

your policing

ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16



As Police & Crime Commissioner, I am required to produce an Annual Report. The information set out here reflects the work during the final year of the previous administration.

The report shows that Cheshire Constabulary under the leadership of the Chief Constable, Simon Byrne has performed well. The independent assessment by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary highlights a number of areas where Cheshire's performance has been outstanding. This includes the areas of preventing crime and anti-social behaviour, keeping people safe, engaging the public and treating them fairly, and the Constabulary's overall efficiency.

This success is testament to the hard work and dedication of the officers, staff, specials and volunteers who make up the Cheshire policing family. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work.

There are some areas where improvements can be made. The use of stop and search and the way in which the Constabulary tackles serious and organised crime were assessed as needing improvement. As your new Commissioner, these are areas where I will be looking for the Chief Constable to improve performance, whilst also ensuring the Constabulary builds upon its impressive 2015/16 results.

Over the Summer, I will be listening to you to understand your priorities for policing in Cheshire. I will set out the priorities in my Police & Crime Plan for 2016-2020 which will be published towards the end of the year. I will be focusing on the Chief Constable delivering real neighbourhood policing and getting police offers, PSCOs and staff out on the streets to fight crime and keep us safe. Crucially, I will ensure we have a police service you can be even more proud of.

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**Police & Crime Commissioner
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Making Cheshire safer and more prosperous

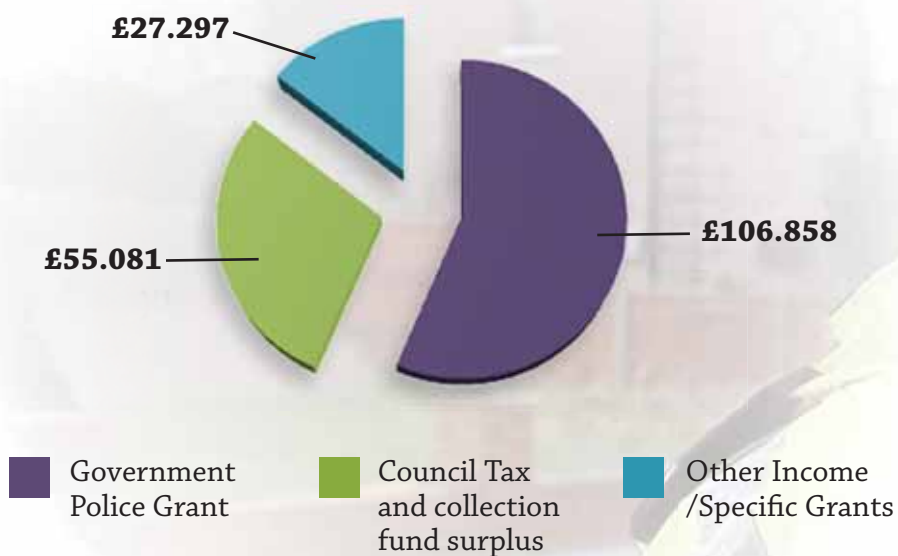
Police Funding

Funding for policing in 2015/16 year continued to be subject to considerable reductions as part of the Government's austerity programme. As a result, the savings gap for 2015/16 was £8m on gross expenditure of £189.236m allowing for grant cuts, inflation and new unavoidable demands.

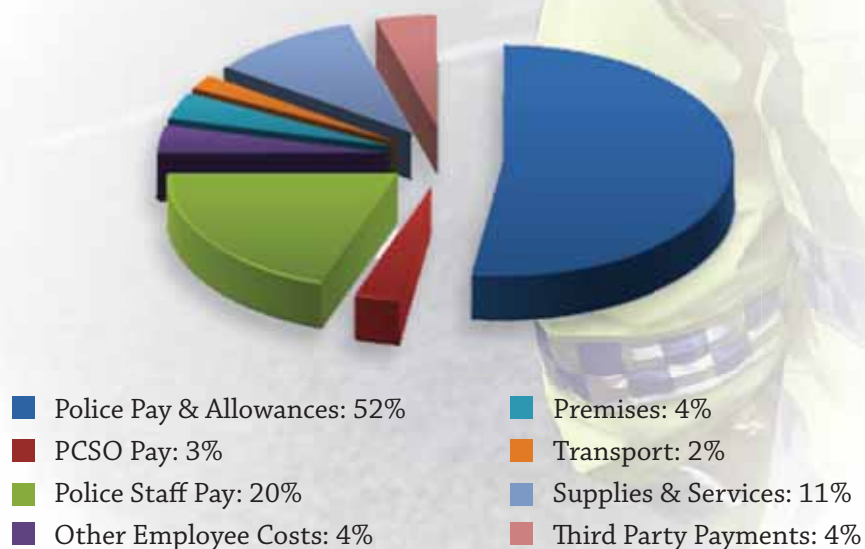
The Constabulary adopted a priority based budgeting process to analyse every pound spent on policing in Cheshire to identify efficiencies and areas for investment. Through this process, £13.5m savings were identified to meet the budget shortfall and support priority investment plans.

