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Scrutiny Meeting

Victim Focus

Offences Brought To Justice



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The effective investigation of crime is fundamental to the legitimacy of policing and to public confidence. It is integral to the concept of policing by consent. The service provided to victims directly affects the level of public trust and confidence in policing and the wider criminal justice system. It also influences how safe people feel and it prevents future offending.

It is clear that outcomes for victims are not good enough. Victims often withdraw their support for investigations, citing delays in the criminal justice process as a key factor. These delays can be caused by problems such as high officer workloads, delays in obtaining charging decisions, or the time it takes for a case to be tried in court.

HMICFRS - Crime investigations An inspection into how effectively the police investigate crime - March 2025

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*
All Crime	11.2%	14.7%	19.3%	19.4%	21.6%
Victim Based Crime	9.6%	12.7%	15.3%	15.5%	17.4%
Burglary	9.8%	8.7%	10.4%	11.1%	12.1%
Vehicle Crime	4.6%	7.0%	6.9%	7.9%	13.3%
Robbery	12.4%	13.4%	11.9%	13.0%	24.5%
Sexual Offences	10.6%	12.2%	15.0%	15.1%	14.5%
Violence Against the Person	10.0%	14.5%	17.0%	16.4%	17.5%

* January to May 2025

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National Position Offences Brought to Justice



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Out of 42 forces Cheshire's national position for offences brought to Justice over the last 4 years

12 months ending March	2021	2022	2023	2024
Cheshire	40	22	1	2

Based on ONS police force area crime outcomes open data and excluding City of London and British Transport Police

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Protective Orders



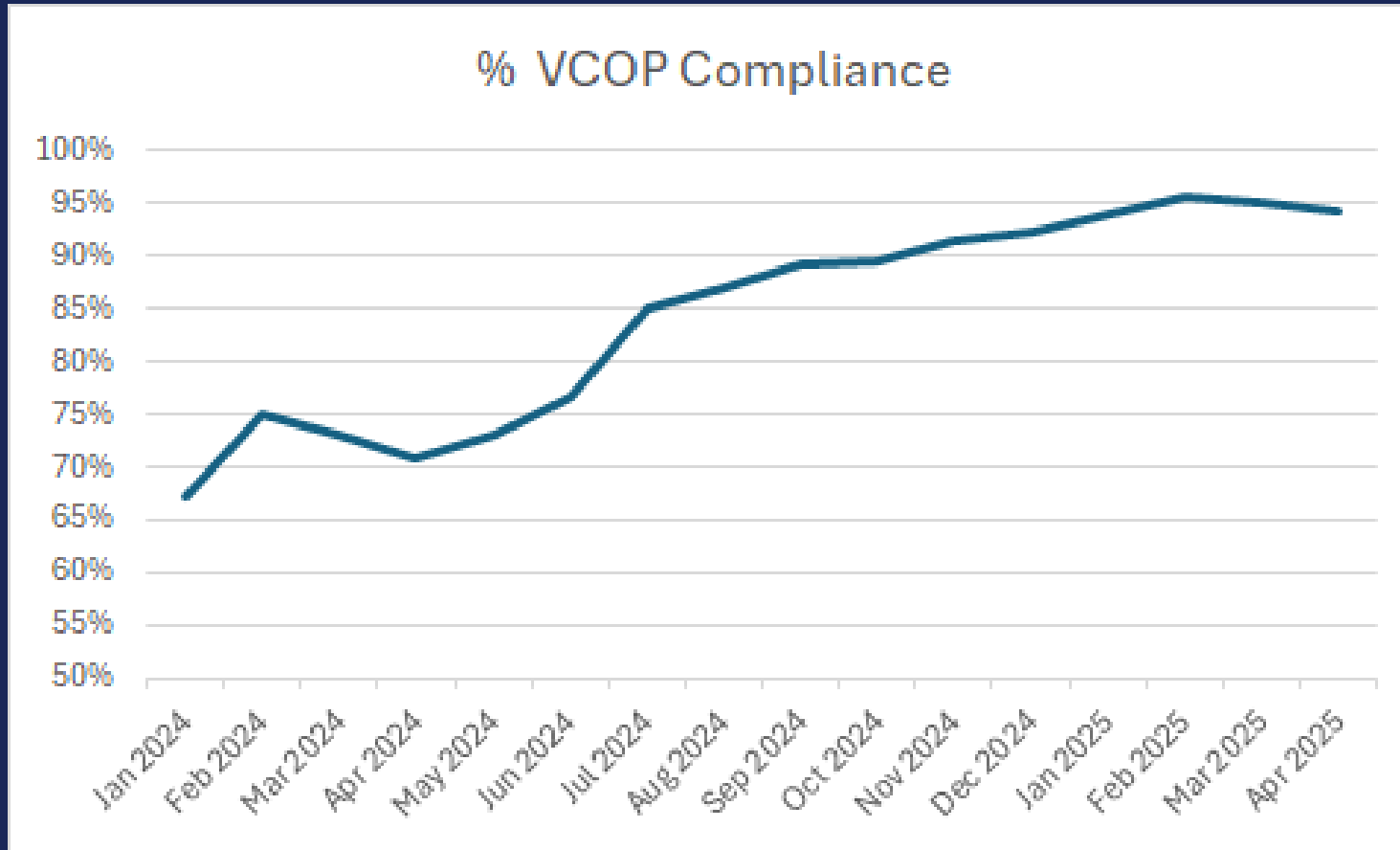
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12 months ending March	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Domestic Violence Protection Notices	123	220	226	365	294
Sexual Harm Prevention Orders	100	117	155	172	187

Victims Code of Practice



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When a victim based crime is allocated for investigation, the officer attaches a template to document 3 key aspects of the victims code:

- Whether a victim contact agreement has been completed.
- Whether a victims needs assessment has been completed.
- Whether an opportunity to provide a victim personal statement has been provided

This chart shows the proportion of those templates which answer 'yes' to all questions.

Cheshire Cares / Witness Care Unit



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Cheshire Cares

- Have made contact with more than 13,000 victims in the last 12 months
- Average time to make contact is less than 5 days for serious offences and 13 days for other offences

Witness Care Unit

- Currently supporting more than 18,000 witnesses through the court process
- Aim to contact vulnerable and intimidated victims within 1 day and other victims within 5 days . During 2025 so far more than 95% of victims are contacted within 1 day