q: *How will you reassure rural communities that they are adequately policed?*

A: The safety and confidence of rural residents is just as important as those living in urban areas. We work hard to engage with our rural communities to understand how their policing needs may be different. We have a network of officers dedicated to this area across the force, led by a rural crime sergeant.

Q: *How will you be policing road users in Sussex- especially on our country lanes and minor roads?*

A: Improving road safety on minor or major routes requires a combined effort across a range of organisations and we will work with partners to enforce the law. In 15/16 this combined approach resulted in 68,000 road offences being dealt with. We will focus our effort on the offences that cause the most deaths on our roads such as drink and drug driving; speed; distractions like mobiles; and not wearing seatbelts.