

Police to receive more than £15 billion to fight crime and recruit more officers

Policing will receive up to £15.8 billion to build back safer and cut crime, the government will announce today.

The 2021 to 2022 funding package will include over £400 million to recruit 20,000 extra officers by 2023, building on the success of the first year of the recruitment campaign – which has already delivered almost 6,000 additional police officers.

Alongside getting more officers out on the street, the funding settlement will enable policing to tackle serious violence and increase the number of specialist officers tackling terrorism and serious organised crime, including child sexual abuse and drug trafficking.

The 2021 to 2022 funding package means an increase of up to £636 million on last year, should police and crime commissioners (PCCs) take full advantage of police precept flexibility.

Home Secretary Priti Patel said:

We have asked more of the police than ever before during the coronavirus pandemic – the British people and I are extremely grateful for their dedication.

I am absolutely committed to giving the police the resources they need – this funding package delivers on that.

It will allow us to continue to put more police on the streets, and reduce crime as we build back safer from the pandemic.

Funding for Counter-Terrorism policing will total up to £914 million, including money for armed policing and more officers. In addition, Counter-Terrorism policing will receive £32 million to establish a new Counter-Terrorism Operations Centre to keep the country safe from a range of threats.

The government also recognises that, during the coronavirus pandemic, huge demands have been made of the police.

That is why it has provided additional support throughout, including £30 million of surge funding to help forces step up COVID-19 enforcement activities in 2020 to 2021, and why it reimbursed all additional personal protective equipment (PPE) purchased between March and July.

Huge demands have also been made on the public, the vast majority of whom

have been following the rules to help keep everyone safe. Just as police will continue to enforce the regulations, the public should continue to do their bit to stop the spread of the virus.

The publication of the provisional funding settlement opens a period of consultation. The final police funding settlement will be debated in Parliament ahead of the new financial year.

Change in total direct resource force funding compared to 2021/22 in £ millions [1]

Police Force Area	2020/21 [2]	2021/22	Maximum cash increase
Avon & Somerset	326.2	344	17.8
Bedfordshire	122.4	129.3	6.9
Cambridgeshire	156	164.5	8.5
Cheshire	207.9	219.6	11.8
City of London	66.9	71.1	4.2
Cleveland	143.3	150.6	7.2
Cumbria	117.7	123.7	6
Derbyshire	193.7	204.3	10.5
Devon & Cornwall	338.1	356.8	18.7
Dorset	144.2	151.9	7.7
Durham	133.2	140.4	7.2
Dyfed-Powys	115.4	122.2	6.8
Essex	319.9	338.7	18.8
Gloucestershire	126.8	133.4	6.6
Greater London Authority	2936.6	3075.6	138.9
Greater Manchester	642.4	677.5	35.1
Gwent	142	150.1	8.1
Hampshire	366.1	387	21
Hertfordshire	221.1	234.1	13
Humberside	200.6	211.2	10.7
Kent	338.2	357.7	19.5
Lancashire	308.5	325.5	17
Leicestershire	203.8	214.7	11
Lincolnshire	131.5	138.4	6.8
Merseyside	359.3	378.6	19.3
Norfolk	177	186	9
North Wales	167	176.4	9.4
North Yorkshire	166.1	174.5	8.4
Northamptonshire	146.1	153.7	7.6
Northumbria	306.8	325.4	18.6
Nottinghamshire	224.6	236.7	12.1
South Wales	315.5	333.5	18
South Yorkshire	281.8	297.5	15.7
Staffordshire	210.9	222.3	11.4

Police Force Area	2020/21	[2] 2021/22	Maximum cash increase
Suffolk	134.9	142.4	7.4
Surrey	249.2	262	12.7
Sussex	309.6	327.7	18.1
Thames Valley	456.3	482.4	26.1
Warwickshire	109.7	115.7	5.9
West Mercia	236.3	249.3	13
West Midlands	619.7	655.6	35.9
West Yorkshire	484.5	511.9	27.3
Wiltshire	127.6	134.9	7.3
Total England & Wales	13085.7	13788.7	703

[1] Total resource funding consists of core grant funding, National and International Capital City (NICC) grants, Legacy Council Tax grants, Precept grant, Pensions grant, police precept and ringfenced grant (for £100 million). Precept figures use actual precept figures for 2020/21, assume that PCCs in England and Wales increase their precept Band D level by £15, and Office of Budget Responsibility forecast tax base increases.

[2] Funding in 2020/21 does not include any additional in-year support provided for Covid-19 and assumes all forces maximised their ringfenced grant allocation. Figures may not sum due to rounding.