

# Co-Production of Policing- Implications for Public Security and Criminal Justice in England and Wales.

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# Policing in England and Wales- some recent events!

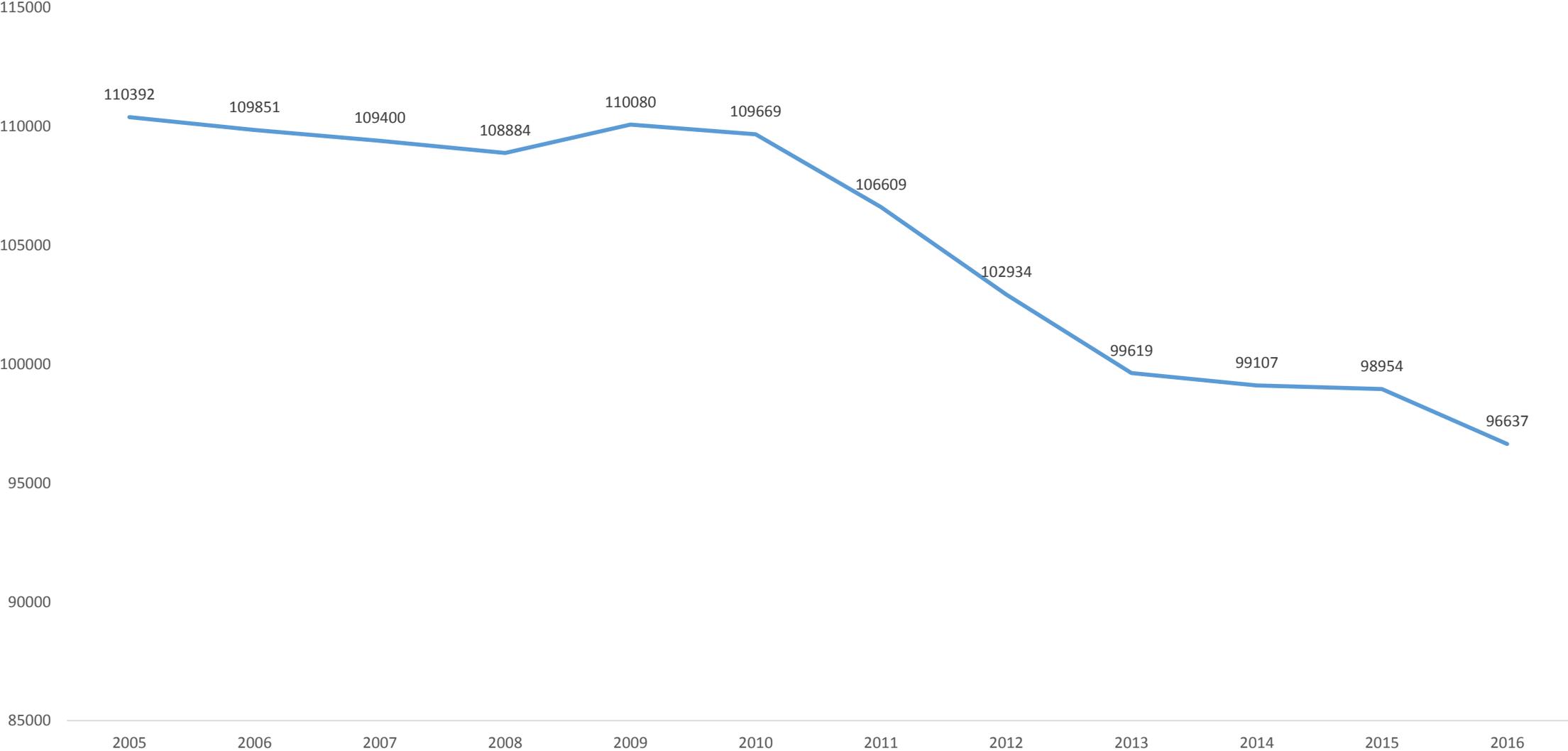
2008 onwards- recession and times of austerity

