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FOI Response

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Freedom of Information Request	
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Information Requested:	
1.	<p>Question:</p> <p>What does the commissioner do on a day to day basis & what successes does this bring both to the office of commissioner and to the public in general?</p>
	<p>OPCC Response:</p> <p>The role of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is to be the voice of the people and hold the police to account. They are responsible for the totality of policing.</p> <p>PCCs aim to cut crime and deliver an effective and efficient police service within their police force area. They are elected by the public to hold Chief Constables and the force to account, making the police answerable to the communities they serve.</p>

PCCs ensure community needs are met as effectively as possible and are improving local relationships through building confidence and restoring trust. They work in partnership across a range of agencies at local and national level to ensure there is a unified approach to preventing and reducing crime.

Under the terms of the [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011](#), PCCs must:

- secure efficient and effective police for their area.
- appoint the Chief Constable, hold them to account for running the force, and if necessary, dismiss them.
- set the police and crime objectives for their area through a police and crime plan;
- set the force budget and determine the precept;
- contribute to the national and international policing capabilities set out by the Home Secretary; and
- bring together community safety and criminal justice partners, to make sure local priorities are joined up.

The PCC produces an Annual Report to show how they have met the police and crime objectives set out in the Police and Crime Plan. These reports include achievements of the PCC and their office. Annual Reports can be found here: [Annual Reports](#)

Further information on the activities of the PCC and Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), can be found on our website at the following link: [What we do](#)

For more information on the role of the PCC and OPCC, please visit the APCC website: [Association for Police and Crime Commissioners.](#)