

**DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE AUTHORITY  
PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE  
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Report by Chief Constable

**ACTIVITY SURVEY RESULTS 2004 - OVERTIME**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. This report provides additional detail on the time spent on overtime across Devon and Cornwall Constabulary during the activity surveys from 2004.

**BACKGROUND**

2. This report has been prepared based on the activity surveys carried out in May and October 2004.
3. The overtime recorded in these surveys includes paid and unpaid overtime.

**OVERTIME RESULTS**

4. Across the Force, operational staff carried out a total of 4,371 hours of overtime during the two weeks of surveys in 2004.
5. This equates to 57 minutes per officer per week in 2004, and increase of 9 minutes on the weekly average in 2003.
6. 68% of overtime was spent dealing with incidents, and 32% on non incident related activity.

**Overtime To Deal with Incidents**

7. Overtime was worked most frequently in relation to Missing Persons investigations (8% of total overtime), incidents of Serious Violence Against the Person (8%) and Sexual Offences (5%).
8. Of the time spent on overtime dealing with these incidents, the majority was spent on Paperwork/File Preparation (35%), Dealing with the Incident at the Scene (25%) and Dealing with Detainees (13%).

**Non Incident Related Overtime**

9. Overtime was carried out most frequently to attend Meetings (6%) to complete Paperwork (4%) to attend Events (3%) and to carry out Visible Patrol (2%)
10. These results are shown in more detail in the attached tables.

**RECOMMENDATION**

11. The Committee to note the contents of this report.

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