2010- a change in government and a change in philosophy for police- from Community and problem solving- to 'Fighting Crime'

In 2011 Theresa May, then Home Secretary, told the police they needed .. *To be the tough, no nonsense crime fighters they signed up to become* (May 2011)

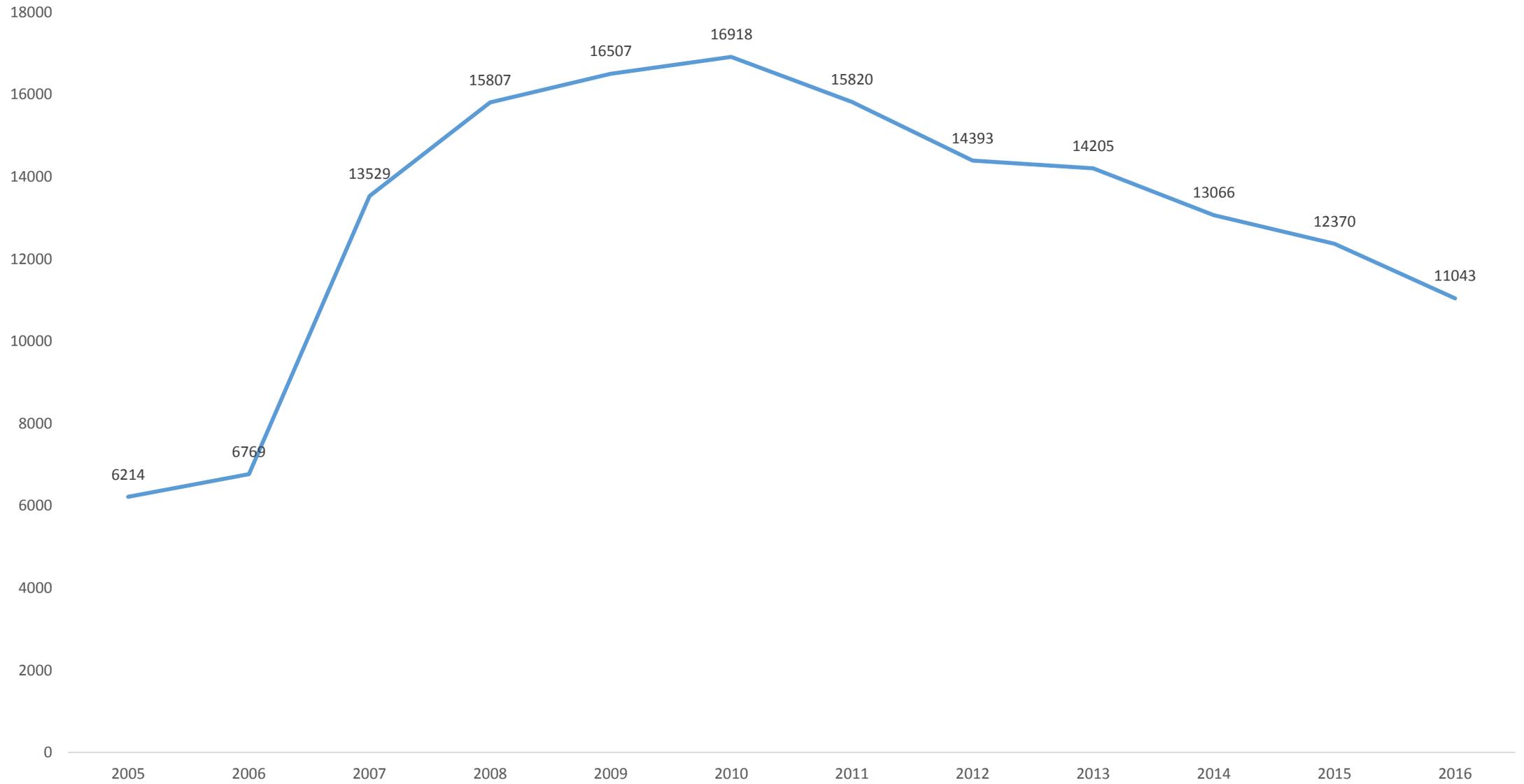
Reductions in police budgets followed with subsequent loss of jobs.