The charts below provide details of funding for policing in Cheshire and an overview of expenditure for 2015/16.

Cheshire Police Funding (£189.236m)



Expenditure 2015/16



Performance

Overall crime in Cheshire reduced by a further 3% in 2015/16. The crimes solved rate was 31.6%, which reflects strong performance when compared nationally. The year also saw 377 fewer victims of domestic burglaries, 17.3% less vehicle offences and more cases of vehicle crime and sexual offences solved; 4.6% and 10.6% respectively. Violence against the person increased by 16%. There was also an increase in previously under-reported crimes such as domestic abuse, sexual offences and hate crime. This means a better understanding of the true scale and nature of these horrific crimes and as a result investment can be prioritised.

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary carried out an independent assessment of Cheshire Constabulary during 2015/16. The assessment provides grading in the areas of police effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy. Cheshire Constabulary achieved an impressive set of results which highlighted it as one of the best performing police services in the county.

The gradings were:

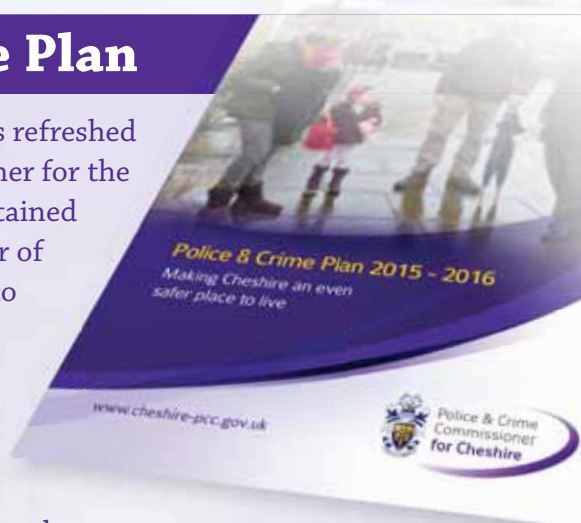
- Efficiency - **Outstanding**
- Effectiveness - **Good**
- Legitimacy - **Good**

Full details of the assessment can be read at [HMIC Cheshire](#)

Police & Crime Plan

The Police & Crime Plan was refreshed by the previous Commissioner for the year 2015/16. The Plan contained five objectives and a number of measures which were used to hold the Chief Constable to account. The objectives can be viewed below and performance information against each measure can be accessed by clicking on the relevant objective:

- 1. Enhance frontline policing to enable the Constabulary to prevent and further drive down crime**
- 2. Protect Cheshire's communities from harm**
- 3. Support victims and witnesses of crime and take a robust stance in tackling those who offend, especially those who do so repeatedly**
- 4. Continue to build on the strong partnership between the police and the communities of Cheshire**
- 5. Ensure the delivery of an efficient and effective police service. This will include building on the use of innovative technology to deliver better service to the communities of Cheshire**



Victim and Community Safety Commissioning

Commissioning activity undertaken during the year aimed to prevent people becoming victims and ensuring that appropriate services were available for those unfortunate enough to become victims of crime.



£1.1million was invested in services for victims. This included the commissioning of Cheshire CARES, which provides support to all victims in Cheshire based on the individuals' needs, the re-commissioning of the nationally

accredited Restorative Justice & Mediation Hub and specialist service for victims of crime such as rape, hate crime and domestic abuse. Further detail on the range of victim services commissioned can be found online at [Victims Commissioning](#).

Almost £1million of funding was provided locally as part of a community safety fund. This was provided to Cheshire's four community safety partnerships, youth offending services and services focused on reducing reoffending and tackling substance misuse. Funding was allocated against agreed priorities which show that performance against the 2015/16 funding has contributed to keeping Cheshire's communities safe.



£80,000 was also allocated to four participatory budgeting projects across Cheshire which involves local people in making decisions on the spending and priorities for a defined

public budget and provides citizens with information that enables them to be engaged in prioritising the needs of their neighbourhoods.

If you want to know more about the projects and where local people decided the money would be spent then this is all available [online](#).

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101

IN AN EMERGENCY
ALWAYS CALL 999

When should I call 101?

To report less urgent crime or disorder, to contact the police with general inquiries or to speak to a local officer.

For example:

- if your car has been stolen
- if your property has been damaged
- reporting a minor traffic incident
- where you suspect drug use or dealing
- giving police information about crime in your area.

Always call 999 in an emergency, where there is a threat to life or a crime in progress.