Cheshire Police and Crime Panel

Questions to the Commissioner – October 2024

1. The PCC for each area is to be claims authority for riot compensation claims in relation to the recent unrest we have seen. How have you been supporting individuals in making such claims?

2. As we saw in our last meeting with the comments provided by the Cheshire Constabulary in a response to a question to yourself, referring to "ladies in their senior years" (which could be seen to be ageist in itself) in a general crowd with the comments "how this could possibly be described as a security lapse is beyond me" is concerning. Also, in the context of other comments made by your counterpart, the PCC in Hampshire, how are you ensuring comments made by your Office and Cheshire Police, and particularly the language used in these, are appropriate?

3. The number of people who lost their lives in road traffic collisions in Cheshire rose from 20 in 2022 to 26 in 2023. Some of these may have been preventable **with safer driving, such as not using a mobile phone whilst driving. The data also shows that those who use mobile phones whilst driving are four times more** likely to be involved in a collision.

   Some areas are using AI technology to detect if drivers are breaking the law by doing such things as using mobile phones whilst driving from footage captured of vehicles. Would you support the use of AI technology like this in Cheshire Constabulary or do you see any issues with the use of AI for Cheshire Police?

4. In the out of court disposal (OOCD) scrutiny panel reports for Q1 and Q2 of 2023/24 two of the same recommendations emerged at both meetings:

   (i) Better consideration of the severity of the offence -ensuring aggravating factors are considered when deciding whether cases are suitable for the application of an OOCD.

   (ii) Greater utilisation of restorative justice -better understanding and awareness of the options available to officers through restorative services

   (this last point was also a recommendation in Q3 of 22/23)

   How are you ensuring that these recommendations are taken forward and lessons learnt from the OOCD scrutiny panel, when the same issue seem to be emerging?