# Total number of police constables in England and Wales by year.



Source: Home Office 2016

Total Number of PCSOs in England and Wales by year



Source: Home Office 2016

So, the question remains as to how the police continue to provide a service dealing with all the issues they have to deal with, under such circumstances?

One of the most common and contentious suggestions was that there should be a substantial increase in the use of private security taking over the day to day functions of policing, particularly patrolling communities and dealing with lesser types of incidents, thus freeing up police for serious matters.

However, this does not appear to be the case thus far, with many forces rejecting the use of private security companies, although this sometimes is influenced by the political party of the Police and Crime Commissioner for the area.

Rather I think we are seeing more of an appeal to communities to undertake more 'assistance' type work for the police along with different ideas about police funding - co-production in fact.

Co-production defined– not a new concept but one that resurfaces now and then....

Co-production enables citizens and professionals to share power and work together in equal partnership to create opportunities for people to access support when they need it and to contribute to social change.

*Co-production Wales (2016).*

Different types of involvement and self policing appear to be on the rise.

A reaching out to community to become more pro-active in terms of self policing, in an effort to ensure offenders are brought to justice and that self – help is the mantra.

Also, a different approach to engaging with businesses utilising different funding approaches which ensure a police presence at strategically important locations.

The approach fits perfectly with the idea of Macdonaldisation of Society – ‘getting your customers to work for you’ – *George Ritzer*

## bad driving

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15% of all cars in the UK have dashboard cameras, and the number is likely to increase dramatically in the next few years.

## North Wales Police dashcam footage of bad driving

About 60 cases of dangerous and careless driving caught on people's dashboard cameras and mobile phones have been dealt with by North Wales Police since a clampdown on such offences in December months ago.

It said other forces in the UK, Australia and Hong Kong have been in touch about the initiative which it set up in October.

The action encourages drivers to report bad driving to the police website.

A total of 50 offences have so far



From today, members of the public will be able to send photos and footage of road traffic offences being committed on the roads of South Wales.

Working in partnership with Go Safe, Operation Snap will provide a safe alternative way to share footage of road traffic offences seen by motorists. Road traffic offences

targeted as part of the operation will include – dangerous driving; driving without due care and attention; contravening solid white lines; mobile phone use; improper control of vehicle; and contravening of red traffic lights.

Assistant Chief Constable Jeremy Vaughan said:

“The operation will enable our communities to help us assist in a key policing priority, to reduce road traffic accidents and to keep the roads of South Wales safe.

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Police commissioner Alison Hernandez spoke to BBC Radio Cornwall



# Some implications for public security and criminal justice policies and planners

- Self policing allows for misuse of targeting certain groups/individuals
  - It could allow for 'fabrication' of evidence e.g. CGI?
  - It moves the police one step further away from visibility within community.
  - Could encourage vigilantism as seen in the Police and Crime Commissioners interview?
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- In practical terms, self service at scenes of crime could mean loss of vital forensic and other evidence
  - A reduction in the quality of written evidence
  - A reduction in the number of reported incidents to the police
  - A reduction perhaps in the belief of the police as a 'service' (Procedural Justice)

- In terms of businesses hiring officers for town centres there is the danger that marginalised groups alone will become targeted. In the example used officers were targeted at the marginalised homeless and those just sitting around the town centre.
- The question of accountability and police discretion is problematic. Who are the officers answerable to/ potential for conflict?
- In general the lack of police presence could lead to lack of community and criminal intelligence.