



Stakeholder Update

16 March 2021



Welcome to March's edition of the stakeholder bulletin, providing you with an update on the work of Police and Crime Commissioner David Keane and Cheshire Constabulary in helping to keep Cheshire residents safe.

It's now six months since we launched the next stage of our Community Policing Model to provide a dedicated Police Constable (PC) and Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) for all 122 policing communities in Cheshire, along with a community base and a funding package for each community.

In this time we have seen policing become even more embedded in our communities with an increase in engagement between police officers and PCSOs and local residents in spite of the restrictions posed by Covid-19. This is testament to our commitment to deliver a truly local police service that puts residents at the heart of everything it does.

This edition of the stakeholder bulletin will also be Chief Constable Darren Martland's last before he retires next month. I want to thank Darren personally for more than 30 years of service to the public as a police officer, and in particular for his commitment to making Cheshire safer during his tenure as our Chief Constable.

Darren has served through one of the most challenging times in living memory, overseeing the policing response to the Covid-19 pandemic and delivering operational policing against a backdrop of severe financial challenges.

Despite these challenges, Darren has been able to see through the introduction of Cheshire's new community policing model, as part of our ambition to make Cheshire the best in the country at community policing.

In addition, his commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion has seen Cheshire Constabulary ranked 12th in the Inclusive UK Employers Awards 2020/21.

It has been a privilege to work with Darren and together we have created a strong foundation on which to build. I am confident that with these foundations in place, our next Chief Constable Mark Roberts will be able to successfully build on our substantial achievements

David Keane – Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire



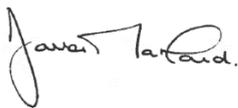
It has been an honour to lead Cheshire Constabulary, an organisation that is truly committed to working with our partners and communities to make Cheshire safer.

Policing, now more than ever before, has become more complex and challenging, particularly as the restrictions that were introduced to deal with the Pandemic, are relaxed.

The healthy working relationships that that we enjoy with our partners and policing model that provides dedicated police officers and PCSOs to each of our 122 communities, enables us to prioritise vulnerable people, whilst dealing with issues that matter most to our communities.

I have no doubt that, with the continued support of our partners and under the leadership of Mark Roberts, we will continue to provide the best possible service for victims and witnesses and make Cheshire even safer.

Chief Constable Darren Martland – Cheshire Constabulary



As part of your continued support as a valued stakeholder, we would be grateful if you could cascade this update to your networks so the wider community is aware of our work.

In the meantime, we would like to remind you of the ways you can get in touch with Cheshire Constabulary. In an emergency, where a crime is taking place or there is a danger to life, always dial 999.

For general enquiries, please visit <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/> or, if it not an emergency, you can call 101.

In addition, our helpdesks are open to residents across Cheshire. Further details can be accessed here: <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/news/cheshire/news/articles/2020/11/reminder-on-how-to-contact-cheshire-constabulary-during-lockdown/>



New Chief Constable appointed

Mark Roberts has been confirmed as Cheshire Constabulary's new chief constable following a confirmation hearing by Cheshire's Police and Crime Panel.

Mark is currently the deputy chief constable of South Yorkshire Police having previously served with Cheshire Constabulary as assistant chief constable from 2014-2017. He was selected as the preferred candidate by PCC David Keane following a competitive and rigorous recruitment process.

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Cheshire residents benefit for increased police engagement

Residents in Cheshire have been reaping the benefits of a new community policing model which has seen a dedicated police constable and PCSO dedicated to every community in the county.

The initiative was introduced last September and was developed by police and crime commissioner David Keane, who wants Cheshire to be the leading police service for delivering community policing.

*Pic taken pre-Covid-19.

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Average speed schemes for four Cheshire roads

Four 'A' roads in Cheshire are set to benefit from average speed schemes thanks to a commitment from PCC David Keane, Cheshire Police and the four Cheshire local authorities.

The A41 in Chester, A574 in Warrington, A34 near Macclesfield and A533 (South Expressway) in Halton have been identified to receive a cash injection from the police and local authorities to make them safer and reduce speed.

It's part of the Commissioner's ongoing commitment to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on Cheshire's roads.

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Cheshire businesses encouraged to help tackle domestic abuse

A pioneering new project has launched to help Cheshire businesses to support their staff, customers and clients in recognising domestic abuse.

Thanks to a new partnership between PCC David Keane, charity Chester Women's Aid (CWA) and the TUC, the Domestic Abuse Awareness Training Scheme invites local businesses and workplaces to sign up to receive training to enable them to recognise domestic abuse and direct employees who may be experiencing it to appropriate sources of help.

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Community Policing Model supporting all police communities

As part of the Community Policing Model, funding has been handed out to all 122 policing communities in Cheshire to work on specific projects which address local issues. Dedicated PCs and PCSOs have been working with local community groups to bid for the funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Grants of up-to £1,000 have been awarded to project which address things like road safety, isolation or anti-social behaviour.

*Pic taken pre-Covid-19.

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Domestic abuse victims say service is improving

PCC David Keane has praised the response of Cheshire Police following a year of increased reports of domestic violence. In the twelve months ending December 2020, reports of domestic violence with injury made to Cheshire Police went up by almost 5 per cent compared to the same period the year before.

However, PCC David Keane has praised Cheshire Constabulary after victim satisfaction also rose by five per cent to more than 87 per cent overall.

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