

Our priority

Being burgled can have a significant impact on feelings of safety and can leave victims feeling vulnerable in their own home. Burglary is often quoted as a key concern by members of the public, with 50% of respondents from our 'Your Priorities, Your Plan' consultation saying it should be a key priority. We know that criminals who commit burglaries are often the perpetrators of other crimes and anti-social behaviour, so addressing burglary can potentially result in a much greater impact on wider community safety. The police and partners will therefore continue to improve burglary prevention through public awareness campaigns and new approaches to partnership working at neighbourhood and strategic level.

How we are going to deliver

Our main objective is to reduce the number of burglaries that are committed by focusing on the prevention of offences and reducing re-offending. Where a burglary has occurred, we will ensure that the victim(s) are supported.

- We will engage with people in our communities to listen to their concerns in relation to burglary – working with communities and our partners to keep people safe and feeling safe in their homes. **Listening to people.**
- Ensure that West Yorkshire Police are using their analytical capability to understand the threats and crime trends posed from burglary, and to identify vulnerable communities. The police will share this information at a local level with other partners to help prevent crime and better support victims. **Understanding our communities.**
- West Yorkshire Police and partners will work together to deliver a coordinated response to burglary, involving relevant agencies when delivering offender management and crime prevention initiatives. **Working together.**
- Take the opportunity to reduce the risk of burglary through crime prevention options and 'target hardening' in vulnerable areas. Integrated Offender Management strategies will also reduce re-offending amongst those with a history of burglary offences. **Preventing and intervening earlier.**
- Deliver the best services for victims of burglary and make sure that the standards set out in the Code of Practice for Victims are adhered to. Understanding changes in burglary methods will also form part of local police tactical assessments and will inform partnership crime prevention work. **Improving our services.**
- West Yorkshire Police will continue to evaluate the threat placed on communities from burglary and build neighbourhood policing capacity to address offending. **Providing resources.**

How we will know whether we've delivered

We will measure our collective progress against this priority through our Community Outcome Meetings, through which an annual report on burglary will present the progress of the OPCC, West Yorkshire Police and relevant partners against the objectives above. It will draw on a range of information available including HMIC inspection reports, national guidance, and statistical indicators. We will monitor performance through our Delivery Quarterly process using measures including:

- Number of burglary offences will reduce
- The risk of household crime will reduce
- Less people will feel that burglary is a problem in their local area [collected through the Your Views survey]