



Cheshire Police and Crime Panel

Questions / lines of enquiry to be taken up with the Commissioner at the meeting of the Panel on 23rd June 2023.

1. The revelation that convicted killer Wayne Couzens could be entitled to his police pension has drawn widespread criticism. Kent Police and Crime Commissioner has lobbied Ministers to change the rules relating to police officers pension forfeiture. At present officers can only be stripped of part of their pensions when they commit an offence related to their work, but he wants this changed to include instances where police officers commit serious sexual offences. Others have suggested pension forfeiture should be invoked for any inappropriate conduct by an officer which brings the force into disrepute. Indeed the Casey Report referred to the need to strengthen the pension forfeiture rules. What are the Commissioner's views on this and will he be supporting any action in relation to this?
2. Surrey and Sussex Police have received a reprimand from the Information Commissioner's Office for recording telephone calls with an app designed for use in hostage situations, please see:

<https://www.nationalworld.com/news/crime/two-police-forces-reprimanded-ico-illegally-recording-200000-phone-calls-victims-witnesses-4109309>

Can the Commissioner assure the Panel that software such as this is not being used in Cheshire?